

## QUOTE DU JOUR:

“Believe, when you are most unhappy, that there is something for you to do in the world. So long as you can sweeten another’s pain, life is not in vain.”

Helen Keller

## RADIO AFRICA – “VISION FOR CHRIST”

We are thankful for this ongoing opportunity to share the word of God three times each week via short wave across the African continent.

The following responses from 6 different countries are indicative of the many letters we receive sharing stories of blessing.

Thank you again for your partnership in this work!

*I listened to your message for the first time yesterday on RADIO AFRICA 7190 KHZ 41MB through the encouragement of my Pastor and I was so blessed that I am sending you this note to appreciate God in your life. Actually, I used to have my favorites on the station, but he insisted that I listen to your broadcast, which is one of his own favorites and I have no regret. May God bless and reward you abundantly in Jesus’ name. Amen.*  
Pastor Oludele, Nigeria

*I have been blessed through listening to your programme on Radio Africa, this brings a much needed message for God’s people today. This programme is responsible for much of my discipleship in my walk with the Lord.*  
Mr. Otoo Nobis James  
Accra-Ghana, West Africa

*On Tuesday my wife and I were listening to radio broadcast on Radio Africatwo. This is the first time we have heard your broadcast and it was very interesting. You really give us a soul moving message. Myself and family are Christians.*  
Philemon Mujawo, Gokwe, Zimbabwe

*Personally I have experienced very bad life before but since I came in contact with your program my life has mushroomed to be the best. I now live with hope in God through his dear son Jesus Christ your program is very fundamental to many who would like to be a free from bondage.*  
Asimioe Yonny, Kampala, Uganda

*The broadcast is of great importance to us in our country. Please continue with the program for many are getting saved through it.*  
Jeniffer Riasi  
Mombasa, Kenya East Africa

## REFLECTION: MIXED UP GRACE

By Dan & Chris Hayhoe

It’s been a tough year... even our three-year-old niece said to us in October “People are sad-the stock market is down.”

Many words and phrases have become an integral component of every day conversation “...bailout, collapsing markets, sub-prime, world economic crisis, decimated portfolio values, unmanageable debt.”

Most of us do not understand the economic forces that brought about the current collapse-we just feel helpless, frustrated and even angry that irrational greed and irresponsible management could bring about a collapse of the world economy **AFFECTING ME!**

But what do these words mean to hundreds of millions of our neighbours around the world? Absolutely nothing! Last month 250,000 people were driven from their homes within a few days in eastern D.R. Congo due to rebel activity and the apparent resurgence of Tutsi-Hutu hostility.

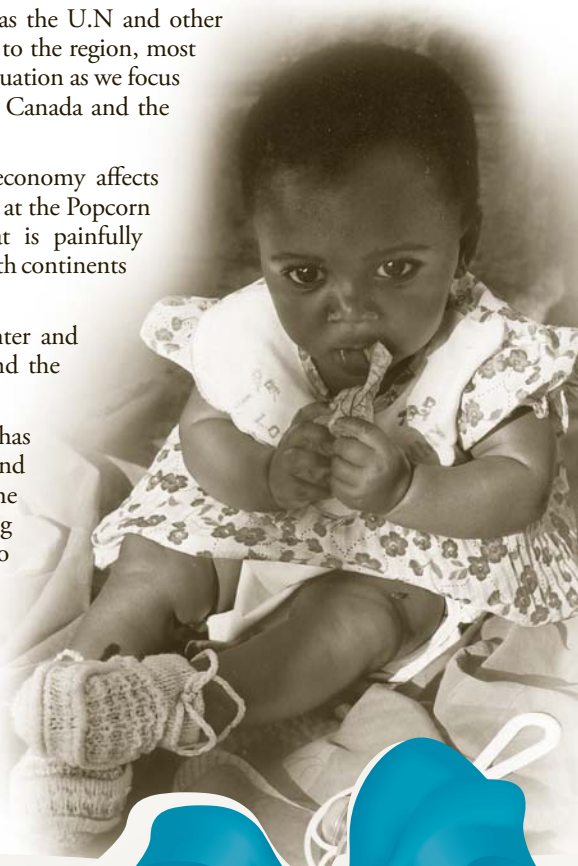
Almost 15 years after the Rwandan genocide, as the U.N and other African nations struggle to bring peace and aid to the region, most of us in the west are virtually oblivious to the situation as we focus on economic and political change at home in Canada and the United States.

