

# POINTS *of* HOPE

The Newsletter of Building Together Ministries

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## One Spirit, One Light

### The NeighborStore Dresses Up

As this eventful year draws to a close, we at BTM turn our focus on the Pride-for-Parents Christmas store (BTM's NeighborStore in Christmas garb). Pride-for-Parents allows parents with low incomes to buy new gifts for their children at 50% or more off the retail price. It promotes the dignity of these parents by allowing them to purchase without relying on hand-outs. If you would like to get involved as a volunteer or donor, please call Stan Wiebe at 834-7626, ext. 16 ([swiebe@bellsouth.net](mailto:swiebe@bellsouth.net)). As it has done for the past 14 years, Pride-for-Parents will open for business on December 1.



New toys are sold at half price.



Nothing can compare to the joy on the faces.



Many help out with bike assembly.

# Reflections *from the Director of Ministries*

By Reggie Edwards

So much has happened in the past 10 months, I don't know where to start. In January God did a mighty work in this year's Racial Reconciliation Conference with Jarvis Ross and Chris Martin of Knoxville. More than five churches came together to plan the three-day event. One of the many blessings that resulted is Churches United for Reconciliation (CURE). Through CURE I hope to see the dialogue and the healing continue among God's people. Great things happen when we work together.

Spring started brightly with "City Lights," the theme of BTM's Fourth Annual Banquet. It was there that several of our former Halifax neighbors and volunteers demonstrated how they continue to let their light shine across the city. And my friend and mentor Chris Rice, co-author of *More Than Equals*, did his thing with a great message concerning God's heart for racial reconciliation. I was delighted that Freddy Johnson, President of BTM, took the risk of having a message on racial reconciliation. It is still a hard message for



Supper Clubs offer opportunity for relationship-building and sharing good food.

many to hear. To God be the glory - great things He has done!

From June 4 to August 6, my heart was warmed by the turnout of new and returning ladies from across the city during Summer Camp for Women (SC4W). I'd like to extend a special thank you to all the fantastic session leaders, childcare providers, and hostesses. We laughed, cried, and grew together. The ladies are continuing to meet twice a month for an inspirational message from God's Word.

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## Prayer Walks

First Tuesdays

Walk begins at BTM,  
12:30 pm

Call Scott Bass for  
details (269-0878).

## A Word from Freddy

Like everyone else, BTM is greatly affected by the economy; since early this year we have had to do more with decreased donations. It reminds me of the Israelite slaves' plight of having to make brick without straw. We have had to make adjustments by downsizing our operating expenses and payroll. And like the Israelite slaves, we believe we can be just as effective as before by better use of volunteers and dimmed lights. By necessity we have become more efficient. Please know we thank God daily for the opportunity to join with you in furthering His Kingdom together.

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