

## DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### **Black Light Dessert Theatre (cont'd)**

Following all three performances, more than 30 individuals filled in a card indicating their acceptance or renewal of Jesus Christ in their lives! Jessica and Karen had a wonderful team of volunteers who worked very hard to make it all possible. THANK YOU—TO EVERYONE INVOLVED!

**Sunday, Dec 12—Rev. June White** preached in the morning service. Just before delivering her sermon, she made the congregation aware of the desperate need for two stoves for the kitchen, saying, “God’s House deserved better than “used” stoves.” She summoned the ushers to take up an offering, indicating the cost would be approximately \$1600, and challenged everyone to be obedient in their giving. When the offering was counted, there was sufficient funds to not only purchase the two new stoves, but to add two new microwaves as well!

**Dec 14—Women’s Ministries** held a festive drop-in evening, allowing the ladies to savor special Christmas baking, as well as spending time sharing and mingling together. It was also an opportunity to exchange gifts among those who are participating in the Blessings Anonymous program (formerly Secret Sister).

**Dec 16—Rejoice Christian Academy** held their Christmas Concert in the gym of ICC, followed by food and fellowship!

**Dec 17—Ground Zero Youth** held their Christmas Banquet, with a full catered Turkey Dinner. They did a super job of decorating, and, “wow” - what beautiful gowns, girls!! Of course the guys were pretty dapper, too! Following the meal, the group enjoyed a sleigh ride and a fun-filled evening together.

**Dec 19—Rev. John Howard** was the special guest at the round table discussions in the gym. His topic was “help from a recovered homosexual”, sharing his own personal story of restoration.

**Dec 23—Another Blood Donor Clinic** was held at ICC, with nearly 40 donors giving the “gift of life”.

**Dec 24—**Once again ICC held a **Free Community Christmas Eve Dinner** for the needy and those having to spend Christmas alone. Annette Langeveld was this year’s co-ordinator and she and her team of workers did an excellent job in organizing the evening’s meal and program.

### **Christmas Eve Dinner (cont'd)**

Fifty guests from the community were served a full, sit-down turkey dinner with all the trimmings, as well as lots of delicious desserts. Each guest received a wrapped gift and given an opportunity to choose from a selection of other gifts as well at the end of the evening. Many stayed for the Candlelight Carol Sing following the dinner. We are so grateful to all those in the community, and our church family, who donated food, cash, and toys. You are the ones who make this annual event possible. THANK YOU!

### **Dec 24—Candlelight Carol Sing**

As in previous years, it was a delight to see so many from the community (a full house) attend our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Carol Sing**. Many have commented on the highlight of the evening, “The Christmas Story” portrayed by the children randomly selected from the audience. They always have a way of “bringing the story alive!”

## **JANUARY, 2005**

**January 11—Primetimers** held a “Looney Tuesday” event at ICC. This consisted of soup and crackers, desert, movie, pop & popcorn—all for \$1.00! A good time of fun and sharing! Our thanks to Bob & Gayle Peck for organizing this event in the absence of Pastor June and John White.

**January 15—Men’s Ministries** launched their new project, “The Carpenter’s Crew”, while also enjoying a full breakfast. Special Speaker for the morning was Glen Pitts. The first project for the Carpenter’s Crew was the painting of the church office. Our thanks to Ron Emmons, Pastor Courtney and Tony Boone.

**January 15—Young Adults**, under the leadership of Kyle & Angela Galashan, held a “Chili Cook-off” evening at ICC. The couples enjoyed sampling the tasty chili and dessert treats, as well as chatting and hanging out together.

**January 16—(Sunday) Ground Zero Youth** were featured in the evening service, led by Ryan Sticklee. The Youth Band consisted of Becky Boone (keyboard); Andrew McGhee (Lead Guitar); Derrick Clugston (Drums); and Jay Wells (Bass Guitar) - with Becky & Andrew leading worship. Gabby Boone and Matt Rodgers shared a testimony of what’s happening at Youth, followed by a “life” skit by Steve Bradley, Leanne Yeadon, Beth Koning, and DJ Lupo. Good job! Ryan

### **Ground Zero Youth (continued)**

Sticklee shared a well-done powerpoint presentation on the Tsunami Disaster. Following the slide show, he delivered an powerful message entitled “Are You Ready?” The evening concluded with adults and youth praying with other at the altar.

**January 18—**Pastor & Beulah Courtney, Pastor & Mrs. Running, and Bob & Jolanda Galashan attended the **“Meet The Superintendent”** night. Rev. David Shepherd, General Superintendent of the Western Ontario District of PAOC, is conducting a “Winter Tour” of the various regions of Western Ontario. His fifth stop was on Tuesday, January 18th, in Orillia. During the afternoon session, attended by Senior Pastors and their spouses, Pastor Shepherd addressed constitutional changes coming up at the next District Conference. The evening session was open to Board Members and their spouses. Rev. Ken Raymer presented a powerpoint overview of the current status of the Finances and Church Planting taking place. He expressed thanks to the local churches for their giving, which allows for church planting and care of pastors. At the conclusion of the sessions, Rev. Shepherd shared his heart and invited the local boards to stand with their pastors as he anointed them and prayed for them.

