



EXTREME OUTREACH SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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EXTREME OUTREACH
Photo of the month
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Greetings to all.

Hope you're all Having a **Great New Year**. Wow, 2002! It's always nice to start with a big turkey dinner, this was our 4th annual turkey dinner. We served over 300 people at **Centennial United Church** with whom we partner in this event. (Thanks Guys). It's exciting to watch as the many volunteers come together and feed the hungry. We have close to 60 volunteers help with the event. It's a lot of fun. Thanks again to all our turkey cookers and carrot cutters to the gravy makers, and the clean-up crew a **BIG THANK YOU !**



SERVING OVER 300 PEOPLE THE ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER



THANK YOU
Kenmar Flowers

It's always a pleasure to give flowers to the women at the motel!

Thank You

Thank you also to the Youth group of **New life Christian fellowship** who put together 48 stockings, big ones to. So all the motel residents got one some even came and got one for their friend. Hmmm... sometimes I wonder. It's awesome, there were even tears when they were received. Not from me though! Thanks you made a difference. Thanks also to Liz for the stockings for the girls at peers housing ,**GREAT JOB LIZ**.



Mike and his team sing at the Christmas Eve steak and perogies dinner! **Thanks** Mike, see you next year!

Thank you to the **WOMEN'S AGLOW Victoria** for supplying all the steaks, also bags of clothes and some gifts. It's amazing as teams star working together what can be done. **THANK YOU!**



Thank you ! To the Victoria Youth for coming to serve again for the 4th year in a row at the annual Turkey dinner. It's always a pleasure to see them give and make others feel special at this time. **Thank You**, Miriam for organizing your team.

THANKS

Victoria Harvest Church for your continual support.

ROB BERTRAND



Rob **LOVES** his food bank full then he can give more! **Thanks Rob**

Here I sit on the Queen of Vancouver waiting for departure. Today we're heading up to Kelowna. Eight months ago this wouldn't have been one of the things I thought I would be doing. Eight months ago I was living my life, working my job, going to my home group, but something was missing. After a lot of prayer it became evident to me that what Jesus had commanded all Christians to do (go out and share the good news and to love the unloved) was lacking in my life. I started the process of looking into going to Africa for missions work. It was during that process I met Cliff. I had been going with a group of friends down to the room Cliff had rented at the Holiday Court, to pray, so I knew of his outreach there. (Although I had never met him personally). It came as a surprise to me when Doug and Val Schuetze (the people who lead our home group) had agreed to have one of the girls who lived at the Holiday Court live at their house to get clean. Her name is Myriad. Now I've never been into any drugs, I can count on one hand the number of times I've drunk alcohol and I've only smoked twice, so an introduction into the drug world was quite a shock to me. Myriad had been in the hospital recovering from pneumonia and pleurisies and it was during that stay she had accepted Christ as her Savoir, so while she stayed at Doug and Val's she became a part of our home group and family. I started to see some really awesome changes in her, changes that only God himself could inspire. After seeing the beginning of these changes, I decided to help Cliff one day at his Saturday afternoon barbeque. I went

down to the motel and flipped burgers and served some hungry people. It was during that burger flipping episode that I felt the call of God. It was after that Saturday that I knew that I didn't have to run off to Africa to serve people. The mission field began in my own backyard. Since that day, the rest has become history. I've been helping Cliff expand the ministry God has given him and He has taught me many things along the way. He's opened my eyes to the amount of pain and bondage in this world. He's opened my eyes to see the kind of healing and freedom that He will give. He's given my soul a longing to see people saved and healed. I'm really believing in my heart in His word and His power, because I have seen Him at work. Myriad is a living testimony of it. She's come off of methadone in three months and quit smoking at the same time. She has a thirst and a hunger to seek and know God. Most importantly, she's received the salvation which is in Jesus Christ alone. **PRAISE GOD !!!!!**

As I'm writing this, Cliff and I are on our way to deliver Myriad to Bible school in Kelowna. So If you ask me, "Does God really change lives?" The answer is "Yes, He does." He turned Myriad's life around in less than a year, where other people struggle a lifetime to change without God. One thing I know that God has blessed me more, being in His service with the things I've learned and seen and heard, then I could ever bless anyone in a thousand lifetimes.

MYRIAD



God you're so good to me. As this song plays on my way to Kelowna for a four month bible school, I can't help but think about how God has worked in my life. I never want to forget where I came from and I don't regret the life I've lived.

