

Cross Town Impact Winter Report



Houldcroft family wishing you and your family all of God's blessings in 2010

Happy New Year from our family to yours!

We want to wish you a happy new year and all of God's blessings on you and your families in the year to come. It is hard to believe it is now 2010! We thank God for all of you and your support of us in 2009. We are humbled and encouraged by the practical love you have shown us through letters, emails, prayer, referrals and financial means. Again we give thanks!

In this newsletter, we are going to try to capture some of the special moments for our family and ministry from 2009. I am so glad that you're taking the time to join us on this journey. Together we can look forward with great

anticipation to what God has in store for all of us in the upcoming year. Speaking of blessings... I can't believe that we are expecting another child on June 2nd. As you can see by the picture below John is just as excited as we are. He is going to make such a great big brother.



Update on Cross Town Impact

In the spring of 2009 the elders felt it was time for us to be released into the community of Brockville to pursue the desire of our heart, full-time community ministry. I am no longer the associate/youth pastor for Thousand Islands Baptist Church, although I still act as youth pastor on a volunteer basis.

We are now in the process of getting our nonprofit charitable status through Canadian Council of Christian Charities. We would appreciate your prayers as we step through this long,

meticulous process. In the interim as we continue to do ministry in the community we have both taken on several part-time jobs. These are helping us bridge the gap until our nonprofit charitable status is approved and our funding is raised. In the meantime, Thousand Islands Baptist Church is still operating Cross Town Impact ministry and receipting donations. We would love for you to continue to partner with us in 2010.

For more information please go to our webpage: www.houldcroft.com

Special events in our family

- We are expecting a baby on June 2nd and would appreciate your prayers.
- October 23, 2009 Niki and I were married for 5 wonderful years.
- John is going to be 3 years old on February 22 and will soon be a big brother.☺

Our vision is so limited we can hardly imagine a love that does not show itself in protection from suffering.... The love of God did not protect His own Son.... He will not necessarily protect us - not from anything it takes to make us like His Son

Elisabeth Elliot



Canadian Council of Christian Charities & our commissioning cake ☺



Brockville KidzFest

On August 15 Brockville hosted the Billy Graham Association's Kidzfest featuring God Rocks. The event was hosted by 12 different churches in the city of Brockville. Our committee started meeting almost 8 months before, in order to make sure this event was done with excellence and love. I was given the privilege to chair this committee which was a brand-new responsibility for me.



Kidzfest Banner in Front of TISS HighSchool

Community Attended: 1800
God Rock's Presentation: 800
Decisions made for Christ: 57

The day consisted of a midway of carnival games & many prizes. There were also bouncy castles, petting zoos, racing cars, fire engines, cotton candy, hot dogs, ice cream and ice cold drinks. The response from the community was incredible as we had over 1800 people attend the carnival.

The carnival ran for about two hours and then we invited everyone into the auditorium to hear the God Rocks presentation. Over 800 people came into the auditorium and were entertained and presented with the gospel message. Over 800 people heard the gospel message that day, and 57 people responded. It was a very long tiring day, but a very, very good day. Amen



Happy Birthday Jesus cake and the BCI high school J-Cane give away.

El Salvador Summer Mission Trip

This was a great year for firsts, as it was the first year I chaired a committee and the first time that I led an international missions trip! What a summer☺.

In February, we began planning for our trip to El Salvador. I think it's so great when we allow youth and adults to experience missions locally, nationally and globally.

Presented the Gospel to: 2500
Decisions made for Christ: 289

Our job when we landed in El Salvador was to learn numerous dramas and dance routines. We then used these routines for spectacle evangelism. In one drama, I was Goliath which all the children and parents loved. Our ministry days lasted 12 hours long. We did 14 presentations in five days for over 2500 children and families and saw 289 decisions for Christ. The wonderful thing about working with King Castle Ministries is that in every community we visited their local pastor would be with us to follow up with every person that made a decision for Christ.

On our day off, some teams went to the beach, but our team went to the top of an active volcano☺. We had to hike down 1500 ft. just to get to the bottom of the volcano and then we had to hike 1600 ft. up to the top of the volcano. It took nearly 3 weeks for everyone to forgive me and thank me for the experience ☺.



El Salvador 2010.

