

Campaign Newsletter ■ November/December 2011



“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.” Pericles

Ask yourself the following questions.

1. *What legacy would my family, friends and work colleagues say I am leaving?*
2. *What legacy do I want to leave?*
3. *Am I pleased with the answers?*
4. *What steps are needed, if any, to leave the legacy desired?*
5. *Who can help me make these steps happen?*



Here is my perspective. What is yours?

The most common question that I hear is “How is the campaign going?”

The answer can consist of a series of facts but how you look at the answer depends on your perspective.

At the HMDCS fall membership meeting we announced that pledges have been made in the amount of \$2,457,000 and that over \$585,000 had already been received as of the HMDCS year end. That is after about a year of fundraising. What that does not explain is that we have well over one hundred contributors and that we have initiated requests for support from more than 40 other potential donors and that we expect to receive at least 100 more gifts before the active visiting phase is complete. We would love to be able to complete the visits by June of 2012. We have had the expected limited activity over the summer and now are visiting regularly.

I believe that the campaign is going well. What is not going as well as we would like is that we would like more of you to help us visiting in the community. Our volunteers have been working hard and need your help

to complete the task. Part of the “equity” in any Christian community is that while each of us has been blessed with different gifts, we share the load in accordance with our gifts. Part of your “gift” may be that you have the only connection into a part of this large community that we need to connect with to reach the goal. This is your opportunity to use that gift to stand up for the long term needs of Christian education at HMDCS. Alternatively, your gift may be to welcome a canvasser into your home and make a gift to the campaign and encourage the volunteers at the same time.

You are receiving this newsletter because you are part of this community. Share it and invite others. Hopefully you will already have made a pledge or will soon do so.

Here is a little more perspective to consider. A current parent can expect to contribute over \$100,000 in tuition over the years that they have children in the school. Is that daunting? That is not the way I look at it. I feel it is impressive and shows that Christian education is an important priority. Kudos to parents who

make that choice. Someone is laid off from work and they find a way to keep their children in HMDCS while looking for new employment. It makes my eyes water just thinking about it. Someone else told me that “the money we have will go somewhere”. We won’t keep it. Will it be lost in the stock market, used to buy something that we really don’t need right now or will it make a difference for many years to come at HMDCS? The choice is ours. We are not asking anyone to give beyond their means, but we are asking each of you to give in accordance with your means. Someone else told me “you can’t build a school by yourself”. He was right; we will build it together.

Let’s unite and rise to the challenge before us remembering that God gives the increase.

I am constantly encouraged by the fact that I know the Lord has entrusted us with the means within this community for this project. Of this, I have no doubt. Please give a portion of it back to Building upon the Legacy.

*In His Service,
Ron Voorberg*

Canvassers working hard

Our canvassers have been working so hard on this campaign that we cannot thank them enough.

They consistently accomplish the tasks we assign to them. Their financial gifts to the campaign have been followed up with personal sacrifices to make canvassing a priority in their lives. They are passing up other opportunities in light of their dedication to this project. We ask you to thank them as well.

You can now send an encouraging message to the volunteers thanking them for their efforts.

It does not need to be profound. Send us what is in your heart.

We will use the message which you send to thank and encourage the volunteers to press on to reach our goal. You can send this with your name or anonymously.

Please support the campaign by directing your messages to: embracelegacy@hmdcs.ca

New Campaign Volunteers

We would like to welcome
our newest canvassers,

Leo Visser

Hilda-Ann Voorberg
to the campaign team!

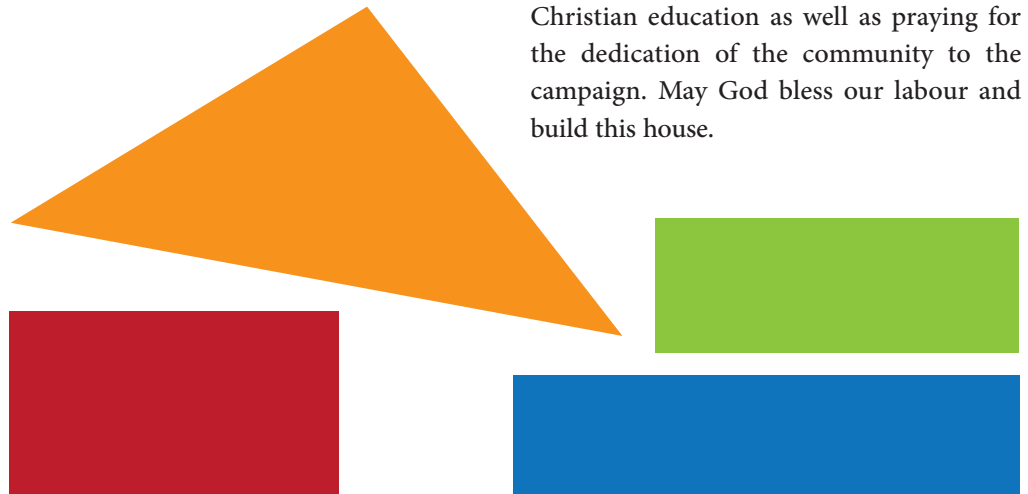


HMDCS Prayer Campaign

*“Unless the Lord builds the house,
the builders labour in vain.” Ps. 127:1*

The HMDCS Building upon the Legacy campaign must be bathed in prayer. As we journey along the campaign path, we ask that families partner with us in our prayer

campaign as well. If you have not already received a prayer pledge, please contact the school to receive your copy or download from our campaign website at www.hmdcs.ca. Fill in your name on the bottom portion and return it to the school. Hang the top portion on your fridge as a daily reminder to pray for HMDCS in its journey of providing quality Christian education as well as praying for the dedication of the community to the campaign. May God bless our labour and build this house.



Merry Christmas!

The HMDCS cabinet and canvassers would like to thank everyone for their commitment to the Building upon the Legacy campaign. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a joyous time of celebrating the birth of Christ, wonderful travels and happy times with family.

God bless all of us as we continue the promotion of Christian education in 2012.