

Inner City Outreach Ministry

ICOM

Celebrating Our 25th Year

Summer/Fall 2012

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David's Church has been active in Hamilton's North End for 25 years. The committed presence of ICOM has facilitated trusting relationships with people and organizations in the area. Through the years, it has been a blessing and a privilege to get to know the families in the community. Our leaders and volunteers arrive to run programs, and receive a wonderful welcome and appreciation. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, ICOM has become a lively presence in the neighbourhood. God has gifted us with generous people who provide resources for ministering to our friends in the community and we seek to be diligent with these gifts.

As we prepare for another season of Ministry in the North End of Hamilton, there could not be a better time to say **Thank You** to each and every one of you. You are the folks who have invested in a great community for many years and without you none of these wonderful things could have happened. We feel your prayers on a daily basis, your financial contributions are so significant and generous, your notes and words of encouragement come just at the right time.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4: 10



A Week in the Life of.....

Monday:

Teen Club (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.)

A night of food, fun and fellowship for high school students!

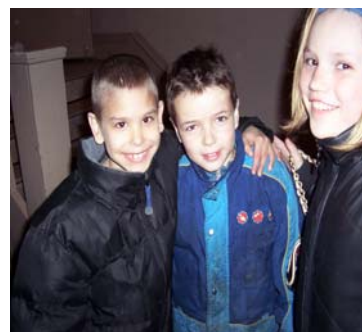
Tuesday:

Redeemer Club (4:00 -5:30 p.m.)

Redeemer students run an after school program with crafts, games, snacks and bible stories. Each week there is lots of fun and excitement.

Kids For Christ –KF C (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

A program for junior high students. It is an awesome group of leaders, junior leaders and students. A great chance to learn and grow!



Wednesday:

Discovery Club (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.)

This club exposes children to a wide variety of new experiences. Singing, cooking, carpentry, sewing, drama, guitar lessons, and guest speakers are all part of the fun. Snacks and bible stories are a very important part of the evening.

Teen Zone, Senior Basketball (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.)

Teens can chill with friends, enjoy a game of pool or fooseball and fellowship. We also reserve time for "The Gathering" where we all have a meal together discussing their day, issues and concerns.

Senior basketball allows the boys to develop new skills, make new friends and take part in our annual "Helen Allum" basketball tournament.

**Thursday:****Seniors Lunch- "Club 50"** (11:30 – 12:30 p.m.)

It is a time to get together and share a wonderful meal with friends. The Soup and sandwich lunch is really a unique experience. Community folks who may not know their neighbours, come together and enjoy fellowship, sharing ideas, resources and making new friends.

Young Mom's (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.)

Join us every other week for a time set aside for moms. The Moms get a break from the kids with the provided childcare and participate in learning, support, friendships and discipleship.



Resources are provided each week as well as a meal. We look forward to spa nights, parties, potluck dinners and great discussions.

God Is Doing A New Thing*This past season we have seen **God***

working in the lives of the children and families that are part of the ministry. He has used each of you in a variety of ways to bless the ministry and bless the community. Your donations of food, clothing, craft materials and of course finances have allowed us to provide quality programming and meet the needs of those who often go without.

This past year we have seen some wonderful development in the children and the teens, many are asking questions about God; who is he and how can I connect with him. Their focus is starting to change from the negative side and is moving in a more positive direction. An exciting example of positive change is happening during our Wednesday Teen Zone program. Each week volunteers prepare a dinner for the teens. The teens would sit at the tables waiting to be served, being very loud, not listening to instructions which made it hard to serve the meal. Our team developed a new approach for serving the meal and with coaching, the Teens now help to serve, they offer to say grace and help with the cleanup. Twenty of the Teens were able to attend the Mandarin restaurant as a reward for their good work.

Some of our most important programs that make an incredible difference in the lives of the youth are our Summer Camping and Winter Retreat programs. Summer Camp makes a huge difference in the lives of the children and their families. It gives parents a much needed break (they don't have to worry about enough food for the week!), the kids get away from the harsh environment in which they live, they get lots of fresh air and exercise, good food and lots of love. And there is so much joy when you see the little ones come home from camp. They run up to mom and dad and give them a big hug. They are telling all about their week at camp; campfires, canoeing, games and bible stories... so much joy and fun. Eighty children attended summer camp this year and you have helped to make it possible; with financial donations, camp kits, driving children to the camps, and most importantly prayer.

Inner City Outreach Ministry Celebrating 25 years

Please join us on Sunday November 18th, 2012 at 5pm for a celebration dinner at Michelangelo Banquet Centre 1555 Upper Ottawa St. Hamilton Ont. All proceeds go towards the Outreach Summer Camping program

For Tickets please phone 905-664-2838
or e-mail us at chariotsoffire@295.ca

Tickets must be purchased no later than Nov 8th, 2012
\$40 each or table of 10 \$400.00
Also see our new web site
www.innercityoutreachministry.ca

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the children and the families that they will come to know Jesus

Please pray for Bibles for the youth

Please pray for additional leaders/volunteers for our weekly programs, especially our Senior Boys Basketball program

Please pray for our 25th Anniversary Celebration Dinner and our guest speaker John Bennett of Faith Mission

Please pray for the Community Christmas Dinner for resources and volunteers

Please pray for the Christmas Hamper program as the needs are so great again this year

Please pray for the Winter Teen Retreat on Jan 18th to the 20th for their safety and for additional leaders.

Please pray a pray of thanks giving for our wonderful funders, volunteers and leaders.