**January 22—Women’s Ministries** held a “cooking demo” and continental breakfast at Zehrs Community Room in Barrie. Following a breakfast variety of fruit, muffins, bagels, yogurt, juices, etc., the guest for the morning, “Chef Linda”, began her cooking demonstration. She “prepared and shared” very delicious gnocchi for the 60 ladies who attended. She also freely supplied each lady with the recipe she used in the demo. Thanks, Linda, well done! Thanks, too, to Brenda Clair for her diligence in organizing the monthly Women’s Ministries events. Lots more exciting things planned!

## **NEW PASTOR ANNOUNCED**

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Pastor Crystal White, who has accepted the position of Children’s & Music Pastor at ICC. Pastor Crystal has served as Children’s Pastor at Grand Falls/Windsor Pentecostal Church, Newfoundland for the past year. She will be beginning her ministry here at ICC on Monday, February 14th. We look forward to having her join us on staff.

## PRAYER NEEDS

Baby William Fehr	Recovering from respiratory virus—at home
Ron Emmons	Liver complications
Donato Lupo	Recovering from gall bladder surgery—at home
Diny & Gerrit Vanamerongen	Diny recovering from heart attack. Gerrit has Alzheimers
Lesley Smith	Going through a series of medical tests, awaiting diagnosis
Tare Musewe and Holly Reid	Both on mission trips to Africa. Pray for provision & protection
Rev. Paul Schellert	Recovering from Collapsed Disc—at his daughter's home (Darelene Bilawski)

## PRAISE REPORTS

Two month old baby William Fehr was admitted to Royal Victoria Hospital with a severe respiratory virus. His condition got worse and he was transported by helicopter to Health Sciences Hospital in Hamilton where he was admitted to ICU. His parents, Denis & Tanya Fehr, were able to stay at the Ronald McDonald House close by and were with him constantly. We are happy to report that baby William is now recovering at home and is showing noticeable signs of improvement. Dennis & Tanya are so grateful for all those who have prayed, called, sent cards, provided meals, etc. Please continue to pray for full recovery for Baby William.

Glen Groves is recovering well, following surgery, and requires no further treatment. Praise God! Thank you for praying.

We rejoice also in the good report received regarding our General Superintendent's wife, Connie Shepherd. Connie suffered a heart attack on December 28th and was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton. She had two blockages in her arteries. One artery was 98% blocked and required an angioplast procedure and a shunt inserted to keep it open. The other blockage is not as severe and will be reduced through medication. Connie is now at home and recovering well.

## GONE SOUTH!

While we at home are enduring the cold weather, our snow birds are no doubt enjoying a much warmer climate. Through this newsletter, we say hello to Gil & Delores Weston, Wolf & Carol Richter, Pastor June & John White and Glen & Gwen Groves. We miss you!

David & Joan King are also enjoying a two-week vacation in Florida.

## TSUNAMI RELIEF EFFORTS

Joining with the many other churches and organizations who have reached out to the victims of the Tsunami disaster, Innisfil Community Church held a special prayer emphasis and financial support offering in a recent Sunday morning service. Several of our people (Sharon Yeadon, Carolyn Chalmers, Pat Marshall, and Pastor & Beulah Courtney) also volunteered at the Red Cross office, receiving and receipting the many donations that poured in. **Together** we have all made a difference!

## ERDO DONATIONS

Our volunteers in the clothing portables are kept very busy sorting the bags of clothes that continue to pour in from the community for ERDO (Emergency Relief and Development Overseas). While we are grateful for the generosity of those that donate, it is always challenging to be able to secure enough room on the trucks that deliver the goods to the Warehouse in Guelph. Over the past several months the weight of the packed bags (awaiting pick-up and delivery) caused the floor of one of the portables to collapse. As soon as weather permits, this will be another project for our Men's Ministries "Carpenter's Crew" to start repairs. However, through your donations, we are privileged to be able to bless—not only those overseas—but many in our local community when the need arises.



## NEWSLETTER

*February, 2005*



**Pastor and Beulah Courtney and the office staff; Marion Boone & Jessica Pereira, extend to you and your families a happy, healthy and blessed 2005!**

## DECEMBER, 2004 HIGHLIGHTS

The month of December was packed full of activities at ICC! Here are a few of the events that took place:

**Dec 3—Church Banquet.** This was a full catered Roast Beef Dinner held in the beautifully decorated gymnasium, with entertainment by comedian **Ron Neilson**. Ron and his wife, Betty, shared their personal testimony of God's faithfulness in restoring their marriage. Thanks to Marion Boone and her crew for organizing this event.

**Dec 7—Primetimers Banquet**—successfully planned and organized by Pastor June & John White and their team. More than 120 attended, including those from various neighboring churches. All enjoyed a delicious catered Turkey Dinner and the music and carol singing led by **Mike and Irene Cassidy**.

**Dec 10-11-12—Black Light Dessert Theatre**  
This Sunday School play entitled "**The Gift of Light**" was held under the direction and supervision of Jessica Pereira and her assistants Bryan & Karen French. This was the first "black light" performance held at ICC and it was a huge success. The Christmas story was portrayed by the Sunday School children with all the special effects of black lighting; reflective, colorful props; and amazing drama and animation. At the conclusion of the play on the Friday and Saturday nights, everyone enjoyed dessert and beverage served round-table style in the sanctuary. (continued next page)