

FOCUS 2006/2007

PROJECT NEW HOPE

Swaziland, Africa

Project New Hope (to educate future leaders of Swaziland) is the mission of Dr. Elizabeth Hynd, a psychologist and 3rd generation missionary. Her parents are also medical missionaries who started the work there.

At the present time Dr. Hynd has adopted 26 orphans whose parents died of AIDS.

Her home would accommodate twice that number if a preschool and a primary school were built, freeing up bedrooms that are presently being used for schoolrooms. Many more orphans are on the waiting list.

This is where Pelham Community Church comes in. Our goal is to raise \$150,000 to build and furnish the two schools, which will serve the community. In the summer of 2007 we will send three teams of volunteers to help build the schools.

We have raised and forwarded to date \$92,000 and the construction is well under way.

Wouldn't you like to participate? Our hope is you will.



Missions is not about knowing but going. It involves giving our time, talent and treasure to reach out and care. It is about doing something to help reach those who need help and hope, who need to see and experience the reality of God's love.

PRAYER

Father God, I commit myself to regularly pray for the Mission & Outreach of Pelham Community Church. Help me to consider practical ways such as increasing my regular and extra offerings, writing notes of encouragement and serving or volunteering in practical ways. I'm grateful for the love You have shared so freely with me. Help me to allow Your love to show through me.

Amen



Come and be part of this congregation—helping us meet the needs of people here and around the world by supporting these programs.

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Following God's vision for our church, we will reach people in our community and throughout the world with God's offer of love and grace in Jesus Christ. We will train leaders, support missionaries, send short-term teams, encourage long-term commitment, and serve compassionately meeting spiritual, social, and physical needs with a focus on poor and marginalized people and communities—the least, the last and the lost. We will work in partnership with churches, missions organizations, the National Church and overseas personnel. We will participate through prayers, financial support, and personal commitment to study and service.

**MISSION & SERVICE FUND
MINISTRIES
OF
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

Contributions through our pre-authorized remittances or envelope givings to the United Church Mission and Service Fund allow the church to fund a range of local, national and international programs.



Widows in India

M & S PROGRAMS & SERVICES

We work with national & international partners (in 39 countries) on more than 500 projects.

These include:

- Teaching women in Zimbabwe to read.
- Providing help in world disasters.
- Helping widows in India to overcome discrimination & work for human rights.
- Ministering to people in hospitals and prisons.
- Support for inner city projects & food banks.
- Supplementing incomes of small congregations.
- Teaching & training new ministers.
- Working in partnership with other faith communities across Canada & world wide.
- And much more.

**HELPING TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS
HARVEST KITCHEN**

Pelham Community Church prepares a meal for 60-100 people the 3rd Sunday of each month at Central United Church in Welland from November to March.

The Primetimers group from our church provide the funds for the food. Volunteers from our Church, purchase, cook and serve the food. There are anywhere from 16-20 volunteers each time.

Would you like to volunteer?

**PELHAM CARES & OPEN ARMS
FOOD BANK**

Jesus said, "Feed My Sheep", "Take care of my Lambs." We do this by supporting both of these worthy charities.

Four Sundays of the year we ask our people to bring in non-perishable goods and we share what is collected between Pelham Cares and the Open Arms Food Bank.

Some of our people also donate their time at the Open Arms Food Bank.

Workers are always welcome.

EMPIRE SCHOOL (Welland)

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

In 2006 the women of Pelham Community Church donated a new freezer to this "Nutrition Program".

We continue to provide 'Nutritious Snacks' such as apple juice drink boxes, sugarless cereal and fruit cups for children who come to school hungry.

ELISHA HOUSE (Welland)

Elisha House is a family resource centre committed to providing hands-on assistance for the physical, social, mental and spiritual needs of those in crisis. This loving care is declared and demonstrated by offering free, confidential programs and one on one support.

Pelham Community Church supports Elisha House with monetary gifts and baby items.

**MISSIONS TRIPS
WELLS OF HOPE**

Wells of Hope is a local St. Catharines group which started out as one family (with 6 children) mortgaging their home and purchasing a drilling rig to drill for clean water for people in Guatemala.

Several churches and groups including Pelham Community Church, have joined this project. In 2006 some of our men and their sons traveled to Guatemala where they spent 10 days drilling a well, roofing an orphanage, painting a new school and building shelving and storage units for the school and the doctor's office. This was a life changing experience for all of them. The congregation helped raise funds, for the trip and to buy the materials needed.



GODSPELL TO ENGLAND

(an innovative mission venture)

In 2005 a group from Pelham Community Church joined with a group from Central United Church, Port Colborne to take the Broadway musical "GODSPELL" to Sedgely, U.K. where our host church St. Andrew's Methodist arranged it to be presented in a community theatre. By taking the gospel out of the church into the community we were given a wonderful opportunity to touch hearts and lives with the gospel. Our host church spoke of the wonderful blessing this project brought to both their congregation and the community.