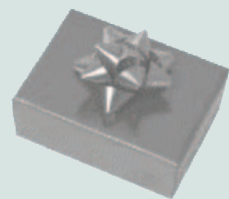


## Sharing Our Blessings With Others

Once again this year, we can reflect on how good God has been to us, and how He blessed us so abundantly. We hope once again to show the love of God by sharing some of the good things we have with those less fortunate in downtown Hamilton.



Each year, with the assistance of the surrounding church and business community, Streetlight Ministries assists families and individuals by providing them with gifts in one way or another. Gifts are purchased for the children who attend youth programs. Adults who are part of the Streetlight community receive a gift of toiletries, clothing, and/or grocery gift cards. Needy families receive a Christmas hamper. Streetlight also hosts a Christmas dinner for the Streetlight church community at the end of December.

Showing our love for others is one way in which we can share and demonstrate the undeserved love that we have received from God. Please consider assisting us one again with our Christmas projects.

You can help in many different ways:

- Make a Christmas Hamper for a family: Together with your Bible Study group, extended family, or friends, consider providing a hamper for a family in need. A hamper would typically include all the fixings for a nice Christmas dinner, and perhaps some extras like toiletries and clothing or small toys for the children. When you call us, we will match you up with a family - you will receive a family profile that gives you the details of the family's needs. This year, Christmas hampers are being provided for the families associated with our programs. Many are single moms with several children who would truly appreciate some extras at Christmas time.
- Have a collection of toiletry items with your work associates, your study society, or even with your whole church! Please contact us, and we will provide you with a list of needed items.
- Assist us with delivering of gifts. Delivery teams will be needed to visit local lodging homes to bring gifts. Consider whether you would like to stay for half an hour and share a time of caroling with the residents. This is a great project for a youth group, Bible study, or Home Mission project. Teams of 2 or 3 people are also needed to make deliveries in the down-town neighbourhood to different individuals.
- Make a financial donation - Money is needed to purchase gifts, to cover the costs of hampers that may not be sponsored by individuals, and to cover the costs of the Streetlight community dinner. You can choose to earmark your donation towards one of these specific causes, or simply make a donation towards Christmas programs in general. Note that any extra funds not required for Christmas programs are put into grocery vouchers to assist needy families throughout the coming year.



Please direct donations and correspondence to:

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*"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven."*

*Matthew 5:14-16*

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## BOARD REPORT *Case deJonge, Chairman*

*With the summer behind us and the fall season upon us, the activities at Streetlight are once again in high gear. We thank our heavenly Father who continues to show His grace and favour - we have been able to carry on proclaiming His Word to our brothers and sisters in downtown Hamilton unhindered.*

*Since our last newsletter we have added one more staff member. I would like to publicly welcome our new mission worker Hilco de Haan. Along with Hilco, we welcome his wife Adele and their 4 children, Hannah, Nathania, Aidan, and Samuel. We wish you and your family the Lord's blessing as you settle in a new country, a new city, and take up your task at Streetlight.*

*We thank God for our competent staff: Pastor Paul, Hilco, Tracy Lynn and Alida, who (along with many other duties) keep the Bible studies, clubs, catechism etc. all running in an orderly fashion. We ask that you keep the staff at Streetlight in your daily prayers as it is not always an easy job.*

*We thank all our volunteers who so faithfully help out each and every week. Without you Streetlight would not function nearly as well.*

*We had a meeting recently with delegates from our supporting churches and others. This meeting was held at the Ministry centre and was well attended. Thank you to the delegates who were there on behalf of their councils, and may the results be positive for our mission.*

*For individual families and our supporting churches we thank you very much for your financial support.*

*May all thanks be to God who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere fragrance of the knowledge of him (2 Cor 2:14). May His Holy Spirit work in the hearts of many.*

**Please Note: Our Mailing Address Has Changed!** Please adjust your address books:  
Streetlight Ministries, 82 Ferguson Avenue North, Hamilton, Ontario L8R 1L4



## A GROWING FELLOWSHIP *Paul Aasman*

For many years, Streetlight Ministries has been gathering a vibrant fellowship of believers and people interested in Christianity. The people who gathered for Streetlight programs and Sunday worship services often had interesting and surprising ideas, and new and vigorous ways of expressing their faith. They also could be very challenging.

But it was never enough to merely promote a fellowship. There had to be more. Excitement over the gospel needed to move toward a commitment to Jesus Christ and to his people. It demanded movement from a loose fellowship to a church with defined membership. People drawn by the good news needed to form a committed community where the gospel was preached and the sacraments celebrated.

