

NEW MINISTRY LEADERS

As our Fall programs begin, we are pleased to welcome new leadership for several of our programs, as follows:

- Men's Ministries

Ron Emmons has accepted the position of Men's Ministries Director. Tony Boone (and his team) will be working alongside of Ron in this area of ministry. Tony has directed and assisted Men's Ministries for over 8 years and has done a tremendous job in the monthly planning of events. Thank you so much, Tony, Donato Lupo, and many others who have worked so diligently and for your continued support of Men's Ministries.

- Women's Ministries

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, *Brenda Clair* has taken leadership for Women's Ministries. Brenda and her executive team have met several times in preparation for the first kick-off meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 14th at 6:50 pm. (See pink insert for more detail).

- Greeters Program

Lisa Rankin is excited to be taking leadership for our Greeters Program. Lisa has already begun putting teams in place and coordinating schedules for start-up in September.

P.A.R.K. OUTREACH

The P.A.R.K. outreach held the week of July 26 at Crossroads Subdivision was a huge success, with approx. 40 kids attending each day. The P.A.R.K. program was also run the week of August 23 at St. Francis Park. This is the third year the program has been in operation. Bonnie Pereira and her team have done a wonderful job in "Positively Affecting & Reaching Kids" in our community.



PRAYER NEEDS

For Health

- Kelly Mittler
- Melissa Wells
- Betty Anne Taylor
- Graeme McFarlane

For Our Upcoming Fall Programs

PRAISE REPORT

Jeremy and Ruby Sguigna appreciate very much the prayers of the church family during the illness of their daughter, two and a half year old, Savannah. For over a month Savannah has been in and out of Sick Kids and RVH hospitals undergoing a series of tests. She is now at home and feeling much better. Thanks for praying!

BIRTH

ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to John and Elaine Heeringa on the safe arrival of their new daughter, Naomi Jessica Diane, born on Monday, August 2nd, weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces. (Thanks for contributing to our church growth)!!

SHOWERS OF BLESSING



A baby shower was held at the home of Frank & Kim Arnott on Saturday, August 14th, to welcome and bless Baby Naomi Heeringa. On Sunday (the next day), John and Elaine were proud to show off their new daughter as she paid her first visit to church.



On Sunday, August 16th, Kari Rocks hosted a wedding shower for her sister, Lori Emberley, at the home of her parents, Rod & Sue Emberley. Lori (the bride to be!) and her fiancé, Adam Speare, will be married on Friday, September 3rd, at South Shore Community Center in Barrie.



NEWSLETTER

September, 2004

MIRACLES STILL HAPPEN!

Recently we received a call requesting medical supplies and clothing for a missions trip going to Guatemala. Only days before we had received medical supplies from RVH for shipment overseas. Among them were supplies appropriate for the Guatemala missions trip. A further request was specifically for "socks". In normal sorting of clothing, volunteers do not separate socks but place them with either adult or children's clothes, as appropriate. Strangely enough again, just days before, a huge bag of "just socks" came in and was bagged and marked "socks", allowing us to meet this unique need. God knew long before we did that the request for socks was going to come in. How amazing is that! Along with these was sent a couple of bags of hats to completely fill the request.



"..for your Father knows what you need before you ask him." Matt. 6:8



VBS 2004

“Son Games 2004!” That was the theme of this year’s Vacation Bible School, held at Innisfil Community Church the two full weeks of August 2 and August 13, under the leadership of Mrs. Karen French. A total of 408 kids and volunteers participated in the two week program. It was a very exciting place to be as kids, leaders, helpers and parents arrived each morning to “join the team”. Every morning, the “games began” with an opening session with all the kids....then moving on throughout the rest of the day’s schedule. This included sports activities with the fabulous games leader, DJ Lupo (yea, DJ!); dynamite crafts with the amazing Mrs. Lupo; captivating Bible story with the inspiring Pastor Charlene; action-packed music and songs with whacky Bonnie Pereira (and her assistant, Kaitlyn French); refreshments with the wonderful snack ladies, Mrs. Felix and Mrs. Karanfilis; and a wrap-up session filled with fun and enthusiasm. Each day the children were given the opportunity to be “Champ of the Day” to qualify for the big prize drawn at the end of each week. The two names were drawn by Pastor Courtney and we congratulate “Mitchell” who won the 2 tickets to Marineland, and to “Rachael” for winning the 2 tickets to the Toronto Zoo. At the conclusion of week two, Pastor Charlene became a “human banana split” as all the kids were invited to bring in their favorite dessert toppings to pour over her. (Fortunately she was dressed in garbage bag apparel and managed to escape some of the sticky mess!) Oh the joy of being a Children’s Pastor!

VBS 2004

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The grand finale was the VBS Reunion and BBQ held on Sunday, August 15. During the morning service, the VBS kids and volunteers did a “team” presentation of the “Son Games” music and songs. As well, there were special gift presentations to the VBS “Champs of the Week”. Thanks so much to all the co-ordinators, leaders, helpers, bus drivers (including Pastor Courtney!), kids, and parents who made this year’s VBS a great success.

MANITOULIN MISSIONS TRIP

(Note From Pastor Charlene)

The Wikwemikong Reserve, located on Manitoulin Island, welcomed the 14 missions team members from Innisfil Community Church on Sunday, August 15. Every morning the bus filled up early with some 65+ children. The team presented a great VBS program during the morning, and after lunch and supper spent time with the community youth and families. The church on the Island is currently waiting for their new building to be completed. Pastor Richard Pelletier leads the congregation there with passion and a contagious compassion. Working under his leadership was a blessing. The community BBQ was a great success, as well as the church dinner on Sunday. The people were very receptive to the “Message of Hope” that God brings and the encouragement of the saints was greatly appreciated. Thanks for all of the help and support from all those who made donations and prayed for us. Special thanks to the “Missions Team”, including Mr. Hopkins, who was our awesome bus driver.



OFFICIAL OPENING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME

Congratulations to Christy Burton and her family on the official opening of their new Habitat for Humanity Home. The dedication ceremony took place on Saturday, August 21st at the home site. In attendance was the Founder of HFH in Canada, Mr. George Anderson, as well as other government and town dignitaries, relatives and friends. Also in attendance was Mayor Brian Jackson, who spoke on behalf of the town of Innisfil; MPP Joe Tascona and MP Peter Van Loan. Pastor Courtney had the privilege of offering a “prayer of blessing” over the home in thankfulness to God for His faithfulness. At the conclusion of the dedication ceremonies everyone was invited to mingle, tour the home, and enjoy the BBQ that was provided. (Earlier in the week a brand new BBQ was donated to the family by Napoleon Appliance Corporation). Christy and her family are expected to take possession of their new home within the next three weeks.

BABY DEDICATION

On Sunday, August 22, Malachi James Hardware was dedicated to the Lord. We are delighted that Malachi’s parents, Dave & Jennifer Hardware, and their family have made ICC their church home. We were also pleased to have some of their friends and relatives attend the service.

HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISMS

We received a “good report” that during the Manitoulin Missions trip (and pre-training) several of the team members received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. We praise God for that!