Don't get me wrong I've repented from my sinful ways, but I know that I've lived that life for a reason and God will use it to help other people. Right now I'm seeking for the wisdom and boldness to encourage others towards God. (2 Peter 3:18) There is no way I can put into words the way God's love and grace has changed my life and heart. He revealed His love to me a lot through other people and Cliff played a big part in that. I pray that He will show many more to their salvation. But Cliff wouldn't have been there to show me the way out if it wasn't for the support of everyone. I just want you to know that your support has helped to change lives and mine was one of them. **THANK YOU. Myriad**

This is a awesome testimony. Myriad is pressin' on and has experienced God! That's what makes the difference. Myriad is at a four month Bible school to learn more and experience more of Jesus. She has a story to tell and is going to be used to help many others. We love you Myriad keep pressin' on. It's because of Doug and Val's countless hours and church group that Myriad is doing so well. **THANKS** to you all.

(8 months off the streets and out of Holiday court motel)

FINANCIAL NEWS & NEEDS

Board of Directors



Cliff Doerksen

President /Founder :

Cliff Leads all outreaches, manages the office, and encourages others that there is a way out !



Rob Pesti

Vice President /Fund Raiser

Rob ensures all Fund-Raising events and programs are done in an honest and upright manner. Also keeps Cliff on his toes.



Jacqueline Olds

Director/Secretary

Jacqueline conducts the society's correspondence; issues notices and keeps minutes of all meetings and directors; documents as well as the common seal of the society.



Dennis Abbott

Director/Treasurer

Dennis keeps the society's financial records, oversees fund allocations, maintains security over all financial assets.



Cliff Sexton

Director

Clinical Practice Consultant

Cliff oversees that we stay in the guidelines of social practice. Also oversees Grant writing.

Our board of directors uphold the integrity and accountability of the society and that all funds & donations are put to their best use.

Hello again, it's never easy asking for money. This ministry runs on donations. The hours I spend each week in outreach work can add up to as many as 80, sometimes more. Yes, there are times it's much less but it always seems to be in the higher numbers. I have hung up the drywall tools and am focusing on building this Society to help people change their lives. We put a lot of work into our community to make it a safer and cleaner place to walk around in; that's why we have an **ADOPT A BLOCK** program. What is it? We have adopted the block of Hillside to Blanshard, home of Holiday Court Motel. We go around the whole block and clean it up once a week, sometimes twice. This is where we pick up dirty needles and garbage, even find the odd rat we got three just 2 weeks ago! It's good to have Rob Bertrand around on these walks - he'll pick up anything! Also on our block we have adopted, we do a weekly BBQ- rain or shine - it's always on. This helps feed the residents in that area, and it shows them people care. Feeding them is not enough. We get donations of clothes that we also hand out to these residents. Working in the sex trade and crime prevention field is very emotionally draining, and when you have this added with financial stress it makes it hard to be 100% effective. We have 33 part time volunteers, thanks to them all this is made possible. We are putting together a training program to help build up the skills in us as well as others. We also have breakfast at the motel as well as a food bank every Monday night. We do hospital & jail visits. We refer treatment centers and counselors to all our clients. This is all costly and time consuming the more we receive the more we can do. We do not lack vision but we do lack financially at this time. We want to expand into other areas as soon as the finances are in order. Thanks for taking the time to read this! Close to 1000 people read this newsletter so I'm believing for a miracle.

The \$40.00 a month club

This is a club where we will meet twice a year to share testimonies and have a dinner together. We need your help to support this ministry so we're looking for 100 people to give \$40.00 a month. This will ensure the financial responsibilities of the Society. A group can also give \$40.00 a month. Let's get creative and make this happen.

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YES COUNT ME IN FOR THE \$ 40.00 A MONTH CLUB

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED ON OUR GOAL OF 100 (98 to go)

_____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE COMPANIES THAT HAVE HELPED US!

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Thank you if by some chance I missed you please call me I'll get you in the next one

We want to encourage you to shop or give to these Companies.

Items needed: 2 double beds
: 2 Full size Fridge's
: Color Photo Copier
(or one we can use)
: 35 passenger Bus
: Large deep freeze
: New BBQ
: Vehicles

:20 Full size Serenity Bibles for a
addition support group we're starting.

THANK YOU For the donations received, we received a car as a donation and later got a call of a person needing a car family of three so we got to bless them with this car. It's fun to be able to give like this. Also a really nice couch set was donated and we were able to give this to a 19 year old single mom this person was really happy and thankful. A car was also given to me and I know want it's like to receive; it's awesome. **Thank you so much for all your gifts.**



I'm hoping to have a holiday this year so I can sit
back and finish this bag of popcorn.

