

Church congregations build memorial workshop in the Dominican Republic

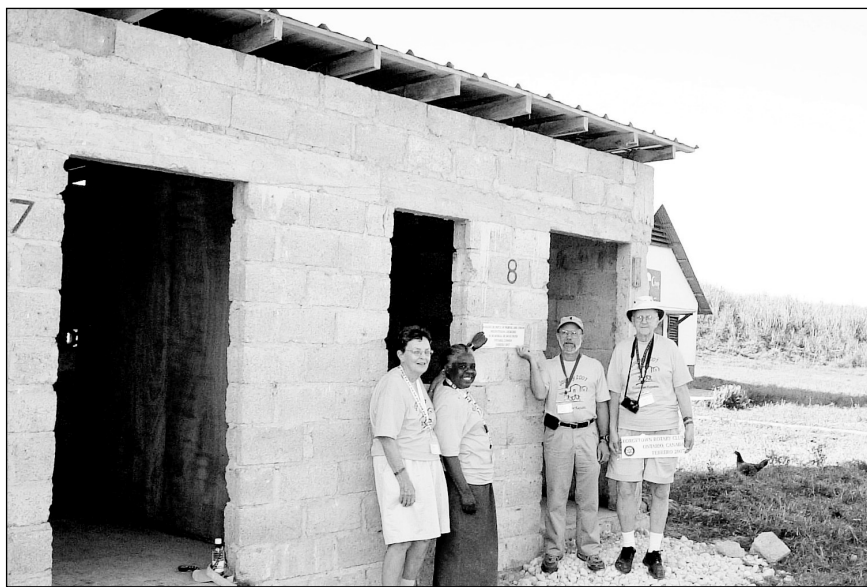
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Doug Rock, a head mechanic at Skyservice Airlines in Malton, died last June following a 10-year battle with cancer. However, he lives on, not just in the hearts and minds of his family, former workmates and multitude of friends, but now in the Dominican Republic village of Ascension, where a workshop was recently dedicated in his memory.

The congregations of Union and Norval Presbyterian Churches held a 'Soup and Bread' fundraising night in January and exceeded the \$2,000 needed to sponsor a shop. Rock was a former member of Union Presbyterian Church.

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Photo courtesy John Henderson

since 1988.

The most recent mission saw the Canadian contingent help with several building projects, donate \$16,000 for the cost of building the Parade of Shops and donate \$23,500 to sponsor

seven homes in another new village, Nazareth.

The Parade of Shops is expected to house a variety of businesses from a welder to a hairdresser to an earth products store.



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Halton Hills Trustees Gerry Ockenden and Gillian Tuck Kutarna, Acting Associate Director Ruth Peden and Superintendent of Education Yaw Obeng invite parents, School Council, Home and School Association and community members to attend and participate in this important process by joining them on:

**Thursday, April 5, 2007
 Centennial Public School
 233 Delrex Blvd.
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 6:30 p.m.**

*Please participate in setting the Board's focus
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