

# Lighthouse Update

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## Mission Accomplished and More..... Lighthouse Makeover a Success

*What a great colour!  
It is so warm and not at all institutional looking.  
Wow, what a change and lots of space!*

*Comments from Food Bank Clients*

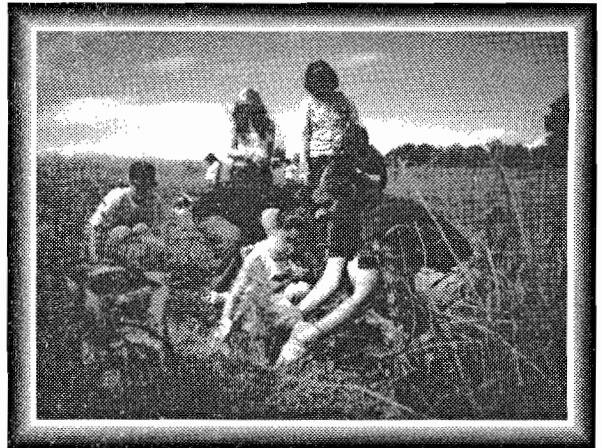
With increased crowding in our reception area, it was time to expand. Special donations from Board members, staff and others allowed us to finally do this much-needed renovation.

By eliminating a small office and replacing all the walls, ceiling and front windows, we were able to create a much larger, safer and more welcoming reception area. The comments above confirmed what we were hoping to achieve!

In the process, Rita's office has also expanded and the volunteer office was refreshed with new paint and flooring. A SERVE youth team repaired and painted our "upper room", and others restored the hardwood floor.

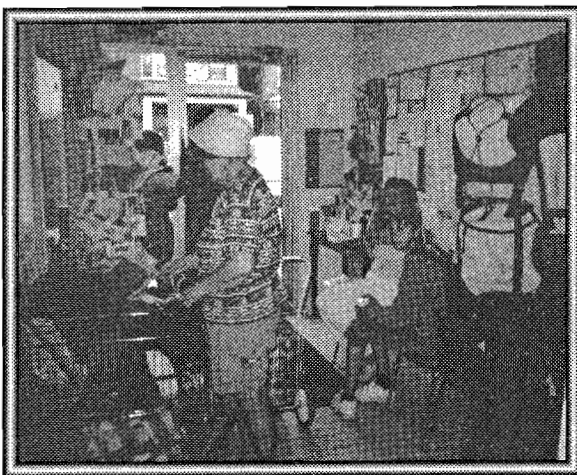
Our thanks to the wonderful volunteers without whom none of this would be possible.

## Moms and Kids Galore

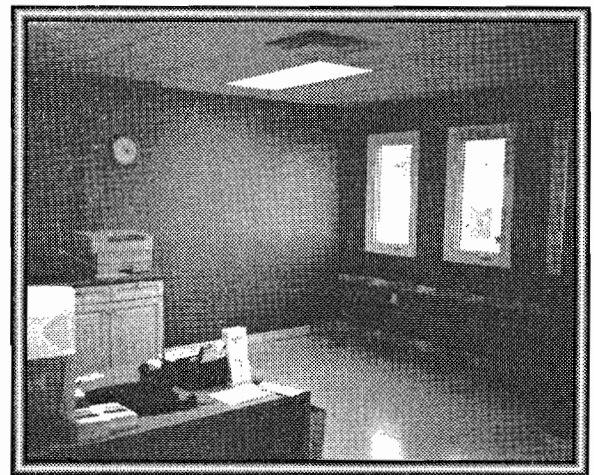


*Playing together is not only fun, but an important part of building healthy families.*

Participants in both our Hispanic and Vietnamese *Moms and Kids Camps* experienced this first hand this summer. Crafts, cooking, outings to parks, the beach and the ROM all centred on how families with few financial resources can find places in Toronto to do things together. Part of the experience was that the mothers met together to talk and learn about common concerns, while the kids had their own activities.



To Relieve This Overcrowding...



We have Expanded to This!

## This and That

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

## Thanks be to God for:

- The many, many volunteers that make our programs possible.
- The summer cooking class for our Chinese clients in Scarborough that was so popular Rita and her volunteers extended the sessions for several more weeks.
- The prayers and financial support we receive from you who share in this ministry
- Renewed hope and relief for a senior client of ours who after waiting for several years finally received immigration status for her 98 year old mother! She has been living here without access to health care or any financial support -a terrific burden for a low-income family.
- Church food donations that helped us greatly in feeding the 3536 people that came to us for food during the first 8 months of this year.  
*Blessings bags are still available.  
Consider a fall food drive.  
Your donations do make a difference!*
- More and more of our clients are giving back through volunteer work with our food bank, renovations and other programs.
- The opportunity to plan Christmas celebrations where we can share the story of God's love for all of us.

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## Financial Update

Every year at this time we struggle with our bank account, and this year it's even more of a struggle. Expenses need to be met every month, yet our income slows down so much that we use our line of credit to the maximum. We hope, work, and pray that the donations the rest of the year will cover our expenses and overdraft.

<u>Operating Funds</u>	<u>January to August</u>	
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Churches	\$39,964	\$50,281
Donations, Gifts	80,768	81,503
Designated Gifts	12,494	14,650
Other	<u>3,859</u>	<u>4,065</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$137,085</b>	<b>\$150,499</b>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Administration	\$10,565	\$12,334
Building	9,405	7,420
Salaries/Programs	159,324	150,773
Other	<u>813</u>	<u>1,250</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$180,107</b>	<b>\$171,777</b>

The salaries have increased closer to proper levels, and there were some additional program costs. Our biggest concern is the reduced offerings received from the churches. If this trend continues, we will seriously need to look at the program and staff commitments, and indeed if the churches want us to continue this work.

Please talk to your church officials, remind them of the need of their support and partnership. Also consider how you may help, now or at the International Dinner, or with your year-end giving.

Thank you for making this ministry possible.

*Ben Vanderlugt, Executive Director*

## International Dinner and Silent Auction

Saturday, November 12, 2005

at

Columbus Hall

Dufferin and Lawrence

Reservations Required

Look for updates in your church bulletin

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