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2014 Annual Report

It is with great delight that I write this report of the 2014 ministry year.

I am highly appreciative of your partnership which enabled me to receive full support for salary and program expenses throughout the year.

I began the year with a four month sabbatical leave. January and February months were spent in Wolfville, Nova Scotia where I was hosted by friends of Wolfville Baptist Church and Acadia Divinity College. I was able to attend the Simpsons Lectures hosted by Acadia Divinity College and also participated in the Black History Symposiums sponsored by Nova Scotia Black History Society at Acadia University. On the whole, my time in Wolfville was very relaxing.

I came back to Toronto in the first week of March and took my Wife and children to Ghana for a six weeks visit after ten continuous years in Canada. This afforded my children the chance to reconnect with their roots and get acquainted with their extended family relations. It also served as a nice break for me as I devoted the time to prayer and marriage renewal. With the exception of Andrew who stayed behind until July first, we all returned safely back to Toronto at the end of April to start preparation for the Seeds of Hope Summer Camp.

Seeds of Hope Camp

We had a very successful and exciting camp last year with over 90 children in attendance. Thanks once again to Mr. Michael Wekerle and his Difference management Inc. for providing all the funding through the fund raising 'WEKFEST'. We were able to hire two staff as Camp Coordinator and Lead Counselor outside of the government grants.

All the children enrolled at the seven week day camp in July and August were greatly subsidized. They also enjoyed free trips to Marineland, Ontario Science Centre, Wild Water Kingdom and Centreville Amusement Park.

Through the office of our Federal MP Judy Sgro, we were able to hire five students through the HRSDC Canada Summer Jobs Program. The Toronto Catholic School Board also provided us with free space at St. Jane Frances Catholic School for six weeks through the Focus on Youth program. They also provided five students to help with the camp. The Salvation Army once again allowed their youth worker Heather Ortiz to help with the coordination of the camp.

The camp was also blessed with four coaches from Athletes in Action who helped during a week in July. Lisle Memorial Baptist Church also engaged the campers with a week of vacation bible school during the month of August.

With the help of funding from Jericho Foundation and other sources, we were able to take 60 campers and leaders to Camp Koinonia near Parry Sound Ontario for five days at the end of August. This was a new camp ground for us but everyone had a good time.

Hoop 2 Hope

The Hoop 2 Hope basketball program continued throughout the year under the leadership of Paul Bartley and a team of volunteers. In the fall some of them joined the Seeds of Hope campers to attend the Billy Graham Association, *Hope Festival* at the Air Canada Centre. All the participants who have been regular at this program were safe and the majority experienced improved behavior during the year.

Christmas Banquet

In December, we had a Christmas banquet in celebration of ten years of continuous ministry to the youth and families in the Jane and Finch community. Over three hundred friends, supporters, youth and families attended this event at the Destiny Banquet Hall in Woodbridge, Ontario. Thanks to Sharie Douglas, a student intern, for coordinating this event. The night focused on recognizing some notable individuals who have helped the ministry over the past ten years.

Financial Support

In addition to individuals who faithfully supported us during the year, the following organizations, companies and churches also contributed to make the program a success for the year.

Friendship Community Church, Toronto Ontario
Heritage Fellowship Church, Brampton, Ontario
Jericho Foundation, Uxbridge, Ontario
Lisle Memorial Baptist Church, Toronto, Ontario
Michael Wekerle & Difference Capital, Toronto Ontario
Peoples Church, Toronto, Ontario
Shiloh Baptist Church, Toronto, Ontario
Turkstra Modular Builders, Beamsville, Ontario

Sincerely,



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