


grimsby life centre

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Christmas Newsletter 2009

"Oh that you would increase my territory" (The prayer of Jabez)

Over the course of the past year we have witnessed God expanding the ministries territories. Each Centre has felt an urging to obtain autonomy. What a blessing it has been to watch Grimsby Life Centre come to the place where on January 1, 2010 they will become a full-fledged independent centre. This gives GLC the opportunity to serve people in need in the extended Stoney Creek, Burlington and Hamilton areas. We extend our "Congratulations" and pray for God's continued blessing and direction as they move forward. We will follow God's timing and leading as the other satellite centers grow and ultimately achieve autonomy. Praise be our living Lord.



Executive Director, Niagara Life Centre Ministries

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – *Lisa Heuving*

When our children were babies (twin boys), my husband and I were extremely blessed and busy. One of the twins had colic, and he basically cried day and night for three months straight. The other twin spent most of his time sleeping. It always amazed me how much attention we gave to the one with colic. Often times I pondered about my lack of attention with the quiet baby. I recall as we walked and rocked our colicky son -- on many, many long nights that the old adage was true; "the squeaky wheel gets the grease."

We all have our 'squeaks' – cries for help, cries about our loneliness, cries about our addictions, cries for comfort during difficult times, cries for our spouse to understand us, cries to the Lord Jesus to help us through difficult circumstances. As the apostle Paul so boldly writes to the church in Ephesus we must remember that problems and difficulties are a part of this earthly life. Depression, anger, division within a family, grief and hopelessness are real. At times this may seem overwhelming, and yet, it is

moving to see how God is so real and present and how active He is in our lives.

This year many miracles have happened and lives have been changed. At the centre we have had over 107 new clients and it is only the beginning of November! Our waiting list has crept up to 34 individuals or families looking for help. We sincerely, earnestly and prayerfully ask you, the supporting community to help us financially this holiday season in order for us to help those on our waiting list.

Please be assured that it is a tremendous blessing, honour and privilege to walk alongside and help those who are hurting. As scripture tells us in Galatians 6:2 to "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Thank you for your love and support for this ministry, we wish you a very blessed and Merry Christmas as we celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ – "who is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8.



Staff Highlight: **YVONNE STUIVE**

The highlight of my year has been getting to know the staff and volunteers at GLC. It has been a wonderful experience to see the passion that they each have for what they do. One thing has become clear to me is that Grimsby Life truly centre's around Life...Eternal.

To see the workings of what actually takes place at this centre is incredible, as a matter of fact. People come through our doors for numerous reasons whether volunteering, giving, receiving, being blessed or blessing others. People have been blessed by what goes on at the centre; I am convinced of that and it is a pleasure to be a part of this ministry.

*May the Joy and
meaning of the
season bless your heart
as you celebrate with
family & friends.*

*From all of us at the
Grimsby Life Centre.*

HOPE & HEALING: A Testimonial

When we deeply hurt in life we look for answers for comfort. Sometimes we look in the wrong places just because we have no direction. I believe that God places "Special People" in our lives at pivotal moments to support us and lead us in the right direction. He does--we just need to believe and trust in Him. My life was directed through my sister to the Grimsby Life Center a year ago. When I thought my life was not going to change in a blink of an eye it has. The Grimsby Life Center was there for me in many ways. They inspired me, gave me hope, and supported my emotional needs and most importantly my spiritual needs. They continue to comfort my soul and spirit! I thank God for giving me "Special People" in my life. I thank God for loving me enough, because He cares! My life has truly changed. To God be the Glory.

BANQUET BLESSINGS – Are you in this picture? If not we missed you! This year again the food, silent auction, special music and fellowship was enjoyed by all. With all of the support for this event we raised over \$25,000.00 which gives us the opportunity to help those in need for another three months! We are blessed that we can continue to offer help. Your contribution and continued prayers make a huge difference in the lives of people. Please plan ahead and join us in the celebration next year which is being planned for Friday, October 29th, 2010 at the Smithville District Christian High school.



Opportunity Available!

Office space – if you are in need of some office space, Grimsby Life Centre has a private office available on our upstairs floor. Consider using some prime space in downtown Grimsby. If interested please give the centre a call and we can tour you around.

In Search Of:

- Please consider joining our prayer team, we meet for an hour on the 2nd and last Thursday of each month.
- People who enjoy fundraising!
- Coffee/Tea/Cleaning Supplies; Grocery Gift Cards or any Gift Card; Toilet Paper/Paper Towels; Hand Sanitizer; Office Supplies.
- You're continued financial contributions.

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Partner with us as we answer the **CALL FOR HELP** throughout the community.

Yes, I would like to help with the following gift for the work being done at this ministry centre: \$ _____

(Make cheques payable to Grimsby Life Centre)

PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT FORM

Enjoy the convenience of making your donation by pre-authorized chequing or credit card. **PLEASE PRINT!**

Name: _____
 Street: _____ City: _____
 Province _____ Postal Code: _____
 Telephone: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____

AUTOMATIC CHEQUE PAYMENTS

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE FOR MY PAYMENT OF MY PLEDGE \$ _____ per month, to be withdrawn from my account starting on the 20th day of _____, 20____.

Enclose this form and cheque marked "VOID" with your payment.

AUTHORIZED CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

VISA MasterCard

in the amount of \$ _____ per month, starting on the 20th day of _____, 20____.

Card # _____
 Expiry Date: _____
 Cardholder Name: _____
 Cardholder Signature: _____

Sometimes we all need help.