



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE
MINISTRIES CANADA



A Word From Our Executive Director

“If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God’s love be in that person? Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God” 1 John 3: 17-19

Though things have changed following the Covid-19 pandemic, one thing remains true - God is faithful.

God was, is, and continues to be at work. Through your faithful giving, and constant prayer of this ministry, together, we have responded to God’s invitation to join Him in what He is doing through Compassionate ministries.

It is a privilege to share this Annual Report with you. It reflects God’s people putting their Faith to Action.

Shalom,

Alan Cristales

REV. ALAN CRISTALES
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
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Christian woman in South East Asia showing her banana plant field where she hopes to construct a church building.

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Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada (NCM Canada) is a ministry of the Church of the Nazarene Canada.

MISSION

To make Christ-like disciples in the nations.

VISION

The total transformation of individuals, families, and communities.

HOW WE WORK

We partner with local Nazarene Churches in their holistic ministries of compassion.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 2023, NCM Canada had about 30 active projects in 11+ countries, spread out across 4 world regions.

The Church of the Nazarene has established 6 World Regions: USA/Canada, Meso-America, South America, Africa, Eurasia, and Asia-Pacific.

NCM Canada walks alongside partners and local churches. This means that we serve in some world areas for long periods. As local capacity is strengthened and sustainability is achieved, with prayer, discernment, and by invitation, NCM Canada may redirect some of its ministry efforts and resources. Currently, we are exploring the possibility of expanding into new countries, and world regions.



AREAS WE WORK IN



ANTI-HUMAN
TRAFFICKING



PASTOR &
LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT



LIVELIHOODS



LIVESTOCK



DISASTER & REFUGEE
RESPONSE



WATER & WELLS



CHILDREN & CHILD
DEVELOPMENT



FOOD SECURITY



ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

DOMESTIC & INTERNATIONAL

NCM Canada sent \$6,000 to an organization recommended to us called "Rising Angels". The funds are providing counselling for girls and women rescued from commercial sexual exploitation. Did you know that 93% of those trafficked victims in Canada are from Canada - from our own towns and cities? Download our Anti-Human Trafficking awareness kit at www.ncmcanada.ca to be informed!

PHILIPPINES

Shechem House in the Philippines continues to provide a safe home for approximately 15 children ranging in age from a few months to 17 years old. These children are rescued from cybersex trafficking. At Shechem House, they receive schooling, trauma counselling, medical and dental treatment, and loving care from Christian house parents.



PASTOR & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

In Creative Access areas, NCM Canada is supporting an accredited Oral Theological Education program.

This project benefits **3000** French, English, Portuguese, and Arabic speaking students, in **9 countries**, with continued expansion across the region.

As the name suggests, the curriculum is offered orally. Participants are divided into groups of students, or “generations”. Over time and as courses are completed, each generation then teaches another generation of students, in their own country and in their own local language.

NCM Canada also supports Pastor & Leadership development in the Middle East.


A Nazarene-based curriculum offers 12-week courses through a hybrid (online and in-person) model. The goal is to prepare new pastors and leaders for ministry, with a special focus on serving communities that are marginalized and persecuted.

The implementing church served **300** students in 2023. Online presence represents **19 different countries**. This past year, **65 certificates of graduation** have been issued and **40 new students** were enrolled. **8 leaders** have received a ministers license or were ordained.





CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE



Project participant, Grace, beaming with pride as she shows NCM Canada staff her high-yielding kitchen garden.

Conservation Agriculture (CA) continues to be a proven farming method that results in higher crop yields and replenishes nutrients in the soil. When implemented by and through local churches, not only are thousands of people able to meet their food needs - people are spiritually fed and the church grows!

In 2023, we expanded our CA projects into Northern Malawi, and into Western Kenya.

AGRICULTURE & LIVELIHOODS

FUNDED THROUGH CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK

Two large, 3-year Agriculture & Livelihoods (Ag&L) projects have been completed - one in Bangladesh, and one in Nepal. These projects targeted 12,645 of the most vulnerable people in total. Subsistence farmers were supported with training in Conservation Agriculture, inputs (seeds, tools), training in organic compost making, market linkages, building connections with the local government, education in financial management, nutrition and self-help groups.

Project participants report that they went from eating one simple meal per day, to 2-3 diversified meals per day. Instead of harvesting for 4-5 months, they are now harvesting enough crops to last them 10-12 months a year. Additionally, they are able to sell some of their crops and start small businesses to generate more income.



Story

Mr. Man Bahadur Rai

Man Bahadur Rai is a participant of the FLIP project in Nepal. Before the project, he was sick and could not afford to go to the hospital. He was unsuccessful in taking out loans as no one was willing to give a loan to a sick man. He had lost hope.

The local church began walking with his family and supporting them. Gradually over time, the church began sharing the love of Christ and his ability to heal the sick. He allowed the church group to pray for him after gaining his trust. The church even got together to raise funds for him to be attended at the hospital.

He slowly began to heal and once he was physically able to travel, he attended a service at Bethel Church where he and his wife accepted Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Before, he was scared that he would die due to lack of health care but today he's thriving. "Now, I feel peace that even if I die Jesus Christ is there to see my family."

