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Can You Help

We are \$4700.00 in the negative and need some help! Please if you can help that would sure take the pressure off. My newsletter goes out to approx.2000 people and if everyone how reads this issue gives a one time gift of \$10 we will be back on our feet and have some extra in the bank. And if this was given every month I could start more outreaches all over the city. **Please help** If you would like to book Cliff as a guess speaker call 384-2064 ,or call Shiela at 477-1398.

Wow!

Who could have imagined what God had planned for this often overlooked part of our city. If you were one of the many people who contributed \$15 for a turkey for our Christmas Eve dinner, just have a look at the Times Colonist picture of the boy at the Christmas outreach. He, and many others were thoroughly blessed by your generosity. God used your gift to touch his heart and make him receptive to His love. Since then God has used the momentum to start an amazing kids program, Superkids, aimed at kids just like him. And they have come!!! So many of them!!! And not only for the food and the fun, but now over 40 of them have received Jesus as their personal saviour! God is working hugely in Blanchard Courts as these kids go home, and Cliff has the opportunity

to explain to the parents about the decision their kids have made. Some of the parents have now taken the step of faith in Jesus! And Superkids has only been going for a month!

What an amazing God!

What an amazing return on your investment of \$15!!!

PLEASE consider the opportunity to continue to partner with Extreme Outreach as God is expanding the vision week by week. As this is an ongoing, growing ministry, we are praying for partners who will commit to giving a modest amount (perhaps \$15-20) on a monthly basis. Could you afford this amount per month? It would make a huge difference to the ministry as God takes your gift and multiplies it into souls for the Kingdom! Director Dr. Mike Jones

Phone Cliff at 384-2064 and he'll set you up for monthly giving.

EXTREME OUTREACH SOCIETY

YES COUNT ME IN

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

I AM INTERESTED IN MAKING A MONTHLY PLEDGE OF: \$_____

A tax receipt will be issued at the end of the year.

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Newsletter

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SUPER KIDS

Hello again, Super Kids is off to a great start. On Feb.15 approx.50 kids entered our kid's church program. About 40 of them will be hearing the gospel for the first time. Our opening day we gave away over 20 prizes, we start at 12:30 with lunch: 1:30 Praise: Then games, Preaching is next, then prayer for any kids that would like to come up for prayer, Then we close of with prizes. This is exciting. How did it start? About 5 years ago I started an outreach at Holiday Court Motel, The worst drug infested motel in Victoria. Across the road is Blanchard courts a low cost housing complex. For eleven months I have been doing outreach there with my BBQ on wheels and this grew to a approximately 200 people a week. I needed to find a place now to share the gospel .With prayer Victoria Christian Center opened their doors to us and now we share this outreach. We have Super Kids Church. It was so neat when kids came up for prayer at our first Super Kids. As my team becomes faithful I will be moving on to start the next Super Kids, and then the next etc. **God willing.** Some bad news came in we were asked to stop our BBQ'S at Blanchard Courts because a kid came to the BBQ without the parent knowing. I had no idea of this so a complaint went in and we got shut down. Just think after eleven months of hard core outreach not one complaint then 40 kids give their lives to Jesus and we get one complaint and we get shut down. Did we give up! No we went into prayer. Here comes the **Miracle**, The kids couldn't believe there was no more BBQ ! The parents also started to get worked up. One parent now and took the matter in her own hands and started a petition. I got all my legal info together in a nice package and got it ready for BC Housing. With many, many, many, signatures on the petition we were ready to present our request to have the BBQ'S back at the courts. Our request went in Tues 2pm and we got approved Wed. morning, so that afternoon we were back doing BBQ'S at the courts. We also were giving a better location for our BBQ'S. Thanks to God for using Sherry the mom who took these matters in her own hands. I would also like to say that after all this was completed the violence in the courts went up. Sherry was involved in a fight and received kicks in the lower section and was hit in other places. Also kids were fighting, cars were damaged. None of this was as a result of the decision in the natural realm but we know as Christians it was in the spiritual realm. We know God is bigger and will work it all out and I would like to say that after out first BBQ back I was able to talk to some of the kids and calm them down. One of the biggest things I teach them is to respect others, and that will take some time to learn. Does that mean we give up? No that means we press on towards the goal which is found in Jesus. I need some help on Wed. at my BBQ and also at Superkids if you can help please call my Volunteer coordinator Romona Powell 384-0701. Also if you would like to pray for Sherry or send a card to thank her for her help in getting the BBQ'S going again just send it to me and I'll get it to her. **Thank you** Cliff



