



COMPASSION AS A LIFESTYLE.

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## From the Executive Director

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These are very troubling times with so many disasters, shootings, terrorist attacks, and so many people displaced or fleeing their homes and countries as refugees with only the clothing they are wearing. Many people are suffering. Many are living in fear.

One of the very powerful messages of Christmas is "Fear Not". These were the first words spoken when the angel appeared to Mary and then to Joseph. When the host of angels appeared to the shepherds, their words were "Fear Not, for I bring you glad tidings of great joy which shall be for all people". The Christmas message is a message of hope.

The words of Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God." are reverberated in the words of Jesus, "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age". Fear not. The message of hope is that we are not abandoned; that evil does

not win; that Christ is the answer and in Christ alone is our hope for today and for the future.

NCM Canada works closely with our Church in the many contexts where people live in the bondage of poverty, where dirty drinking water and lack of food kill, where marginalization and persecution are daily realities, where disease is rampant and untreated, and where suffering is immense.

Into these contexts through your giving, we enable our Church to respond with wells, clean drinking water, food, nutrition, and medicines; with means and methods to reduce poverty and break its bondage; and with training that raises up leaders to help churches live the gospel in word and deed. Together we are reaching out with the love and compassion of Christ, living and bringing the message of hope - Christ is with us and in us. Christ is the hope for our world.



This Christmas, help us in our efforts to bring the message of hope to a world that desperately needs hope.

Choose to give one or more of the "gifts" from our NCM Canada gift catalogue.

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Or phone 1-888-808-7490

WELLS ARE BEING DUG!

POOR FAMILIES ARE RECEIVING GOATS!

YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

## Disaster Response Updates



Photo courtesy of World Renew

### Update—Rohingya Refugee Response through Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGFB):

The response is food – lentils, sugar, and salt to 9,886 Rohingya households. The World Food Programme is providing the rice. The combined total budgets for the CFGFB response is just under \$1 million and is being implemented by the Pentacostal Church (ERDO) partner in Bangladesh and by the World Renew (Christian Reformed Church) partner in Bangladesh, and funded by many Canadian churches and their relief and development arms, including NCM Canada.

World Renew and ERDO together with their partners are now exploring what the next transfer will include and when it will be. Cox's Bazar and the refugee camps remain a very fluid context...stay tuned for more info.

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### Cuba Disaster Update:

Disaster Relief funds have been sent to Cuba so that Cuban Nazarene churches can respond to immediate needs in their communities. All funds raised now (since Nov. 5) will be used for rehabilitation and rebuilding. Many churches / pastor's homes were damaged and need repairs / reconstruction, particularly in the Cuba East District. Construction materials and construction tools are being shipped on a container to Cuba. Work and Witness teams are needed. For more information about reconstruction or making a donation for construction materials, contact Rev. Junior Sorzano (London First Church of the Nazarene) or Julio Moreno (Mississauga Bethel Spanish Church of the Nazarene).

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### Container Shipment of Food to Cape Verde:

About 17,000 households in Cape Verde are suffering food shortages as a result of poor production due to drought. Compassionate Resource Warehouse, with funding from NCM Canada, is shipping a container (20' shipping container) of dried vegetable

mix donated by Gleaners.

The Church of the Nazarene in Cape Verde proposes to feed the most needy people in communities where there are Nazarene churches. Local churches have already been providing some food baskets on a bi-monthly

### Update - Bangladesh Nazarene response to the Rohingya crisis:

Mosquito nets, blankets, and plastic mats are being provided by Bangladesh Nazarene Mission (BNM) to Rohingya refugees living in camps and makeshift shelters in Bangladesh. BNM is also planning to provide for the needs of children by establishing some "Child Friendly Centres" in the camps to minister to the children. Many of the refugees are women and children. The children are traumatized. They are missing school. They are often overlooked in camp situations. This project is funded through NCM International. NCM Canada is supporting this response.

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### Canadian government 1:1 matching funds:

The Canadian government has stated that it will provide a 1:1 match for all funds raised for Rohingya refugee response. The funds must be raised in Canada and be received by a registered Canadian charity. The 1:1 match applies for funds raised October 31 through November 28.