God has blessed the Streetlight fellowship so that many have recognized this. Every Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening, we now hold catechism classes for those who either want to grow in their understanding of the church's teachings from the Bible or who wish to discover it for the first time to learn what the church stands for. These later do so to find out whether they can and want to be members of the church.

About one year ago, a group of nine graduated from the classes that introduced the Church's teachings, and did profession of faith. A second group has now done the same. On June 8th, the Streetlight Christian Church gathered in the Romanian Baptist Church (our own building would have been too small for this event) with many guests to worship the Lord and witness as eight people professed their faith. Six of them received baptism as well. Afterward our own Care and Share Committee coordinated a wonderful luncheon so that we might celebrate this gift of God to his people.



Streetlight remains a vibrant fellowship with many very solid contacts throughout the city. It remains a place where people express their faith in strange, surprising and wonderful ways. We pray that it may remain so. But we also thank God that more and more Streetlight is becoming a well-founded church where people have expressed their commitment to the Lord and to his Church, where they enjoy the sacraments and give themselves to the communion of saints.

## WELCOME DEHAAN FAMILY! *Alida Spanninga*

On September 1 of this year, Streetlight Ministries and the Streetlight Christian church was blessed to receive a new mission worker. It was about a year earlier that br. Richard Bultje had informed the Streetlight Mission Board and staff that he desired to return to school in June of 2008, and would thus be concluding his work at Streetlight.

Richard Bultje had been a permanent fixture at Streetlight - Streetlight had never existed without Richard! Through his 10 years at this mission, Richard had come to do a lot of different tasks and perform a lot of different roles. With this knowledge, and by carefully examining the needs of the Streetlight church, it became clear that a new mission worker would be needed and that the mission worker should serve a different role than the one that was filled by Richard Bultje. With the presence of a missionary, the new mission worker would have a role that was significantly different from Richard's role. With the missionary to care for many of the pastoral and teaching needs of the church, the new mission worker would focus more on outreach and youth activities. It had been recognized for quite some time that more attention needed to be focused on providing support to Streetlight's current youth worker. While the youth programs at Streetlight are many and varied, and are also generally well attended, attention was required to also bring the youth into the church and to provide extended support to their families, many of whom struggle with broken relationships and poverty.

In July, br. Hilco deHaan accepted his appointment as new mission worker. Hilco had spent the last seven years in Indonesia working together with the Reformed Church of Indonesia in Papua. He was sent out as a mission worker by our sister churches in Holland. He also has experience as a mission worker among Native people in Smithers, B.C. He has a variety of experience working as a teacher as well as working in other mission situations. Hilco arrived in Canada late August with his wife Adele (nee Hulzebosch) and four children: Hannah (13), Nathania (11), Aidan (9) and Samuel (7).



On September 10, the Streetlight Christian church, together with board members and volunteers, joined together to officially welcome the deHaan family to Hamilton and to Streetlight. We enjoyed singing together and shared some gifts to introduce them to the Hamilton and to Streetlight programs and activities. Pastor Bosch showed some familiar (and some less familiar!) sights of Hamilton for all to identify, and Hilco and Adele were sent running through the room to find people, belts, jewelry, shoes, singers, and even hair from the heads of the members of the audience! It was an enjoyable evening where we could also spend some time enjoying fellowship and refreshments with one another.

God continues to provide great blessings for the Streetlight church, and the arrival of another mission worker and his family can be counted among those blessings. We pray that God will guide Hilco in his work, provide him with wisdom, and also give all that is needed for his family as they settle into a new culture and community.

We continue to seek your prayers for the church building work that takes place down-town Hamilton.



### 5th Annual Family Skate Night! Sponsored by P.V. & V. Insurance Centre & Meester Insurance Centre

Come out and enjoy a fun night of skating,  
refreshments, and fellowship!

**When:** Thursday November 27, 2008, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Copps Coliseum - 101 York Boulevard, Hamilton  
**Cost:** Monetary Donation for Streetlight Ministries  
(Tax Receipts will be provided for all donations over \$10.00)  
**Who:** You and your family!

**Please RSVP by Monday November 17**  
(let us know how many will be skating, how  
many socializing)  
RSVP is mandatory for proper planning

Please e-mail or call Lee Dam or Peter VanDyk:  
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## VOLUNTEERS CREED

Though my troubles and my worries  
are sometimes all that I can see-  
still I always must remember  
life's not only about me.

Other souls are also hurting  
and I know that it's God's plan  
to reach out to help another-  
to extend to them my hand.

With this purpose as my focus-  
to be a comfort to a friend-  
all my troubles and my worries  
seems to fade out in the end.

It is one of God's true lessons-  
how my walk is meant to be-  
true happiness I find when  
life's not only about me.

Tom Krause