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Special points of interest:

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Ministry Funding Report

Kingdom 'Building' – Ministry Funding / Budget Update

Doing ministry together: May 31, 2015

	PLAN	ACTUAL
Bethany Income	\$175,166.05	\$162,648.00
Bethany Expenses	\$175,166.05	\$178,013.21
Collected for Classis	\$ 6,023.55	\$ 6,023.55
Collected for CRC	\$ 24,615.20	\$ 25,227.30
2 nd Offering last two weeks (June 14th & 21st)		
World Missions.....		\$471.00
Shalom Manor.....		\$50.00
Redeemer University College.....		\$50.00
Deacons.....		\$533.00
Elisha House.....		\$110.00

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Update from Devon VanHoffen



This past weekend here across the street from Hands at Work we had a young leaders camp. It was such an amazing experience. We started the weekend with a word about the 99 sheep and God leaving behind the 99 to go and get that one sheep that was lost. A big theme for the weekend was the Love that God has for each one of us. The next day we had a talk on the Jesus we know, and we shared about how the world was formed and then sin entered the world. Then we talked about how God sent his son to die to forgive us for our sins and rescue us from the pit of sin and shame, and adopts us into his family. It was hugely powerful and after the message we had extended an opportunity for the children to give their lives to Jesus, and of the 31 children that came 27 came to the Lord that day. After that we had a talk on the Holy Spirit and how after we have been adopted the holy spirit comes and walks with us and teaches us how to be a member of Gods family. We also had a talk about Life centers so each one of these children is from our communities and they are part of a care point. But our vision is to bring each one of these places from a place of care, to a place of life, a stronghold in the community that anyone can come to when they need support a safe place for all. So we just had a time asking the Young leaders what their vision for their community is what a life center would look like in their eyes. After each one of our sessions we had small groups or relationship groups together. I was meant to be supporting a service center person in one of these groups but he couldn't attend the camp that weekend so God opened a door for me to stay over at this camp at night, but also to facilitate one of these small groups. And I won't share much about that but I had four young men from the community of Zwalisha in my small group and against all odds, language barriers, me being basically the same age, God really made a way, and so much healing took place in our small group, and they were so open and honest, and excited about giving their life to God. Then we also had a session on relationship groups and about how things are going to be different when they get home. It just felt so hard for me to send these kids back home, these kids live in a spiritual warzone. At the end we prayed for each child and commissioned them back into their communities to share the good news that they had learned over the weekend. And I just ask that as a church you pray for these children as they go that the Holy Spirit will be with them, and protect them as they go because life is so hard for these Young people.

Devon Van Hoffen



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Save the Date!

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DAY of ENCOURAGEMENT
Ancaster, Ontario
October 17, 2015



On Forgiveness (written by a Bethany member)

We forgive others not only because God has forgiven us and we should extend that grace to others, but also because it releases us from the bitterness and anger that roil around inside of us. Forgiveness doesn't excuse the other person's behavior or actions but allows us to live our lives in spite of their behaviors. Forgiveness doesn't always repair the broken trust or fractured relationships but forgiveness does change us.

If you are in need of support or want to talk to someone, contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 or Caregiver Joyce De Roo at 905-386-6719.

Other

RIVERSIDE CRC

You are invited to the 3rd annual Riverside **FUNDRAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT** for our building renovation fund on **Monday August 3 (civic holiday), 3:00 PM** at Whisky Run Golf Course in Port Colborne. Tournament includes 9 holes of golf with cart, dinner, special competitions, prizes and awards. Cost is \$70 pp. Please contact Jackie

Shiels for more information or to register jshiels@rosaflorea.com or [905-899-2228](tel:905-899-2228) evenings and weekends.

Dutch Service

Will be held in Ancaster Christian Reformed Church on **July 19, 2015** at 3:00 P.M. **Rev. Peter Breedveld** will be preaching.

Free Classical Concert!

Come out and enjoy a free concert of classical piano played by local musician and worship leader, Harmony Ponsen. The concert will be held at Fruitland Christian Reformed Church on Sunday, July 19 at 3:00 pm. Some pieces include Bach's Prelude and Fugue in C Major (commonly recognized as 'Ave Maria'), Debussy's La Cathédrale Engloutie (The Sunken Cathedral), Schumann's Papillons, and more! Come on out and savour the sounds of some beautiful music.

Redeemed Goods ~ a division of the Open Arms Mission in Welland, is a non-profit thrift store with the best prices in Niagara! Volunteer hands are one of the ways we experience God's providence and love. We are grateful to our current helpers for the hours spent cleaning, sorting, praying, smiling and sharing.

We have room to embrace additional members into our Volunteer family. We are 7 years growing and would like to extend an invitation to our brothers and sisters in the community to accept the call to serve with us in the store. Join our team and experience the joy of giving your time!

"I have shown you in every way, by labouring like this, that you must support the weak, And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Acts 20:35

CRC Announcements

HE REMAINS FAITHFUL: - While mentoring young pastors, the Apostle Paul gave his stamp of approval to a popular saying that professes God's faithfulness. Join Groundwork this week as we study this trustworthy saying found in 2 Timothy 2. Join the conversation each week: subscribe for free weekly email notifications at ListenToGroundwork.com or visit GroundworkOnline.com to find a local radio station or listen at any time.

LIZ FOR THE WIN - 1: - Liz has entered a new dimension and is determined to win the battle of the X-Monsters. But in order to do so, he needs to decode a secret message. Can he figure it out in time to save himself? Follow the adventures of Liz and his pals every week: subscribe for free at getkidscorner.com. Find more great resources for kids and parents at kidscorner.net.

10 Rules for Fair Fighting - Let's face it: married couples fight. What matters to God is how they fight. "10 Rules for Fair Fighting," a new e-book from Family Fire, equips you to biblically resolve conflict, and to grow and strengthen your marriage. Download it at familyfire.com/10rules.

World Renew Responds to Disasters - World Renew DRS is working in Texas, Oklahoma, Illinois, and Michigan after the many tornadoes and floods this spring. We are providing clean up services and planning longer-term responses. Your gift to Spring Storms 2015 will help those affected now -- and in the months and even years ahead. Donate at worldrenew.net/springstorms2015, by calling 800-730-3490, or mailing your cheque made out to World Renew DRS and designated Spring Storms 2015 in the memo line, to: World Renew, 3475 Mainway, STN LCD 1, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8.

Day of Encouragement - (DOE) information is out! Check out the new website to get details about this year's event. Go to: <http://dayofencouragement.ca>. We invite you to explore our webpage to find out all the information regarding this year's theme, keynote speaker, worship plans and workshop leaders. See you there!

TEACH ENGLISH IN KYRGYZSTAN - Model a Christ-like life to young students coming from nominal Muslim backgrounds as you teach English and lead various school projects and extra-curricular activities in this south Asian country. Details for this partially funded volunteer position which begins in August 2015 can be found at www.crw.org or contact volunteer@crcna.org.

FOOD SECURITY INTERN - Work alongside WR's partner Diaconia Nacional in the Catacamas area of Honduras to help train and mentor 120 farmers in various sustainable agricultural practices, including the formation of credit groups/seed banks. More information on this exciting one year volunteer opportunity is available at worldrenew.net/gvp or volunteer@crcna.org.

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