Ultimately (already!) this downturn in the economy affects our FVM “family” in Africa and here at home at the Popcorn House Community Resource Centre. What is painfully obvious is that for our “extended family” on both continents this will be an incredibly tough year.

I will not starve or freeze to death this winter and neither will you. The children of Malawi and the Popcorn House will suffer without our help.

I like the concept of “mixed up grace”. God has not “graced” us all with the same blessings and gifts, financial or otherwise. This gives us the incredible privilege of giving and receiving this grace to allow his body-the church-to function in a healthy way. When one group of people was in physical and financial need, the Apostle Paul praised a second group for sending assistance. This is only one example of how we all are graced (blessed) by others.

“... and of His (God’s) goodness have we ALL received and grace heaped on more grace.”  
(John 1:16)



## Christmas READING

Thursday, December the 11th we will be having a Christmas Reading by the Mayor of Cambridge in our new Family Reading and Resource Room during our Breakfast Program. The children and their families will have a delicious breakfast, hear a story by our Mayor, receive a book, and door prizes. This event is sponsored by Rogers Neighbourhood Advantage Program for the Cambridge Neighbourhood Organizations.

## TAWONGA

“Tawonga” is a Chitumbuka word from Northern Malawi meaning “We are grateful.” This feature of Frontiers allows us to say thank you to those who have partnered with us in a significant way-either financially or through encouragement and support to “keep pressing on.”

Our “Tawonga” this time goes to “Big Footprints” of Cambridge and the fabulous team led by owners Rebel and Corinne Storms and their team including Izabella Godin, Gurbanee Ahuja, and Vanessa Morrow.

They volunteered to implement the interior decoration and graphic design, printing and installation of artwork and furniture for our new Family Reading and Resource Room (see article in this issue)-all at their own expense. This is a great example of true “family”!

Once more-Tawonga-We Are Grateful.





## WHAT'S POPPIN'

As the autumn leaves accumulate on the ground I collect my thoughts and gather my thanks for an amazing start to the 2008-2009 programs here at the Popcorn House.

As the Assistant Recreation Director my job allows me the pleasure of being involved and participating each week in After School Adventures, Leaders in Training, G.U.R.L.S Club, Knitting, Super Saturdays and Family Night programs. In addition, my newest role here at the Popcorn House is that of the Volunteer Coordinator.

This fall we have welcomed many new volunteers to our programs. Our After School Program has exploded with ten volunteers from Heritage College and two of our local high schools. Our Leaders in Training program has taken off with the help of Jess Novo and Jake Rivers, students of Heritage College. The program wouldn't be the same without their energy and ideas.

Energy is something that isn't lacking at the GURLS Club. We are very lucky to have Julie Hanna and her 'Girls' Becky Robins, Melissa Simms, Sam Curtis and Danielle Mosdell. These are five of the most committed ladies I've met. At this point Danielle, Sam and Melissa have put in over 100 hours and are only required to do 40 hours for the high school community service program. I think that goes to show two things, Julie continues to create a program unlike any other and we are lucky to have such devoted helping hands.

The addition of volunteers from Grandview Church has turned our Family Nights into one of my favorite programs. The rooms of the Popcorn House are filled with laughter, games, new friendships and love that fill the neighbourhood and beyond.

As we trade warm lit evenings for cool dark nights let's hope that we continue to light the dark corners of the paths of our participants through strong programming and the warm hearts of volunteers.

There are many volunteers with a wide range of gifts and contributions and although I have not mentioned each one of you, I would like to say that we could not accomplish all that we do here at the Popcorn House without you. **In the next issue I will continue to highlight more programs and leaders not mentioned here.**

Thank you.