Please direct donations to NCM Canada either through our website [www.ncmcanada.ca](http://www.ncmcanada.ca) or by calling 1-888-808-7490. When donating online, please choose "Disaster Response" and specify either "Rohingya CFGFB response OR Rohingya NCM response". Either will be matched 1:1 by the Canadian government

Thank you for helping the Rohingya people. They are in desperate need. Your gifts are helping them to survive and giving them hope.

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basis. The church reported to NCM Canada and CRW - "We want to work through the local churches to alleviate much suffering and act as our Saviour commissioned us to do – feed those that need."



The harvest is in. The wheat has been sold along with the straw. We are awaiting the net return figure from the wheat field.

43 acres of spring wheat were sponsored, raising a total of \$15,050. A heartfelt Thank You to everyone who sponsored an acre. This is exceptional support for the first year and is the back bone of the project.

Another \$10,000 was raised during the harvest celebration weekend at the tent. We expect that with the crop proceeds, the net amount to be sent to CFGB will exceed \$30,000.

Thank you to the Goudy family (farmers) for their hard work and careful tending of the crop. Thank you to all the volunteers at the Harvest Celebration weekend who barbecued hamburgers, boiled corn, served ice cream, and kept everyone satisfied! Thank you to Chapman's for providing ice cream for the weekend. Thank you to the Markdale Church for generously providing the food and making all the arrangements for the weekend of special speakers and great music. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the work of Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Watch for news in March about how you can sponsor acres for next year's crop.



100 tonnes of soybeans were harvested at the 72 acre farm for Seeds of Life Growing Project on September 30, yielding a very good return of \$630 per acre. Proceeds from the sale of this crop will be sent to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to fund relief and development projects overseas. With matching funds from the Government of Canada, this crop will provide over \$225,000 to our overseas partners. Winter wheat was planted on October 2 for harvest next July.

This year NCM Canada funded or provided support for the following CFGB projects:

- Seed / food security project in Nepal
- Food aid distribution in Malawi, Africa
- Food / nutrition project in South Sudan
- Mother and child feeding project in Somalia
- Food aid for Rohingya refugees



**BREAKING NEWS:** How to become involved in the work of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada (NCMC)



...for those who want to engage with us and / or for those called by God specifically to ministries of compassion. Person(s) can advance through levels at a rate that fits with their situation or choose to remain at a certain level.

Level	Commitment	Examples of Activities
Entry Level	Volunteer	Any of the following... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsor a child, support a child development centre, fund gifts through the NCMC gift catalogue, donate to disaster response, volunteer at a local charity, join the justice movement or anti-trafficking network, participate in Work and Witness trip or other mission trip at home or overseas, join Extreme Missions, initiate a compassionate ministry at your local church, support a CFGB project, support Grow Hope Project or other fundraiser, participate in disaster clean-up, provide support for refugees, sponsor a church or pastor overseas, sponsor a pastor / leader's child, etc.</li> </ul>
Level 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still a volunteer</li> <li>• Fulfil minimum of 3 entry level activities</li> <li>• Complete reading assignment</li> <li>• Volunteer for a small piece of NCMC work.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join the NCM Canada meetings</li> <li>• Participate in a CFGB orientation day</li> <li>• Participate in Work and Witness or other team trip overseas where NCM has projects</li> <li>• Visit CFGB growing projects / Grow Hope projects, harvest celebrations</li> <li>• Participate in a CFGB resource / Communications meeting and fall information meeting.</li> <li>• Promote NCM Canada in your local church</li> <li>• Fulfil at least 3 additional activities at entry level.</li> </ul>
Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still a volunteer but with some expenses paid</li> <li>• Complete reading assigned. Some Basic Training.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in a CFGB Food Study Tour and promote the work of CFGB in local churches.</li> <li>• Participate in an overseas trip with NCMC personnel / some minor tasks assigned.</li> <li>• Initiate a fundraiser for some part of NCMC work.</li> <li>• Continue to volunteer for a piece of the NCMC work.</li> </ul>

Levels of engagement beyond level 2 (Levels 3-6) are focused on NCMC program and project management and provide training and experience in project management. Participants must be screened by the Executive Director and approved by the NCMC Committee.

For more information or for the complete document—contact the Executive Director, Rev. Elaine Bumstead.



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