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2011 had its sad times, but also its times of joy and fulfillment. In January, we lost one of "our guys" (an ex-inmate) who we were very close to. Judy had led him to the Lord in prison; when he married, we had his wedding in our yard; we baptized him and his wife and we were honoured to officiate at his funeral. From "new life" to death, we were close friends. Then again in May, we lost another of "our guys" whom we loved and respected. John was asked to give the eulogy at his funeral.



Between the Brantford Jail and Hamilton/Wentworth Detention Centre, we provided four to five chapel services a month. The weekly Bible Study at our home has grown since last year. It's so exciting to see new Christians reaching out to their friends. Our "Hospitality Home" had many ex-inmates and their families come for a meal and a time to renew their relationship with us.

Last summer, visits to ex-inmate families across Ontario took about seven weeks. We traveled with our truck and trailer camping in people's driveways, at relatives, in Wal-Mart parking lots and



occasionally at campsites. It's a joy to re-connect with those we have written and phoned throughout the year. Sometimes families we visit are struggling and really need our support and counselling, while with others we celebrate that they are doing well and have settled into a church community. We can see and feel the Spirit in action.

The summer picnic and Christmas parties (for those from London to Toronto) are always a special time of reunion. The ex-inmates and their families feel that they "belong" somewhere and that's very important to them. They know they are part of our big family and they are accepted and loved. We all need that! Many of "our guys" don't have a birth family to relate to.



2011 was a real blessing and we are so grateful to the team God has given us, who God uses to allow us to continue His work through financial and prayer support.

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