Michelle Trothen, *Assistant Recreation Director*



## TUTORING AT POPCORN HOUSE

The still growing Tuesday afternoon tutoring program has had a great start. It has been wonderful to work together in the brand new Reading Room. What a fantastic learning environment for our eager youngsters!

Antholette Marohnic

## THE OPENING OF OUR FAMILY READING AND RESOURCE ROOM

On October 9th many representatives from local businesses and organizations, as well as neighbourhood residents, helped us celebrate the official opening of our new Family Reading and Resource Room. Past sponsors of Popcorn House were recognized at the luncheon with the placement of "footprints on the wall".

John Vos, our chairman, warmly welcomed our lunch guests including our municipal representatives and our Federal Member of Parliament, Gary Goodyear. Marvin Brubacher, President of Heritage College, led us in prayer for our community.

Chris Hayhoe, our Executive Director, introduced the concept of this new and attractive space in Popcorn House. Chris then had two people who have positively influenced Popcorn House over the years- Rick Cowsill, our local counsellor, and Pat Singleton, the Executive Director of the Cambridge Self Help Food Bank- cut the ribbon to officially open this new critically needed neighborhood resource.

This "common space" grew out of the dialogue with our neighbours and our own participants. Through this process we identified the following critical needs:

- Many families can't afford to access learning resources that will assist their children in becoming more productive within society.
- Increased numbers of New Canadian families are coming into this area needing to be better integrated into Canadian life.

This Family Reading and Resource Room will provide a "community family room" that exudes a pleasant and a positive environment for people of all ages and cultures to come together to develop their competencies related to reading, learning, using computers, and sharing.

We would greatly appreciate your partnership in providing more books, software, and teaching resources to really make a long term difference in the lives of kids and their families.

Stephen Lauer



### NEW INITIATIVES

#### LITERACY & MATH: "WOULD YOU KEEP YOUR CHILD FROM REACHING HIS/HER POTENTIAL"?

As an expansion of the "Early Years Model" which has been operating at the Popcorn House since we formed a partnership with the Cambridge Early Years Centre in 2007, we recently requested, and were granted, funds from the Lyle Hallman Foundation to initiate a pre-literacy program: "Get Ready for School". This program will be facilitated by the Popcorn House in consultation with Iuliana Farogo, a PHD candidate at Wilfrid Laurier University and Lynda Silvester, Executive Director of Strong Start. Classes will begin in January of 2009 every Tuesday and Thursday.

The program will offer a positive learning environment for children to develop literacy and other prerequisite skills for school success, such as social and attentional skills. As well, parents of these children will actively participate in their children's development through working alongside their children in our new family reading and resource room.

Our focus will be in building child and parent capacity onsite by looking at the developmental assets and preventative intervention strategies that will help alleviate some of the obstacles these at-risk children are facing. The program provides readiness skills and vocabulary training prior to school entry and will "assess the effectiveness of providing child and parent training for improving children's pre-reading and vocabulary skills, especially with English as a second language."

As well, a math readiness study will be introduced in January 2009 conducted as well by a Wilfrid Laurier University student, Lucia Zivcakova. Through introducing reading, math and literacy skills we hope to alleviate some of the frustrations faced by single parents and new Canadian families. We believe we will see a high return on investment in the future lives of these children - spirit, soul and body.

**A big Thankyou to the Lyle Hallman Foundation for their generous donation!**

Chris Hayhoe

### FORE!

On Saturday, September 27th FVM/The Popcorn House hosted our fifth annual golf tournament in Cambridge.

#### ...AND IT WAS A SUCCESS! (IN SPITE OF A LITTLE RAIN).

- Everyone seemed to have a good time
- Puslinch Golf Course was in fabulous condition
- Future Inns served a great meal
- Many people donated prizes
- Our hole sponsors were amazingly generous
- Special thanks to Dianne O'Krafka-committee chair and event M.C.
- **Net Proceeds after expenses = over \$14,000 for Popcorn House programs.**

#### NEXT YEAR:

Saturday, September 19, 2009  
Savannah Golf Links (Cambridge)

#### ALSO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our annual dinner-auction will be held on Saturday evening April 18th 2009

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