

## CHURCH STATISTICS

June 11, 2023

*"And the Lord added to their number..." (Acts 2:47)*

Budget: \$5,800

Contribution: \$6,152

Baptisms: Lornette Obrien [5/21], Kyle Manuel [5/28],

Benevolence: \$45

Tabitha Elewa [5/28]

Attendance: 121

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

JUNE  
21

Men's Midweek

York University @ 7:30 PM

JUNE  
23

Campus Devotional

York University @ 7:30 PM

JUNE  
24

ICCM Session

York University @ 9:00 AM

JUNE  
25

Sunday Service

Elia Middle School @ 10:00 AM

### UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 28	Women's Midweek
JUNE 30	Congregational Devotional
JULY 1	Canada Day
JULY 2	Canada Day Park Service
JULY 5	Men's Midweek
JULY 7	Campus Devotional
JULY 7	Singles Devotional
JULY 9	Regional Worship Service
JULY 12	Women's Midweek
JULY 14	Campus Devotional

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# REPORT: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF MERCY

SUNDAY BULLETIN

JUNE 18, 2023

**"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love MERCY and to walk humbly with your God."** (Micah 6:8)



*This year's Day of MERCY was focused on youth!*

Last Saturday, we gathered together as a Church to serve for our Movement's 14th annual **International Day of MERCY!** This year's focus was on youth since the **"MERCY"** in **MERCYworldwide** is literally an acronym that stands for **"Maximizing Efforts for Relief, Care, and Youth!"** Therefore, we were privileged to participate in helping out a local daycare centre in Toronto – the **Three R's Schoolhouse!**

The day started with all of the first-shift volunteers, along with the team leads, gathering together for a song, a short introduction and welcome, and then an opening prayer! Then Wendy, who owns the **Three R's Schoolhouse**, requested to share a few words. With tears in her eyes, she shared that it



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has been hard to keep up with some of the maintenance and renovation demands of the daycare due to some of the financial challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. She expressed her deepest gratitude several times, and told us that they would likely be bursting into tears throughout the day. It was very powerful!



*Harvey and Tony take one last slide down the playground structure before we demolish it!*

Full of enthusiasm (and perhaps a few donuts) our teams of **MERCY** ambassadors broke off to get to work on our respective projects. These groups included the Fun-Day Team, who were in charge of watching some of the daycare children and doing a few fun activities with them; the Downstairs Storage and Kitchen Team, the Downstairs Playroom Team, the Upstairs Playroom Team, and the Bathroom and Staircase Team, who were all in charge of cleaning and organizing their respective areas; the Gardening Team, who took care of some of the landscaping needs; the Demolition Team, who were in charge of breaking down and removing an old playground set; and the Outdoor Storage Team, who were in charge of cleaning out and organizing the storage unit that was outside of the daycare.



*This team of organizational aficionados set out to clean up the downstairs storage area!*

Each team worked extremely hard, and with a great attitude! It was fun to see brothers and sisters getting dirty and dripping with sweat, all for a good cause! My particular team was in charge of the demolition of the old outdoor playground set. Unfortunately, the only tool we had for the job was a big sledge hammer. However, that combined with a little “elbow grease” proved to be more than enough. In fact, I was inspired by Harvey, who at 65-years old was quick to grab hold of the sledge hammer and take his turn swinging forcefully at the playground set, breaking it apart piece-by-piece. Isaiah, Kirk, Timothy, Tony, and myself also took a few swings! It was very fun (as well as therapeutic)!



*At 65-years old, Harvey is barely breaking a sweat while he sledge hammers away!*

We took a break around noon-time to eat a pizza and salad lunch, which was graciously provided by the daycare! There was loads of food, more than enough for even the ravenous brothers! We all ate to our heart’s content, and then headed back out to work, along with the second shift of **MERCY** Ambassadors! It was awesome to discover that a lot of the volunteers who came early for the first shift also stayed and continued working with the second shift! I was especially encouraged by these brothers and sisters who chose to walk the “second mile”. (Matthew 5:41)



*Patrina, Anita, and Vita prepare for the lunch rush of hungry MERCY Ambassadors!*

The day ended with a few sunburns, a lot of exhausted disciples, and each and every task completed! Wendy was very encouraged, and the kids who participated in the fun day also had a blast! I am so proud of the disciples for all of their serving hearts. Undoubtedly, the **Three R’s Schoolhouse** will forever be changed due to the healing hands of **MERCYworldwide**, and each **MERCY** Ambassador!

I would like to say a huge thank you to our **MERCYworldwide** coordinators – Will Koroluk and



*Will and Patrina did an outstanding job organizing our Day of MERCY! They definitely earned this flex!*

Patrina Gosine! From start to finish, they planned every detail of our **Day of MERCY**. And they did a phenomenal job! We are very grateful for their diligence, and heart to make our **Day of MERCY** most impactful! I would also like to say thank you to Tony and Vita Ventura! Vita manages the **Three R’s Schoolhouse**, and made it possible for us to serve there for the **Day of MERCY**! Also, Tony was able to secure a garbage truck from the company he works for, which was instrumental in hauling away some of the garbage from the day care, as well as the old playground! Lastly, I am beyond grateful for every disciple who showed up and gave their whole heart to serve!

In closing, God said through the prophet Micah, **“And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love MERCY and to walk humbly with your God.”** It is clear after last Saturday that we all **“love mercy,”** and we all love **MERCY**! To God be the glory!

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