



Bob Carver and Texas Flood, Rockin4Tabitha 2009

ROCKIN4TABITHA 5

On Thursday, September 16th, local blues musicians Texas Flood and Les Emerson & The Hitmen will rock the Lone Star Texas Grill (St. Laurent) to help support house building efforts in rural Cambodian villages. Special guests Christine McCann (MC) and Max Keeping will help make the 5th anniversary of home-grown Rockin4Tabitha the hottest place to be for live music!! Texas Flood is lead by Rockin4Tabitha organizer and Tabitha Canada board member, Bob Carver, one of the Ottawa-based volunteer house building team members.

To date, the R4T team has built 50 houses. In February 2011, the R4T team will travel to Pursat province, to build 25 houses and install 100 wells for deserving families. Donations welcome!

Rockin4Tabitha 5

Thursday, September 16th, 2010
7pm, Lone Star Texas Grill (St. Laurent)

Tickets (\$25) available at:

Metro Music (695 Bank Street)
N-1 Thai Boxing Academy (401 Preston Street)

On behalf of the Board of Tabitha Foundation Canada, its members and volunteers, I would like to welcome you to the Tabitha circle of friendship.

The Tabitha Times, our new e-newsletter, will connect us in partnership and in spirit with friends in England, the U.S.A, Singapore, New Zealand and Australia, plus continue to highlight activities in Canada.

I look forward to another successful year of support for families in Cambodia through the vital and energetic leadership of Janne Ritskes. As Janne continues her medical treatments, we offer her our love and encouragement.

May our circle widen.

Terry Ann Carter, Chair (Tabitha Foundation Canada)

Tee Off for Tabitha

The Niagara on the Lake Golf Club was the setting for the third annual fundraising golf tournament - Tee off for Tabitha. The tournament draws both local and out of town golfers and is open to all who would like to enjoy an afternoon of golf at Canada's oldest course, dating back to 1875, followed by an Asian inspired buffet.

The tournament continues to be a great way of raising awareness of Tabitha's work with an entirely new audience. We have excellent support from local businesses that sponsor a hole for \$100. This year, as in past years, the tournament raised \$4000. The money has been used to support both community development and house building.

Thank you to all the sponsors and players who participated. Y.H.



Committee members Yolanda Henry and Carole Matheson



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Canada House Kids Give Back

This summer I went house building with the Canada House kids. It was great getting to spend time with them! We all got to catch up with each other and it also made all our relationship better with all of us. House building was so much fun!!! Working together was such a great experience because I haven't house built with them for 4 years!! So it was a blast working in a team to build the houses with them and do good for the poor with them. It was really good this year because I was finally old enough to hang with everyone and sort of in the age group. I also got to build the walls this time and that was so exciting!! I finally got to the walls after 10 years of doing the floor!! When we finished building all 15 houses and we were handing out the blankets to the families it felt like we were giving back what we got from our adopted parents. I got to meet new people and made tons of new friends on this trip. It was great to have all the teens to give me a heads up in middle school because now I'm in middle school and loving it thanks to my brothers and sisters!! It was really hard to see them leave. It seemed that they were only here for 2 days but in reality I got to have 2 weeks of FUN with them.

I miss them so much!!!!

Miriam Ritskes



Canada House Kids in Kandaue village, Koh Kong province, Cambodia.

Have you ever wanted to do more? To contribute in a hands-on way to Tabitha? Volunteer! Organize your own group or join a house building team from around the world. Contact us to join a build team now!

2010-1011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Rockin4Tabitha 5
Thursday, September 16th, 2010
(Lone Star Texas Grill, St. Laurent, Ottawa, ON)
Tickets are \$25
<http://www.rockin4tabitha.ca>

BC Fundraiser
Saturday, October 16th, 2010
(7091 Dickinson Road, Lantzville, BC)
\$20 (bring and appetizer)

Tabitha Handicraft Sale
(World Craft Bazaar Sale)
Saturday, November 6th, 2010
(Knox United Church, Parksville, BC)

Tabitha Cottage Craft Sale
(St. Matthias Anglican Church, 555 Parkdale Ave., Ottawa, ON)
Friday, November 12th (noon-7:00pm) &
Saturday, November 13th, 2010 (9:30am-4:00pm)
Information: lisbeth@tabitha.ca

Tabitha Handicraft Sale
November 18th – 21st, 2010
(Vancouver University Womens' Club, Hycroft, BC)

LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE GIFT?