John's Corner

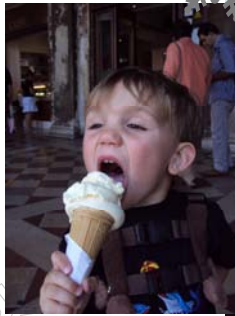


John was ready to fly with his new luggage ☺

This year I got to go all over the world. Me and Thomas the train went on several air airplane rides. Mummy's cousin was very generous to us and gave us the trip of a lifetime. I got to go to a place called Athens, where everybody seems to enjoy rock buildings. Especially one called the Acropolis. We also visited Mars Hill in Athens, and we got to ride a subway. We went to the island of Chios, where we stayed at a villa and I got to swim in the ocean. Daddy seemed really freaked out by the sea urchins.

We also got to visit Venice. Did you know that the whole city is built on water? The ice cream at St. Mark's Square was delicious and I never chased so many pigeons in my life. In Venice we also got to go on a gondola ride and the man in front of us loved it so much he stood up and sang beautifully in Italian. To see more please go to our website at www.houldcroft.com

I can't believe I'm going to be 3 years old this year, and a big brother. Well till next time OPAH!



Please pray for the following needs:

- Please pray for our government application that **Cross Town Impact** becomes a nonprofit charitable organization.
- Please pray for Cross Town's board members and accountants families at this time.
- For our family's safety, effectiveness and that lives will be changed by the message of Jesus Christ.
- Please pray that more people and churches would partner with us through referrals, prayer and financially means. Please see www.houldcroft.com on how you can get involved
- That we will continue to find favor in the high schools and in the community.
- Our involvement in a city wide Easter family event called Easteriffic. This new event is presented by the local churches designed by the Billy Graham Association. This is a follow up to our God Rock's Event. Please pray for unity.
- Our missions trip to El Salvador on March 4-17 to build a new cistern for a mission.
- Lastly for Niki's health and our baby due on June 2nd.

**"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**

Random Outreach Pictures



Being great "Stewards" on Earth Day @ TISS High School .



www.pjs4hope.com another great year to raise awareness for foster care & Interval house

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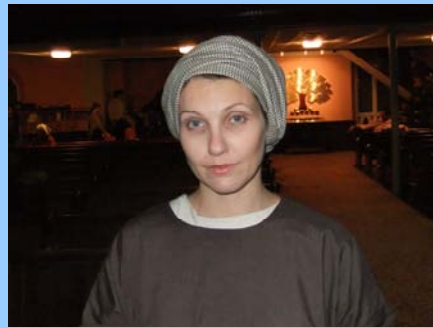
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Niki and the 3 Kings in the Opera:
"Amahl and the Night Visitors".

Amahl and the Night Visitors

It was so great that Niki was approached to be the lead in the Christmas opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors". It can be difficult to find appropriate plays today as a Christian. The premise behind this opera was the three kings who were traveling to see baby Jesus. They stopped for the night at a widow's house who had a crippled son. They had nothing to offer these Kings. The mother struggled with why these Kings would bring gold and gifts to a child they'd never met, while before them her child hungry was crippled and needy. The heart wrenching part of the opera was when the crippled boy who had nothing, offered his crutch for the kings to give to Jesus. In that moment of giving everything he had the boy was healed. Niki was so thrilled to give everything she had to this beautiful, Christ centered opera. I will be posting this production on our website www.houldcroft.com so please visit.

Also please come down and see Niki as the Fairy God-Mother in Cinderella February 17-20 @ the Brockville Arts Center.

Sno-Camp 2009 Muskoka Wood's

Sno-Camp is such an incredible time for the youth to separate themselves from the noise of life and just listen to God. It is so great to be involved in a weekend where youth intentionally set apart time to seek God and strengthen friendships.

This year Colin McCartney from Urban Promise spoke to the youth about what it means to live the Christian life in reckless abandonment. The youth were challenged to come forward

and surrender the things that were holding them back from the adventure God has for them. That's what these weekends are about, creating the opportunity for youth to hear from and respond to God.

I am so looking forward to this year, as we have another 20 youth going. Please pray for the youth and leaders going this year, and that God will be glorified.

Until Next Time ☺

There is just so much going on that I have not even talked about. We look forward to sharing these in future, newsletters, Facebook and the webpage.

If you have any questions about our ministry or would like to have us come and share, please contact us at greg@houldcroft.com



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

Jim Elliot

Our favorite coffee joke:

**People ask me if I wake up
grumpy in the morning.....**

**I reply----No, I just bring her some
coffee !!!**