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**Devotional by John Leistra :  
A Christmas Letter**



**Merry Christmas everyone!**

**My name is John Leistra. I'm one of the board members on the Cambridge Freedom Centre Board. I am the proud father of our son who is currently serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. He joined the CAF seven years ago. He left home and joined the military to serve our country, to defend our country, to fight for freedom, and willing to sacrifice his life for our freedom. Many of the men and women in the CAF have sacrificed much.**

**They have given up their freedoms, such as their time with family and friends, to protect our country and defend all that has been won for the sake of freedom. We are ever so grateful to them for choosing this path in life, and many times excepting unpleasant, difficult, and dangerous tasks, training exercises, and deployments.**

**At this Christmas time of year, with these thoughts in mind of our son, and the many others in the Canadian Armed Forces, it makes me think about our eternal freedom, and what God did 2000 years ago, when God sent His one and only Son. Jesus left His home with His Father in Heaven, and He came to live and dwell on earth with men, women, and children. He did this to set us free from sin, and to reconnect us with our Heavenly Father.**

**I think of the tremendous sacrifice that Jesus gave for us, to set us free from our sins by coming to earth as a baby, living among us, feeling our joys, our hurts, our pains, and our sorrows, and eventually suffering the ultimate sacrifice, paying for our freedom by dying a cruel death on the cross for our sins. We are truly grateful to Jesus for accepting this assignment from His Heavenly Father, and we thank God for sending His Son to save us. We rejoice also, for after three days He rose and is alive, and now in Spirit He is with us each and every day. We are ever so thankful for the salvation and eternal life that He gifted to us.**

**So with these thoughts in mind, on behalf of the Board of the Cambridge Freedom Centre, we wish you a blessed and safe Christmas with your family, and we pray for God's richest blessings of love, joy and peace to you and your family in the coming new year.**

May true Joy to the World resonate in your hearts this Christmas.

John Leistra

## WOMEN'S WEEKEND OF HOPE RETREAT.

Cambridge-Preston Church of the Nazarene hosted a retreat for women who had served time at Grand Valley Institution for Women. It was amazing to see women who are now contributing to our community and have grown in their faith. It was a time to laugh and cry and remember those who have lost their lives too soon, many to drugs. The time brought encouragement and renewed friendships. There is HOPE in this season of ADVENT! It was a privilege to host the **WOMEN'S WEEKEND of HOPE RETREAT.**







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## Operation Santa Claus

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Thank you to all those who have supported OPERATION SANTA. **There is still time to donate.** We have 25 children whose wishes we would like to make true. If you would like to

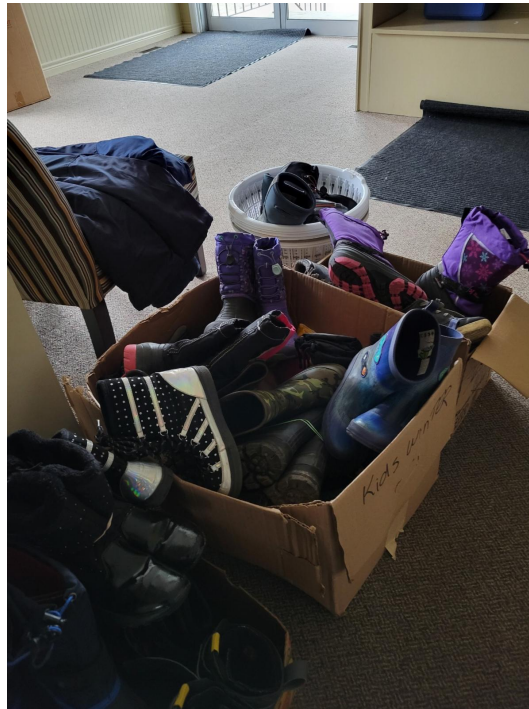
donate cash or even purchase one of the gifts that have been requested, please contact us at [pastorjenn@cpcotn.com](mailto:pastorjenn@cpcotn.com).

You can also give directly to [info@cpcotn.com](mailto:info@cpcotn.com)

Please put **Operation Santa Claus** in the memo to identify where the gift is assigned. Any gift over \$20.00 will receive a tax donation.

## [Operation Santa Claus expands beyond Gifts!](#)

We were blessed to have several children's boots donated. We immediately reached out to our Operation Santa children and found several wearing boots that were too small or had none at all. What an amazing experience to deliver the boots and see the smiles on the children's faces! We are currently donating extra boots and coats to local schools for distribution. We are currently on a Children's Clothing Drive!



into community, please contact the church at 519-653-6036.

Cambridge-Preston Church of the Nazarene is blessed to have Dismas Fellowship under the leadership of Paul Tuck once a month. This month our Christmas Dinner is provided by Roseville United Brethren Church. If you would like to help provide a meal to ex-offenders working on reintegrating

## Prayer Time

Tuesday January 11th 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/925686594?  
pwd=TzVmNExyS1lQVkJNpbGdVNlVvVog2QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/925686594?pwd=TzVmNExyS1lQVkJNpbGdVNlVvVog2QT09)

Meeting ID: 925 686 594

Passcode: 1332

Call in at +1 647 374 4685 Canada

**We look forward to joining with you in prayer for the  
FREEDOM CENTRE. Some of our current prayer requests are:**

*\*Additional Members for the Freedom Centre Board*

*\*Social Work Students who Begin January 2022*

*\*Business Plan*

*\*Provision of Funding for the vision*

*\*Project Manager*

*\*Favour with all levels of government*

**If you would like to join our prayer team and receive updates  
of needs, please email Rosemary at [rosemary@freedomcentre.ca](mailto:rosemary@freedomcentre.ca)**

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## UPCOMING

Next PRAYER date **Tuesday January 11th** - 7 - 7:45 p.m.

DISMAS date **Monday, December 20th**, 6:00 pm - 8:00 p.m.

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