

Our home & business
Before - Fire - After



We are the Davidson Family, founders of *Little Flowers Family Press*. We live in a small town in, Elphin, Ontario, Canada. On July 19th, 2013 we lost our home to a devastating fire. We were awakened by trails of smoke, then barely got out alive with our 4 boys, three of whom are disabled with autism. Just 10 minutes later, our house was engulfed. 45 minutes later the entire house was gone.

God stretched out His hand that day and saved our family. If not for His watchful care, any of our children could have been lost that day. Our 16 year old boy, August, saved our 4 year old, Liam when I shouted, 'someone get the baby'. If not for him our little Liam would have been left in his sleep that day. Despite his autism he is a hero in our eyes.

But our home was not all we lost. We also lost our vehicle in the fire that day; when it caught fire and melted.



That same day we also lost two cats and our 17 yr old Catholic business as well. Since we were self employed we lost our income and cannot qualify for a mortgage. Our home was *not insured*, after a miscommunication from our broker.



We trust that God has a plan in this, yet we have felt like a stranger in our own life, not recognizing anything we own. The enormous grief we had from losing family heirlooms and precious memories, has been overwhelming. But, it has also been a blessing to realize - *we have our boys!* Then people started to come to *thank us*. We couldn't understand why? Until they told us that our suffering has helped them appreciate *their life more*. That our struggle helped *them* have greater faith in God. It has been awe-inspiring to see our tragedy helping *others get closer to God*. It was a consolation to us when we found intact statues of Our Lady in **6 feet of rubble**.



Many retailers, individuals and some Churches, have come to our aid. We are *so grateful*. But we have a long way to go. After much prayer, discernment and consultation we have decided our best option is to rebuild. Our boys just want to '*go home*'. Anyone who knows 'autism' knows how difficult change can be for them. Our one severely autistic son, will go to bed repeating, "*gotta get a new house for Joseph, gotta get a new tub, a new stove, a new sink...*" They don't understand how difficult it will be, but we know with God nothing is impossible.

After living for 4 months at a campsite, then a cabin; with no running water or indoor toilet, we know what it means to do without. For 3 months we had no phone or internet too. Now living in a temporary trailer, we are awaiting the restoration of our home. *May God come quickly!*

Many builders have come forward to help us. We estimate to need \$189,000 to rebuild our home and business. A Trust Fund has been set up and so far we have raised \$27,000!

Will you help us with a fundraiser to raise the rest? Or a Collection?

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Our boys and we thank you, may Our Lady protect you and God bless you,
Rita & Mark Davidson

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HOW YOU CAN HELP?

Donations may be made at any Scotia-bank (in Canada) asking them to forward your donation to the Lanark Scotiabank branch.

(Cheques payable:

Jesse Claassen,
in Trust for the Davidson Family)

OR BY MAIL TO: Davidson Family Trust
c/o Jesse Claassen
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Smiths Falls, ON K7A 4S7

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Our Andrew 14yrs, his drawing of the home we are waiting for



Our Liam 4 yrs, at our donation trailer at Pauls Creek Campsite