
Heart Touching Heart Ministries

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A letter to our friends

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Greetings in Jesus' name! Our second Christmas at The DAM is fast approaching, and all around, preparations for the feast are kicking into high gear; church bazaars and craft sales to attend, extended shopping hours to endure, mailing deadlines to miss, cookies to bake, movies to line up for, light strings to hang (and neighbours to outdo), and on and on it goes.

In this combined November/December newsletter, we ask you to pause for just a moment, to consider a couple of seasonal thoughts.

On behalf of the staff, the Board of Directors and, most of all, the young people we serve, please accept my heartfelt thanks for your support.

Yours in Christ,

Michael F. Clarke, CM, BA
Executive Director

Peace at the feast

Peace on earth. The angels' message is a nice concept, but pretty abstract, right? No way! We can pray for peace in faraway places, but we can also work for peace right here where we live.

Peace at The DAM, for instance, means bringing serenity to a young man who might otherwise explode into a fireball of self-destruction. It means helping to defuse a frightened girl's tense family situation. It means showing our kids there are better ways to resolve differences than by fighting. And it means fostering a unique atmosphere where youths of different faiths and cultures can come together, find common ground, and learn to respect their differences.

The Mississauga YMCA has just recognized our work by awarding us its second annual Peace Medallion. In thanking the Y at the Nov. 21 presentation, Michael Clarke emphasized that The DAM isn't just the staff and volunteers; it's also the kids who make us part of their lives, the board of directors who guide us, and the churches, businesses, service clubs and caring individuals who support us. The Peace Medallion