



Street Connection

Helping People in Need...

Newsletter

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And Jesus said to them,
"I am the bread of life,
he who comes to me
will never hunger, and
he who believes in me
will never thirst."
John 6:35

Thank you to everyone who has supported this ministry through their prayers, time, finances and other resources. God bless you!

A New Bus!

In May of this year we announced the launch of a campaign to raise funds to replace the aging Street Connection bus. We are thrilled to report that the fundraising campaign has been a success. As a result, on September 22nd we took ownership of a brand new 2007



Dave Thomas (left) of Leeds Transit with Rob Pattison

International School Bus from Leeds Transit in Elgin, Ontario. The bus is here now and the early stage of renovations has begun. The new bus (seen in the photo) will undergo a major transformation in the coming months. You can visit our web site at www.street.ns.ca for updates on the renovation progress. We hope to have the new Street Connection in operation sometime early in the new year. In the meantime, the old bus is still in service helping people in need.

A New 2006 GMC Van!

We would like to thank the following Halifax Auto Dealers who have generously provided a 2006 van for us to use over the next four years:

- Colonial Honda
- Dexter's
- Hillcrest Volkswagen
- O'Regan's
- Saturn of Halifax
- Steele Auto Group

The van is used to pick up food and clothing for distribution on the Street Connection Bus.

As we have recently witnessed, God continues to provide everything needed to continue this ministry and we are truly thankful to Him. We are also extremely grateful to everyone who has helped to make this all possible. **Thank-You!**

A Menu Change

We have recently made an effort to increase the nutritional value of the food we serve from the bus each week. Hotdogs have been replaced by healthier sandwich and bagel choices. The hearty vegetable soup that we make continues to be popular and is an excellent source of nutrition for children and adults.

15th Annual Christmas Eve Outreach

We are now making preparations for our 15th annual Christmas Eve Outreach. It is another opportunity to reach out in a practical way to those in need. For the past fourteen years, on Christmas Eve, we have been able to distribute over one thousand individual turkey dinners as well as desserts and gifts to needy families in three areas of the Halifax Regional Municipality. We appreciate the help we have received from companies, churches, service clubs, foundations and individuals.

This year rather than preparing individual turkey dinners, our focus will be to distribute Christmas Dinner packages to 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. We hope to assemble enough packages for 300 needy families.

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 11th. 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

**The rich and the poor have a common bond, The Lord is the maker of them all.
Proverbs 22:2**