



COMPASSION AS A LIFESTYLE.

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Hurricane Season... Disaster Response

Hurricane and typhoon season is once again upon us. Two major storms have already made landfall – Hurricane Florence on the east coast of the U.S.A. and Typhoon Mangkhut in the Philippines.

NCM typically responds to such major disasters with relief supplies distributed through and by local Nazarene churches. Before such external help arrives and after, we always encourage local churches to be the responders – to be “the hands and feet of Jesus” showing love to their neighbour in tangible ways, giving of themselves, their time and means to feed, clothe, and help the victims.



People in trouble need to know that someone cares...that they are not forgotten in this tragic and traumatic period of their lives. Local churches can bring love, hope, and faith to the suffering. Love, hope, and faith go hand in hand in our Nazarene disaster response.

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The NCM Canada gift Catalogue 2018-2019 has arrived!



WELLS ARE BEING DUG!

POOR FAMILIES ARE RECEIVING GOATS!

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HURRICANE FLORENCE

Hurricane Florence made landfall in North Carolina early on September 14, 2018 with high winds and drenching rainfall. Water levels continued to climb daily causing widespread flooding. One million people were evacuated to emergency shelters. Interstates were closed, many under water. A half million homes lost power and over 1,000 rescues were made. Homes, church buildings, schools, trees, crops were destroyed or damaged.

Nazarene Disaster response teams are being

mobilized from non-coastal churches. These are partnering with World Hope and Heart to Heart International to respond. As well, thousands of NCM crisis care kits are being made available to victims.

Donations will go to support the long term recovery process for those with greatest need in the affected communities. Volunteers are needed. Volunteer at <https://www.ncm.org/florence-volunteer> (Also see "How You Can Help" below).

TYPHOON MANGKHUT

Typhoon Mangkhut slammed parts of the Philippines three days after Hurricane Florence hit the U.S.A. Winds of more than 127 mph accompanied by an enormous rain band about 560 miles wide wrecked havoc on the islands. About 5 million people are affected. Rice and corn crops are destroyed. A half a million houses were damaged and flooding was widespread. Heavy rains triggered mud slides in the village of Ucab in the picturesque Cordillera region.

NCM in the Philippines is well trained and organized and are responding. Local churches have

set up safe spaces for families and children. NCM is coordinating a response in Pangasinan and Benguet with local pastors. Assessment teams are visiting other devastated areas.

Donations will go to funding an immediate response through local churches and follow-up rehabilitation. NCM and the Church in the Philippines have pre-positioned some funds and disaster response supplies which enable them to respond immediately but these will quickly be depleted. Further funds are needed. (See "How You Can Help" below).

How You Can Help

PRAY – Pray for those suffering in the aftermath of these hurricanes. Pray for the local churches and for NCM and all who are responding.

DONATE – Make cheques payable to "The Church of the Nazarene Canada" and mail them to 3657 Ponytrail Dr. Mississauga, Ontario L4X 1W5. Or donate online at www.ncmcanada.ca. Or phone 1-888-808-7490. Designate your gift "2018 Disaster Response". Use the code 132652 for the Hurricane Florence Response OR the code 132668 for the Mangkhut Response.

NEW DISASTERS AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS – Hurricanes, typhoons, earthquakes, and tsunamis are happening more and more often. You can donate to NCM Canada's disaster fund at any time. Leave your gift undesignated. Undesignated disaster funds allow us to:

- Preposition cash and/or disaster response supplies in countries where disasters happen frequently.
- Provide for immediate response where a disaster strikes unexpectedly

Just follow the instructions above for giving online, by phone, or mail, but designate "disaster response".

New Church Buildings in Malawi

3 new church buildings have been constructed in Malawi as a result of a generous donation by a Canadian Nazarene. In two of the villages, Kambewa and Kudziwe, the former buildings were in very poor repair with leaking roofs and crumbling walls. At Chiioke, there was no building. The local church met in the open air.



The former church building at Kambewa.

The church buildings serve as the ministry centres for NCM projects in these communities and also house a child development centre operated by the local church.



New Church building constructed at Kambewa

NCM Malawi and the Church of the Nazarene are entering two new villages as a result of the ministry in this area of Malawi.

“We Thought This Was Impossible, But God Made a Way!” (Zukuma School Update)

Construction progressed through the summer months on a fourth classroom building at the Zukuma Nazarene School in northern Malawi. The two higher grades (7,8) had been meeting outside under a tree. The plan was to have the building completed in time for fall classes. NCM Canada also provided school desks for all the children, who, up to this point, had been sitting on the bare floor. The Zukuma school committee is delighted with these upgrades to their school. The pastor of the local church said, “We thought this was impossible, but God made a way”!



New classroom building at Zukuma Nazarene School.



Church building nearing completion at Kudziwe, Malawi

BREAKING NEWS:

Alan Cristales is joining the NCM Canada team as of January 1, 2019. He will be assuming the role of International Field Operator, responsible for overseeing NCM Canada projects in Africa and beyond.

Alan is currently enrolled in the Course of Study, working towards ordination in the Church of the Nazarene. He has a passion for working with the poor and marginalized and senses God's calling specifically to compassionate ministries.

Alan is married to Yara who currently works as administrative assistant in the National Office. They are active in the Brampton Spanish Church of the Nazarene.



Anesh's Story

Anesh lost his father in the civil war in Sri Lanka in 2006. Anesh was born in a camp for those displaced by the war. Upon returning to the village, his mother had to start over. It was a huge struggle for her to provide for her 2 older daughters and little Anesh. She had to work long hours often leaving her children at home by themselves. Anesh started school but dropped out and began hanging out with a group of boys who were into crime. NCM had established a child development centre in his village (funded by NCM Canada). The NCM staff found out about

Anesh. One day they visited his home and waited for him to return. They offered him new books and a school bag and after school tutoring. Anesh went back to school and attended the NCM child development centre regularly after school. Anesh has completely changed. He has made new friends and his grades have improved much. Today he is a much happier boy and a boy with new hope for the future, thanks to NCM staff who care.

IMPORTANT: The bank used by the national office now requires that all cheques for NCM Canada be made out to "Church of the Nazarene Canada".



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