Feeling somewhat unfulfilled with traditional gift-giving? Please consider a very unique gift-giving opportunity on the next special occasion ... a **Gift of Dreams**.

A personalized card sent to a friend or family member recognizes that person for having donated a very real gift that will sustain the lives of Cambodian villagers ... a Water Well, a Bicycle, a Pair of Piglets! It's a gift that keeps on giving, a gift that helps build a dream.

Check it out at ... <http://www.tabitha.ca/donate.html#dream>



Tabitha BC Team Readies for Christmas

The Tabitha team on the West Coast has been very busy and has big hopes for success in their fund raising efforts.

There are two main events that involve selling Tabitha products.

There is a Big Sales event on Vancouver Island on November 6th, 2010. It will be held at Knox United Church, in Parksville, near Naniamo on Vancouver Island - part of the World Craft Bazaar Sale.

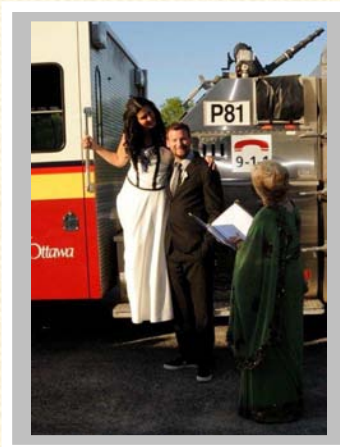
Still on Vancouver Island but, this time in support of the sale in Vancouver, is another event organized by a real 'goer' for Tabitha, Faye Gentry. They hope to raise funds for Tabitha and to offset 'seed money' for the Vancouver sale.

Faye has offered her home for the event. Those coming are asked to bring \$20 and an appetizer – they are promised a good time!

And then the Big Sales event in Vancouver. Tabitha handicrafts will be sold at the University Women's Club's, 38th annual celebration, 'Christmas at Hycroft'. For four days, November 18th – 21st, 2010, the Tabitha team will be able to talk about and show (and presumably sell) the wonders of Tabitha's products and message. With lots of volunteers and many visitors, hopes are high for a very successful event. We will keep you informed. B.R.

Passion For Tabitha Burns Brightly for Young Couple Married in Ottawa

Even a kitchen fire on the premise of their wedding venue did not dampen the spirits of Dylan Carter and his wife Jennifer Kightley Carter who collected donations for Tabitha in lieu of wedding gifts. Dylan Carter (son of Terry Ann and Darryl Carter) and his wife Jennifer Kightley Carter, home from their teaching positions at United World College in Singapore, spoke about their future house building trip. "Donations will go toward our fourth trip," Dylan said, "it is something we look forward to. This year, Canada Helps (<http://www.canadahelps.org>) will be a large part of our fundraising campaign. In this way, staff at UWC may call upon friends and relatives around the world to help with costs." Dylan and Jen will help in the organization of UWC's staff build, during their Chinese New Year break, February, 2011. T.A.C.



Dylan Carter and Jennifer Kightley

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August 30, 2010

Dear friends and partners,

This month marks the end of another program year. It's been a phenomenal year thanks to each of you. This year we were privileged to be able to work with 33,466 families with 267,728 dependents in community development as well as 641 families with 5,128 dependents in cottage industry. Let me share just a few highlights if I may.

This year you helped 28,754 families achieve food security of which, 19,153 families are now able to eat three meals a day.



You enabled another 9,387 families to be able purchase basic household goods such as pots and pans, dishes, drinking glasses, tables and chairs.



Another 11,380 families were able to purchase beds, blankets, clothing and mosquito nets.



1,561 wells/ponds/reservoirs were installed which enabled another 3,610 families to have clean potable water and to earn incomes on average of \$2000.00 per year – up from \$300.00 per year.



2,224 families were able to buy bicycles this year, 5 schools were built and the savings program enabled 189,333 of our children to attend school.



4,621 families were able to raise pigs, 4049 families were able to raise chickens, 3,533 families raised ducks and fish.



1,486 families were able to raise rice year round; another 6,113 families were able to raise vegetables while another 6,676 families were able to buy farm tools and implements such as fertilizers.



We had 2,280 volunteers come from all over the world to build 1,053 houses in all project areas. Phenomenal!



These are just a few of the highlights this program year – so much more happened.

As Tabitha staff, all of us are so very thankful for the privilege of serving so many. I thank my God for each of the staff, for each of you – it is very humbling to be a part of all of this.

Thank you,

Janne