

# street connection

helping people in need

Newsletter

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Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst."  
John 6:35

**We thank God for His continued faithfulness to this ministry by providing everything that is needed to reach out and help those in need. We also thank those who have supported this ministry through their prayers, time, finances and other resources. Thank You!**

## The New Bus is Now in Service!



Renovations to the new "Street Connection" bus are complete. The new bus has been on the road since May of this year continuing to serve low income families in the Halifax area. We are truly thankful for this new vehicle. God has also blessed this ministry with other equipment such as a brand new walk-in freezer to replace the old unreliable unit.

The layout of the new bus is similar to that of the old one. We have made a number of improvements to increase the overall efficiency of the operation. We were able to realize significant cost savings in the construction of the interior thanks to volunteer labour. With the help of a local graphic designer we now have a new "Street Connection" logo and exterior design.

***We appreciate every contribution - both great and small - that has enabled us to continue with this work of helping people in need!***

## Bus Dedication Ceremony

We are please to inform you of the upcoming dedication ceremony for the new "Street Connection" bus. The event will take place on Sunday November 4th, 2007 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Pier 23 Cunard Centre, 961 Marginal Road, Halifax. We would like to thank RCR Hospitality Group for making this facility available to us at no charge.

Doors will open at 2 p.m. with the ceremony beginning at 2:30. You are welcome to tour the bus either before or after the ceremony. Everyone is welcome and we hope you will join us for this special event.

## 16th Annual Christmas Eve Outreach

We are now making preparations for our 16th annual Christmas Eve Outreach. It is another opportunity to reach out in a practical way to those in need. For the past fifteen years, on Christmas Eve, we have been able to distribute turkey dinners, desserts and gifts to needy families in various areas of the Halifax Regional Municipality. We appreciate the help we have received from companies, churches, service clubs, foundations and individuals.

This year we will be distributing Christmas Dinner packages to approximately 350 families. Each package, based on a family of four, will include all the essentials for a complete turkey dinner - a 2 lb. portion of turkey, vegetables, dressing/gravy, rolls and an apple pie.

***In the past we have asked for new children's winter accessories - hats, mitts, etc. If you have already planned to donate these items, we will gladly accept them. However, this year we are in need of a good supply of new socks for all ages including adults. Donations of adult winter gloves are also needed.***

***If you are interested in making a financial donation towards the Christmas Eve Outreach - there are two ways that you can help. A donation of \$15.00 will provide one family with a Christmas Dinner package. Donations of \$4.00 will provide a child with a small gift bag.***

It would be helpful if all donations were received by December 10<sup>th</sup>. This would allow us the time needed to organize the gifts and dinner packages for distribution on Christmas Eve.

Thank you for giving your consideration to this worthwhile project.

In His Service,  
*Rob & Sandra Pattison*