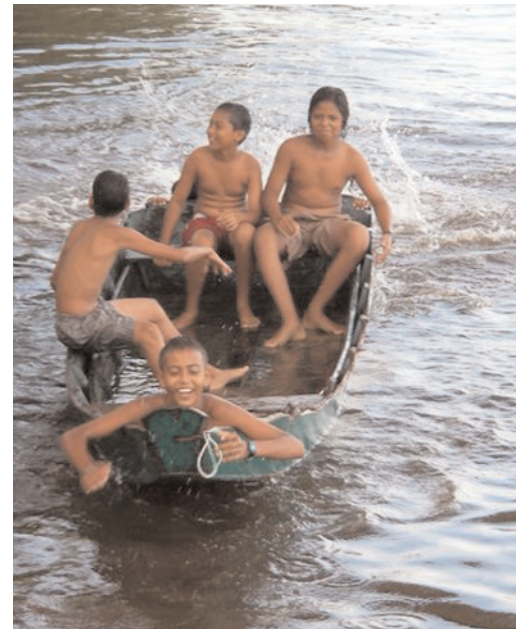


Presbyterians Sharing . . . Update *November 2007*



Youth attending the Annual National Youth Camp in Guyana participate in bible study, leadership training, crafts, music, first aid training and drama. The camp helps build leaders for the future.

Goal for 2007: \$8,900,000
As of Oct 31, 2007: \$5,563,446

Thank you for your continued faithful support of *Presbyterians Sharing*. . . Let us work and pray together as we encourage congregations to reach and surpass their commitments to *Presbyterians Sharing*. . . in 2007. Givings are currently 0.3% (\$15,398) higher than for the same period last year.

Vital missions and ministries depend on what we do through *Presbyterians Sharing*. . . Together we support international partners, train leaders – lay and ministers – to do effective ministry and help grow innovative youth ministries. Together we support new church developments and help renew struggling congregations. Together we speak for the voiceless and support healing and reconciliation ministries in our communities. Here are some of the things the missions and ministries supported by *Presbyterians Sharing*. . . are accomplishing:

A new church grows in North Central Edmonton

The North Central Edmonton Church Extension celebrated its first anniversary on Saturday Nov. 24th. This new church development in the north-east end of a rapidly growing Edmonton community is aimed at bringing those in the area into a worshipping community.

Worship services are on Saturdays at 4:30pm. At the opening service eleven people from the Presbytery joined one young adult and a family of four. By June the church had 16 participants – six children and nine adults who regularly attend worship, even in the summer! They began to have pot-luck suppers once a month and during the summer they

grew to 19 participants (12 adults, seven children). Most of those who attend were not going to church and about half would not be there if they worshiped on Sunday mornings.

A request for baptism led to baptism/membership classes and the growing church looks forward to baptizing two adults and four children on December 9th.

Vacation Bible School at North Central Edmonton's new church development is part of this new vital ministry.



Ministry develops in Guyana

Linda and Ian Shaw are providing leadership in the Guyana Presbyterian Church and discovering much about ministry in a Guyanese context.

In addition to working with two congregations, Ian has been helping Presbytery develop its role of providing guidance and leadership for the churches. He also has some administrative responsibilities with the Synod.

Linda's work as the Christian Educator for the GPC keeps her busy developing curriculum, leading numerous workshops throughout the country and helping develop exciting ministries for children and youth including Sunday School, children's mid-week clubs, children's literacy classes, Vacation Bible Schools, youth retreats and camps. Linda also supports women's organizations, teaches adult literacy and preaches once or twice a month.

Katrina rebuilding continues

Two years after Hurricane Katrina devastated communities in Louisiana and Mississippi, the clean-up continues. Over 20 groups from The Presbyterian Church in Canada have joined thousands of Presbyterians from across the US to help rebuild and there is still much work to do! Our partner, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance of the PCUSA, continues to accept groups of volunteers willing to discover what it means to work as a faith community in mission service. They are particularly looking for skilled construction workers. Contact Mission Interpretation Coordinator Lindsey Hepburn lhepburn@presbyterian.ca if you are interested in participating in this mission.

A place of hope opens

Winnipeg Inner City Missions is committed to serving Aboriginal individuals and families in the inner city. WICM's mandate is to help provide a safe, nurturing and peaceful atmosphere in which people can begin to achieve their potential and find their way to having adequate food, clothing and a safe place to live. WCIM has recently opened a housing component of their mission. *Place of Hope* provides housing to help people to move from rehabilitation programs to making a new life, emphasizing employment and life skills.

Encouraging environmental stewardship

Through KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, we join Canadian churches across Canada in encouraging individuals and society to examine our dependence on fossil fuels. KAIROS's three-year campaign *Re-Energize: Time for Carbon Sabbath* offers practical ideas for individuals, churches, neighbourhoods, schools, youth groups, and friends to reduce our dependence on oil and other fossil fuels. The campaign also encourages our government to look at how domestic and international policies contribute to ecological destruction, human rights abuses, and conflict around the world. Visit www.re-energize.org for more information.

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