

Archbishop wows mission man

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As the co-host of the International Sports Report radio show on The Fan 590, Lindsay O'Connor is used to rubbing shoulders with big-name athletes.

In his day job at Christian Blind Mission International on Stouffville Road, the Stouffville resident also meets big names.

The native of New Zealand was in Africa this month for the presentation of a cheque for \$30,600 to Archbishop Desmond

Tutu from CBM member countries to help children in South Africa who are suffering from tuberculosis meningitis.

Archbishop Tutu spoke at the worldwide launch of CBM's 100,000 Miracle Campaign Aug. 8.

He challenged countries to sponsor 100,000 cataract operations in 100 days for people living in poverty in developing countries.

"They talk about our health care system (in Canada)," said Mr. O'Connor, who is also doing other work for the mission in

Africa during his trip. "But we've got nothing to complain about."

The archbishop, patron of the Tygerberg Children's Hospital, in turn, requested CBM aid the hospital. CBM Canada contributed \$10,000.

"(The archbishop) is truly a great guy, with a great sense of humour," said Mr. O'Connor from South Africa. "And he is sharp as a knife, for 75 years old."

"Plus, he really loves to talk rugby and cricket with me."

The best of both worlds for Mr. O'Connor.

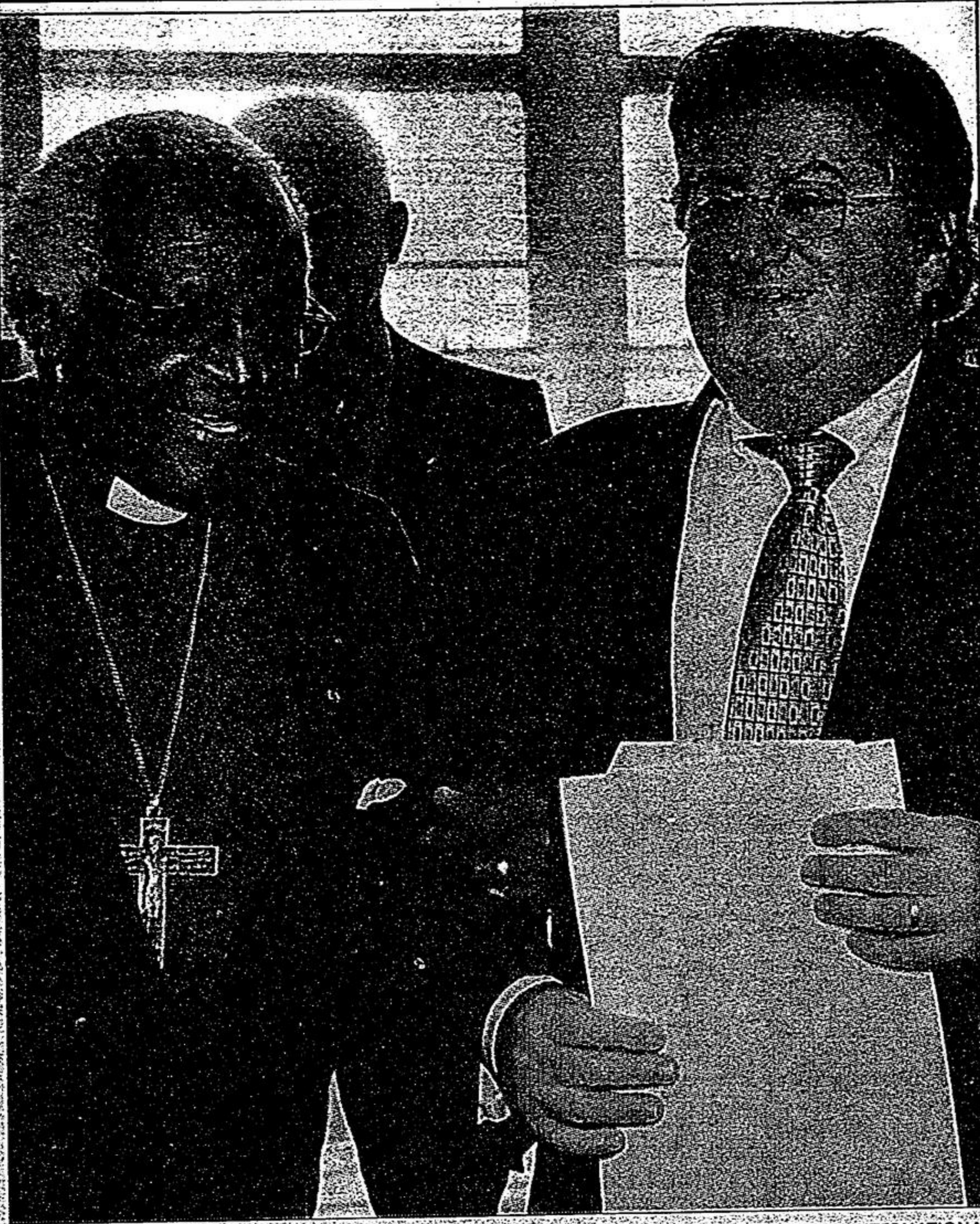


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