Man Bahadur Rai became part of the 3-year Ag&L project in Nepal. He is just one example of how a food security project becomes an instrument for the church to build relationships and spread the gospel.

SUPPORT TO OTHER CFGB MEMBERS

This past year, we were able to support two food security projects being implemented by Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA). In Haiti, the response consisted of monthly food rations to 2,108 households, and in Kenya, a cash transfer project targeting 2000 households was implemented. Together, our reach goes further.



NCM staff visiting with a women's Self-Help Group in Nepal.

CHURCH GROWTH IN KENYA

NCM Canada has been walking alongside NCM Kenya since 2019. What started out as an initial CFGB Food Assistance distribution project in an area of Kenya prone to drought has resulted in two churches being planted in a growing district. In the fall of 2023, these two church plants in Turkana County were officially Organized.

“God has is eyes on Turkana”





NCM Canada staff presented Certificates of Completion to the women who completed training in Tailoring and Sewing.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

MALAWI

Women in Northern Malawi often face challenges of many kinds. The Lobola custom (the practice of paying a price for a young bride) is common. Women and girls are not usually encouraged to access training skills, go to school, or develop themselves in any way.

The reality for women and girls in this part of Malawi is that they face sexual exploitation, prostitution, unwanted pregnancies, forced labour, and discrimination.

A women's empowerment project was implemented with and through the local Nazarene church. Fifty vulnerable women were trained in tailoring and sewing through the Zukuma Sewing Project.

“We used to suffer when there was no rain [because as farmers we wouldn't make money] but now we are able to go to the neighbouring villages to sell our items. With the money we gain, we can help our families but also help each other from the sewing group. I help my family by making clothes for them so we do not have to buy them. We are not only making clothes for our own families but we have made uniforms for the local school and also we've made sanitary pads for the girls at the school. We give the sanitary pads to the teachers so they can distribute them when needed. With this project, gender-based violence has been reduced in the home. Before we had to ask our husbands for money but now we have money to support our families. There is now peace in my home.”



REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT



Churches in Canada are responding to the influx of refugees. Whether it is due to war, conflict, a disaster, or another crisis situation, many people are seeking safety and the hope of a new life in Canada.

This past year, NCM Canada has been able to support local churches in their refugee resettlement efforts. Several blended families have arrived and are being supported by local churches as they integrate into life in Canada.

WATER & WELLS



BANGLADESH

10 tube wells were constructed in **5 Nazarene districts** across Bangladesh in vulnerable communities. Each tube well provides water to a minimum of **75 families** in each of the various communities. Usually when wells are built, owners charge a fee to use them. However, these tubes built on church property are open to the community to use for free. The most vulnerable will have full access to clean and safe water. Instead of walking 8-10km to collect drinking water, they will only walk 150 metres now. Children are less sick, and the water helps to grow vegetables in kitchen gardens.



KENYA

With the installation of a Solar Powered Water System, there is hope to achieve Food Security in Turkana, Kenya.

This sophisticated water structure uses renewable energy to power an irrigation system.

5.5 acres were donated to the church from the area Chief after he saw what the church was doing in response to the needs of the people. With the donation of land, he invited the church to establish its presence in this remote corner of Kenya and to continue with further ministries of compassion.





CHILD SPONSORSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

ACTIVE
SPONSORS = 223
IN CANADA

A sponsor is an individual, family, group, or congregation committed to providing monthly support for a child enrolled in an NCM-supported child development center (CDC), set up and run by a local congregation. A sponsor may also choose to support the child of a pastor living in poverty to assist the family in meeting their child's needs. Your monthly investment helps children grow through a holistic child development model.

GROWING PROJECTS

PARTNERSHIP WITH CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK



Through Grow Hope projects, you can sponsor an acre of farmland. Funds raised through the project are then used to support people around the world with emergency food and longer-term food security support.

GROW HOPE MARKDALE (Near Markdale, ON)

In 2023, 42 acres were contributed, and the total raised by the Grow Hope Markdale Growing Project was \$50,175.12. After paying for the farmers input costs (\$400 per acre x 42 acres) the net income was \$33,375.12.

These funds allow NCM Canada to program and/or support Food Security projects that aim to “end global hunger” through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB).

SEEDS OF LIFE (Alberton, ON)

Seeds of Life is an ecumenical church and community-based project located in Alberton, Ontario. They raise funds to support the work of Canadian Foodgrains Bank. NCM Canada typically receives one-third of the total funds raised through this effort, which is then sent directly to our account at CFGB.

In 2023, 72 acres were planted. All acres were sponsored, and the harvest sold, which resulted in approximately \$29,250 CAD designated for NCM Canada to program and/or support Food Security projects through Canadian Foodgrains Bank.



Gathering under the big tent during the Grow Hope Markdale Harvest celebration weekend.



THANK YOU

Together, we are responding to God's call to serve those in need - the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick and the imprisoned.

Together, we are making a difference.

We invite you to continue to Pray, Give, and Advocate as God leads.

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