HOLIDAY COURT CHRONICLES



I'm sorry to say Ralph Bowmen has passed away. Pain is powerful when it is not dealt with. Does pain turn into addiction? I have to ask myself why is it so destructive. I knew Ralph for three years and I watched addiction kill him slowly - all it takes is a small taste of something that seems good and in the end it eats you slowly. Ralph had a good sense of humor, and loved smokies. Ralph had me listed at

the hospital as his only friend. I found that pretty amazing I didn't realize he felt that way. He's with Jesus now and He's a true friend. It was strange to me watching this man go down to skin and bones and on our last conversation he could only blink to communicate; it was so sad to watch. He had a great laugh and loved coming to our food bank on Monday nights. I will miss Ralph! One more thing .. when we prayed for Ralph a peaceful feeling would fill the room. It was awesome - this is known as the Holy Spirit Whom Jesus left for us as a comforter until His return. Pretty wild, eh!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT HOLIDAY COURT MOTEL

Monday-Food Bank 7 pm

Tuesday-Breakfast Outreach
8:30 am

Thursday- Breakfast Outreach
8:30 am

Saturday-Barbeque Outreach
3 pm -7 pm

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Street Nurses
**These outreaches are for motel
residents only**

??????? Does Jesus really change lives ????????

You may wonder "How does Jesus change a life? He's dead, isn't He?" When Jesus died on the cross most thought that was it. When I first heard the message of Jesus I thought, 'man that can't be real'. It wasn't long after that I had an incredible life changing experience. There are many life changing stories; thousands of them. There's a book called 'One Lady at a Time' (by John Benton) with a story that's incredible. It will show how powerful the Gospel is. If you can't find it, call me and I'll get it for you. Also how over a thousand inmates in Argentina have turned their lives over to Jesus, and it's changing the whole jail. There are countless stories. God is a gentleman: I've seen how prayer has been kicked out of schools, and the evil in schools climbed 1000 %. The list can go on and on. You might ask "Why did God kill my family?" He didn't. There are two forces out there good and evil. God is really smart, He's not a doormat. When we say jump, He doesn't jump. He knows the final outcome in your life and wants the best for you. When I experienced His love, my life was changed forever. You might say, "Yeah, what about that priest that molested me when I was a kid? Where was God then!?" These are tough questions and He is there to heal all the hurts you have. We have been misled by some of our church leaders and they will be accountable for their actions. But I tell you there are so many good church leaders out there; you just have to find them. The media doesn't put them on the news, but they should. I want to encourage you to go to God with your questions. He says draw near to Him and He will draw near to you. This is some journey you never have to turn from, and it's never boring.

KEEP PRESSIN' ON.

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THE NEWSLETTER IS FREE OF CHARGE, HOWEVER IT DOES CREATE AN EXTRA EXPENSE
FOR THE MINISTRY. SENDING THROUGH E-MAIL WILL SAVE ON POSTAGE AND PAPER.

Extreme Outreach Society

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!!

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This society's purpose is to provide food, shelter, clothing, individual and group counseling, drug and rehabilitation, occupational therapy, Bible studies and worship, as well as spiritual guidance for those in need. We have existed as an unincorporated entity since April 1998. We have now been registered as an incorporated non-profit society. During this time the society has developed a Christian outreach ministry at the Holiday Court Motel in Victoria, B.C. This motel is frequented by persons who are on income assistance and/or involved in a life of drugs, alcohol or the sex trade. The society has developed a group of people who give of their time and talents to minister to the needs of those at the motel. Included in this group of people are those who can counsel those in need, offering their love and support, referring them to appropriate sources for further help. We assist youth in finding appropriate youth groups and programs and assist in sending them to summer camps. We also work with the John Howard Society so they can complete their community hours. Our belief is that as we utilize all the resources available, these people have a better chance at recovery.

We believe that love never fails!

THANKS AGAIN TO THE JOSHUA GROUP FOR BEING SO GENEROUS



NEXT ISSUE: How You Can Have one Ab in just 6 weeks

(no more rolling out of bed doing 100 sit-ups! All you have to do is roll over - that's right, roll over. If you continue with this program we guarantee a lower AB will begin to form under the one big AB to be continued.....diet plan included.....)

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I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE EXTREME OUTREACH SOCIETY.

NAME: _____

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PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

I AM INTERESTED IN MAKING A MONTHLY PLEDGE OF: _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ Other \$\$

I HAVE INCLUDED A ONE-TIME GIFT OF: _____ MY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER IS INCLUDED.

I CANNOT SUPPORT FINANCIALLY, BUT WOULD LIKE TO PRAY FOR THE MINISTRY. _____

All Checks must be payable to Extreme Outreach Society. All gifts are tax-deductible. We are a non-profit organization.