

# Sunday school helps out

## Christ Church, Cranbrook, Sunday school helps third world countries

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**EVERYONE COUNTS** — But you can't count sheep if you are out in the cold. The Sunday school children of Christ Church adopted the new homeless shelter that will be built in the new year, as their 2011 Advent Project.

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**CHRISTMAS GIFT** — The Sunday school of Christ Church, Cranbrook, presented a modern version of the nativity reflecting their fund raising efforts in support of the homeless shelter project.



**A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM** — The Spirit of Christmas has not gone away. The Sunday School of Christ Church Anglican brought gifts to the manger—presents to help the homeless, proving “Everyone Counts.” The children then presented Neil Cook, President of the Community Foundation, with a cheque for over eight thousand dollars.

BY MELBA HANSON

Each year for the past several years the Sunday School at Christ Church, Cranbrook, celebrate Christmas in the true spirit of giving by leading the fund raising for a charitable endeavour. In successive years they raised funds for mosquito nets and school supplies for children in a variety of developing countries, for goats for African farming families and for water filters to aid those in third world countries.

This year's fund raiser was titled Everyone Counts and was

closer to home as they raised funds for the Homeless Shelter to be built in Cranbrook. They broke all previous fund raising records with the astounding sum of \$8,140.67. These funds are intended for the “soft costs” such as beds, mattresses and bedding.

On Sunday, January 8, the children presented Neil Cook, President of The Cranbrook and District Foundation with the cheque. The Foundation, leading a coalition of community members, has been working closely with The Salvation Army who is donating the land

and will ultimately own and operate the facility.

During Advent the Sunday School Children even wrote and presented a modern version of the nativity with Mary giving birth to Jesus in a car that was parked in a garage when there was no room at any of the local Hotels.

If the Spirit of Christmas is still alive and well in your heart and you want to donate to this cause contact the Community Foundation at 250-426-1119, or email [cdcf@telus.net](mailto:cdcf@telus.net).



**Cathedral Building Project — St Michael's House**

St. Michael and All Angels — our diocesan Cathedral — is nearing the end of a financial campaign to fund the construction of St. Michael's House. To date, through gifts, pledges and bequests, the parish has raised over one million dollars, definitely something to celebrate; yet additional funds are needed for the construction to be completed.

Approval to proceed is in part dependent on financial contributions to the project. Your support of our Cathedral, through immediate gift or timed pledge, will help to realize this venture and to encourage a revitalized diocesan ministry. Please assist us in achieving this goal.

*Here is my gift or pledge to help complete the construction of St. Michael's House. (Tax receipts will be issued.)*

I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / month for \_\_\_\_\_ months  
OR

Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

My address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this, and make cheques payable to:  
St. Michael's Cathedral,  
608 Sutherland Avenue,  
Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 5X1

St. Michael's supports the Kootenay Forward Fund