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WORKING WORKS!

We know that working works! We have had the privilege of witnessing this in the lives of hundreds of people over the past few years. Something incredible happens when someone facing the challenges of poverty, disability, mental illness or life trauma starts working in the supportive Mission Possible environment. They begin to feel differently. They begin to think differently. And the snowball of transformation begins to roll....

JAMES' STORY

This month we said goodbye to James (name changed for article). Just prior to coming to work for Mission Possible, James was homeless, and had been sleeping on the streets for over five years. A group of local, caring people got to know James, earned his trust, and helped him find housing. They eventually brought him to Mission Possible because they heard that we could help him get a job.

James went through our [employment readiness training](#) and interviewed for a job in our property maintenance social enterprise. He was hired and got to work, exercising his skills and abilities in a 6-month transitional work opportunity.

TRANSFORMATION

He underwent an incredible transformation while at Mission Possible. His health improved by working, and eating better. He lost 70 pounds. His confidence and morale improved. He was able to make the transition off of welfare and began providing for

himself. James recently made the courageous decision to move to Ontario to support a family member who is ill.

GOING TO BE MISSED

James is just one of many examples of the transformation that takes place at Mission Possible. James became like family and we are going to miss him!

Rod Janz
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ITALY STRUCK BY DEADLY EARTHQUAKE

A 6.2–magnitude earthquake leveled the town of Accumoli in central Italy and destroyed about three-quarters of the homes in nearby Amatrice Wednesday morning, according to BBC News. CNN reported Friday that the death toll hit 250.

The Church of the Nazarene’s Italy District is currently holding its family camp in Assisi. *“Our district family camp started on Tuesday the 23rd just 100 kilometres from the epicenter of the quake,”* said Daniel Fink, Italy District Superintendent. *“The building where the camp is taking place started to shake at 3:36 AM. From that time on, nobody went back to sleep.”*

Despite the sleepless night, no one was injured.

“We found out from TV and news about the extent of the damages caused by the quake,” Fink said. *“We are so sorry and express solidarity, participating in the pain of those families of the victims of this natural disaster that happened in our nation. We pray for those injured and for those that have lost their homes. We pray for those that are working and are trying to save lives from under the rubble. We hope that the number of victims won’t grow.”*

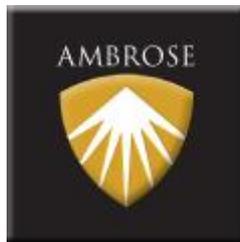
Rescue workers continue to conduct relief efforts.

“The Army and the Civil Protection have said that nobody should go near the cities that are victims of the quakes,” Fink said. *“Roads must be kept free so that rescue teams can do their jobs. At the moment they have asked people to donate blood of all types. The authorities and official associations have not yet communicated what type of help we can give.”*

Prayer is requested for those who have lost loved ones, as well as local residents and rescue workers as they search for and rescue survivors and treat the wounded. The Church of the Nazarene officially entered Italy in 1948. There are at least eight organized Nazarene churches in the country.

– [Church of the Nazarene Eurasia Region](#)

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ROLAND LAING APPOINTED AS CHANCELLOR



The Ambrose Board of Governors has appointed Roland K. Laing, Q.C., as Chancellor of Ambrose University.

Mr. Laing has worked as barrister in a wide range of contexts since 1971 and he brings a depth of legal and leadership expertise to this position. His experience across provincial and federal courts, including the Supreme Court of Canada, is complemented by his disposition as a seeker of solutions.

He also has a long history of serving Ambrose: Mr. Laing served as Advisor to the President from 2001–2007; leading up to 2008, when Ambrose moved from its temporary campus in downtown Calgary, Laing played an instrumental role in securing the 40 acre site in Springborough where our campus now stands; and as the new campus has developed, Mr. Laing has continued to serve us as Chairman of the Campus Master Plan Committee.

As we embark on a new academic year with Mr. Laing in this role, we are grateful for his continued leadership and service.

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