



KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH OUR SUPPORTERS—
PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

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"No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no mind has conceived what God has
prepared for those who love him" - but
God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.
1 Cor 2:9-10



Dietrich and Edith
Desmarais

From the heart of **bethlehem**



Gimli Bible Camp, Lake Winnipeg

Enlarge, stretch, lengthen, & strengthen

Isaiah 54:4

As we look ahead to the next year we'll need your prayers and support more than ever. Two and a half years ago CBM shifted their outreach policy. As a result we were directed to separate ties and they offered us a three year financial transition package. As of **Dec 31, 2009** we will be financially on our own. Once CBM phased us out we experienced a series of our churches removing us from their outreach budgets. God has kept us going and is faithful. As I look ahead to December 31, I am asking you to financially support this work. Bottom line is we need donor increase in order to move forward by Dec 31/09. Would you pray and consider this early so that we know what direction to take as we move through the summer into the fall? Our heart is to stay in the work and continue to build on the good foundation that has been established for the last thirteen years. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek God's hand to direct our steps. The work is going very well and our sense of purpose continues to propel us to love, care and serve the inner city people and their deep needs. We appreciate all that you offer as we move forward.

Sincerely,

Dietrich and Edith

Staff Update: Debby Smit



A number of the young mom's have been struggling with hard core issues. One mom's baby's dad was shot this year. Her other son's daddy was killed two years ago. Pray for her and her fatherless children as they wrestle and mourn these losses. One of the young mom's I've known for years hung herself this month. Thank-

fully someone found her and she is still alive. Another young mom, Beverly died in January due to alcohol poisoning. Her younger sister died of hanging 3 years ago. **We desperately need a young mom's coordinator at BAF to help mentor these girls.** We haven't been meeting regularly since the summer since our leader moved. On a positive note, one of the young mom's called excited that she's getting her 4 year old back in May. She's been having some of her visits with her daughter at my house and it's been a lot of fun. Another one who wrestled with drug addictions is going through some programs and has hope of getting her daughter back. She's doing really well. Keep praying for her to be set free from these addictions and that she would believe Jesus' truth about her.

Pray for the girls that come to my house Monday afternoons. Pray for direction as how to spend our time well. Lately they've been working out to my exercise DVD's which is great. If anyone knows of a good self esteem program, let me know.

Pray for our singles group that meets monthly at my house. We have a great time and are building good community. Pray that more would want to attend.

Spring Break VBS March 30-April 3 at BAF. The team from Blumenort Mennonite Church is coming back for their sixth year of ministering to the lives of children. Pray for an awesome time of building relationships with the kids as we share the love of Jesus. Pray for good weather for the Carnival on April 1 and BBQ on the 3rd.



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