



## A Glimpse into the History of Freshwave Ministries Society (FWMS)

- by Carey Muir, Founder & Director of Operations for Downtown FWMS

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In 1996-1997, I was in Guyana with "Youth With A Mission." We were doing a lot of teaching, building the foundation for a boys home, and building classrooms in the basement of a church. It was put on my heart that while we were doing a lot of much needed work, who was going to love and care for the people at home? In February 1997 I started to work with an agency in Vancouver, Lifeline Outreach Society. I gained a lot of insight into homelessness and poverty, and how to effectively reach out to those on the streets.

In 2005, I was the Director of a transition house in Richmond as well as the Director of a feeding program in downtown Vancouver. In 2006, I was going through a photo album. The picture of the dry river bed that I took in India stood out to me, so I pulled it out and put it on my desk. I looked at it for days until in my mind's eye I could see a huge wave of water flowing down the river bed. It was then that God started talking to me: "This is the picture of the church. Everything is there to indicate that something use to flow inside. I want there to be a Fresh Wave of my Holy Spirit in their lives." So, God gave me the name "Freshwave Ministries."

In 2009, the transition houses in Richmond were shut down so that Lifeline Outreach Society could focus on Abbotsford and Aldergrove. I had been working on getting back out onto the streets with the new name "Freshwave Ministries" and in September 2010 we were back feeding our street family. Currently, I have an amazing Board of Directors. I gain from their wealth of knowledge of how to move "Freshwave Ministries" to make even more of an impact on those we serve.

### Upcoming Events:

- The Wander Inn Café  
Come join us for music and snacks!  
5545 Ladner Trunk Rd,  
Delta, BC  
7:00pm on:  
- Sept 21  
- Oct 19  
- Nov 30
- Golf Tournament  
Fall 2024 (date TBA)

### For More Info or to Contact us:

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Our website is currently under construction.

## ANGLICAN CHURCH IN LADNER COMMUNITY MEAL:

- by Frank Sawatsky, Board Chair

For the last two years, Freshwave has been helping the Anglican church in Ladner with their monthly community meal. Recently, an agreement was made to have two community meals a month. Freshwave will host the meal every 4th Tuesday of the month and the Anglican church will host every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

On March 26, 70 local residents came and enjoyed a wonderful meal, free baking and wonderful fellowship. Fifteen volunteers from Freshwave helped to make this happen.

Freshwave is committed to demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ to disadvantaged or vulnerable residents of South Delta. When I was young, our family needed help. I grew up in a single parent home on a dairy farm where we relied on handouts and other people's generosity. It is a privilege to work with Freshwave as we build relationships with people who are in need of help in downtown Vancouver and Ladner.

If you would like to be involved as a volunteer for the biweekly community meals, contact Kathleen Beaton at: [kbeaton@telus.net](mailto:kbeaton@telus.net)

Every Monday, enough sandwiches and hot soup are prepared to feed 100 - 150 people.



Each meal only costs Freshwave \$1.15 because of the many donations of food we receive (bread, pastries, fruit, and coffee).



### In addition:

A variety of groceries, clothing, toiletries, personal items, and household items are provided to those who come to the ministry site.



Our ministry serves sandwiches, fruit, pastries, buns, and water directly to 50 homeless people in the alleys of downtown Vancouver each Monday.