SUPER KIDS SUPER FUN SUPER GOD

EXTREME OUTREACH PARTY

Thank You to all the volunteers who helped at the Extreme Christmas Outreach . This was so exciting, our Extreme Christmas outreach took 80 hands on volunteers and the 40 people who prepared the food, also around 250 people gave towards all the gifts. Thank you because every kid got a gift. They were so happy. The day started with set up, then at 12:30 the first meal was ready for kids 12 and under with their parents. At 1:30 we took them upstairs and partied and gave them the gifts the biggest gift was sharing Jesus. At 1:30 the teens came in down stairs to have their meal at 2:30 the kids were finished upstairs so it was time for the teens to come up. At 2:30 the meal for the street people was on, 3 meals in one day. Yes it was crazy but worth it. As the teens were upstairs they were also excited to receive their Basketballs. After this outreach was finished we went down town and handed out Stocking and Flowers to the women of the streets. Some cried and some laughed. It was so touching. this was so exciting and I can't wait for next year. **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND GIVERS** It was really exciting to see all the churches come together to make this happen.

TIMES COLINIST DOES AN EXCELLENT STORY



Cody Williams, 7, enjoys a turkey dinner at the Victoria Christian Centre during an Extreme Outreach Christmas dinner. Volunteers served meals, gave away basketballs and other gifts to people facing a variety of tough circumstances. More photos on the special events. CI. *Darius Stone/7C*

Outreach society lifts spirits of needy

By *Darius Stone/7C*
Times Colonist staff

Cliff Doerksen gives out some tight-fives, shakes hands, hugs a grateful mother and apologizes to a girl who wants to exchange her gift. Some children wait patiently at the edge of the crowd while others ask Cliff for one of the wrapped gifts in a large stack behind him.

"Don't worry if you haven't gotten a gift yet, there's something for everybody here," said the charismatic Christian outreach worker.

Extreme Outreach Society hosted three turkey meals Tuesday at the Victoria Christian Centre and made sure that kids and teenagers left with a wrapped gift.

The first dinner was for families with kids under 12 from the community in and around Blanchard Courts. The society gave away 100 basketballs and 250 wrapped gifts.

The society also hosted a dinner for seniors and a dinner for the street community.

Doerksen said later on Christmas Eve he would hit the streets to distribute bouquets of flowers to Victoria prostitutes.

"You've just got to let them know that there's a better life out there, that there are people out there that care," said Doerksen.

Doerksen started the outreach society after an unsuccessful attempt to kill himself and an epilepsy left him wanting to change his own life.

He kicked booze and drugs, became a devoted Christian and tirelessly tries to bring his message of hope to others, either in the street ministry or growing up in poverty.

Many of the families live in the Blanchard Court where Doerksen has hosted Saturday barbecues for years. He said it has been a struggle to keep the ministry going on a tight budget but he recently decided to take the plunge, leave his work as a drywaller and do outreach work full-time.

"There was a time that I had to pass off my drywall tools just to buy some hot dogs," he said. "It is a struggle. Just like everybody struggles."

Doerksen works long hours and relies on donations and volunteers from

churches around Victoria to run the ministry. He said the simple act of outreach at giving people a warm meal, a smile and some conversation can go a long way.

"I get calls from guys I haven't seen for two years just wanting to thank me for that stroke way back then," he said.

"Sometimes people just need to be pointed in a different direction, they just need a little bit of hope or to be given a chance."

He also encourages those he has helped in the past to come on board.

Mike Symington, 54, who lives at Blanchard Courts and has gone to many of Doerksen's summer barbecues volunteers to help Doerksen every time he can.

Please see OUTREACH A2

An EXTREME OUTREACH Christmas



THE EXTREME OUT REACH SOCIETY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Clockwise from: top left Nansi Marlin , 8, centre, walks back to Blanchard Court with gift in hand after the party at the Victoria Christian Centre on Tuesday; Jerry Hu 5, enjoys turkey diner; Cliff Doerksen (at piano performs at the Outreach Christmas party; 10-month-old Andrew Hu enjoys juice with help from mo Nian at the Christmas dinner; partygoers celebrate as balloons drop from the ceiling; gifts are lined up already to hand out.