

# Cross Town Impact Harvest Report



John helping out as we bring in the harvest. As John is reaching out in this picture we want to continue to reach out and let you know how the harvest is going with Cross Town Impact.

## Special events in our family

- Oct 23, 2008 we have been married 4 years
- John is now 20 months old and knows how to say Daddy, Mommy and Mississippi @

## Greetings from our family to yours!

The Houldcroft's (Greg, Niki & John) just want to send you an update on our ministry Cross Town Impact and let you know how things have been going. So much has happened since we have stepped out in faith into full-time ministry. First of all we want to say thank-you and bless-you for all that you mean to us as a family. We appreciate your prayers and financial support as we reach out into the community of Brockville with Jesus Christ's message of hope. We want this ministry to be an

interactive one so that we can be involved in your lives too. We would love to hear about your family, what God is doing in your lives and even a favorite family recipe. We are so glad the journey has begun!



## Update on Cross Town Impact

Fall has been a busy and exciting time for us this fall. Cross Town Impact has been busy in the community and in the local high schools as well as raising awareness and support about our ministry.

**Our 2008 support is at 65%  
and our 2009 support is at 28%**

We appreciate your prayers and support at this time. If you would like to

learn more or would like to partner with our ministry please go to: [www.houldcroft.com](http://www.houldcroft.com)

Also, our church family (Thousands Islands Baptist Church) has decided to sell the building and a portion of the land that we own. For the interim we are worshiping at a local high school (Brockville Colligate Institute) auditorium to worship. Please keep us in prayer as we seek God's leading and wisdom at this time.

***"The will of God is never exactly what you expect it to be. It may seem to be much worse, but in the end it's going to be a lot better and a lot bigger."***

**Elisabeth Elliot**



Family fun day bringing in all the vegetables we planted at a friends garden.



## Crosswalk Youth Rally



Crosswalk City-Wide Youth Rally.

**Crosswalk** is city-wide youth outreach ministry. I am involved with a network of youth pastors that have a desire to see the youth of Brockville reached for Christ. The events take days of planning and occur every two months and consist of games, worship and message.

This Crosswalk we kicked off a seven week video series called "Quest". We had a band made up of youth from local churches called "The Welcome Home Party". They provided worship for the night. It was an incredible night where over a hundred youth came together to learn about God.

Quest is a video series specifically intended to reach today's teens who are immersed in a technologically saturated and image-driven youth culture. But beneath the superficial veneer of these technological factors lie the

deeper and gnawing questions of life. This video series takes teens on an entertaining and engaging seven session Quest to tap into and think about life's "ultimate issues."

We have brought four youth groups together in town to run this Quest series. At the end of each video segment we break the youth into groups. This gives them an opportunity to wrestle through the questions presented to them. Personally I love the break out groups because this is where we get to engage the youth and hear what is on their minds.

Please pray for this outreach.



## SYATP Brockville High School 2008

This year SYATP or (See You At The Pole) was held at three high schools in town on three separate mornings. SYATP is where students come together at the beginning of the school year to pray. We pray for the high school staff, bus drivers, crossing guards, other high schools and each other. This year's theme was light.

**"You are the Light of the World " Matthew 5:14**

At each school we lit a candle and the students wrote down their dreams for the school on a Canadian flag. We also had a student bring a staff list and year book for us to pray over. We placed a dead flower on the flag which represented the dead things in each school. The broken families, addictions, troubled relationships, loneliness, and hopelessness which so badly need life breathed into them through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

We sang worship songs and I encouraged and challenged the youth to be the light that Matt 5:14 refers to. Then we all held hands around the flag pole and prayed. What a blessing to be part of that circle where students, teachers and youth leaders publically made a bold commitment to be that light.



SYATP 2008.

## John's Corner



John's favourite game "The Register"

For fun I like to make funny faces and play in the leaves. Recently I learned to say daddy but mommy took a little longer for me because of the "M" in mommy. It is so weird how happy they get when I say "mommy" or "daddy".

I also love playing a game called hide everything I can in the wall register. Mommy and daddy don't find the game as fun. This is how it works. You put licenses, health

cards, Tim Horton's cards, insurance slips, spoons and mommy's favorite CDs and DVDs in the register. Honestly, anything you can fit through the slots. This is where the fun begins. Then I sit back and watch mommy and daddy run around trying to find them like headless chickens. Until next time "bye." Also another word I know. ☺



## Please pray for the following needs:

- For our family's safety, effectiveness and that lives will be changed by the message of Jesus Christ.
- Niki's Day Care and for more clients.
- We are blessed that we are at about 65% of our 2008 budget, and about 28% of our 2009 budget. Please pray for people and churches to partner with us monthly.
- That we will continue to find favor in the high schools and in the community.
- Quest Video Series.
- Upcoming Crosswalk in November.
- That there would be a great response to Samaritans Purse in the high schools.
- Christmas outreach in the high schools.
- Lastly, for balance in our lives!

**"And let us not grow weary while doing good,  
for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."  
Galatians 6:9**

## Good bye generation youth facts:

- **Some stats say more than 70% of children and youth leave the Church by the age of 18.**
- **Of those who stay approximately 90% of those leave by the age of 25.**
- **If these numbers are true we have lost 97% of all the children, youth, and young adults who have either grown up in or attended a Church.**
- **For more information:  
[www.goodbygeneration.com](http://www.goodbygeneration.com)**

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Niki and John with one of her daycare children.

**Our favorite coffee joke:**  
  
**What book in the bible states that men should make the coffee?**  
  
**He-Brews!**



**Niki's Favourite Fall Recipe**

**Sweet and Spicy Pumpkin Seeds**

**Makes 1 cup**

- \* 1 medium pumpkin
- \* 5 tablespoons sugar
- \* 1/4 teaspoon salt
- \* 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- \* 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- \* 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- \* Pinch of cayenne pepper, to taste
- \* 1 1/2 tablespoons oil

**Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Cut pumpkin open from the bottom, removing seeds with a long-handled spoon. Pumpkin should yield 1 cup seeds. Boil the seeds in water first with 1/8 tsp. salt for 10 mins. and then proceeded

with the recipe. This improves texture and plumps them up! Spread seeds on parchment in an even layer. Bake until dry, stirring occasionally, about 1 hour. Let cool.

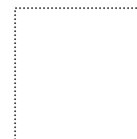
2. In a medium bowl combine 3 tablespoons sugar, salt, cumin, cinnamon, ginger, and cayenne. Heat peanut oil in a large non-stick skillet over high heat. Add pumpkin seeds and remaining 2 tablespoons sugar. Cook until sugar melts and pumpkin seeds begin to caramelize, about 45 to 60 seconds. Transfer to bowl with spices, and stir well to coat. Let cool. These may be stored in an airtight container for up to 1 week.

*\*Special thanks to Martha Stewart ☺*

**"Wherever you are -  
be all there!"**  
**Jim Elliot**



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