



A MESSAGE FROM NCM CANADA TEAM

Thank you for all of the support that NCM Canada has received in 2023. As we have walked alongside local churches around the world in responding to needs through holistic ministries of compassion, we have heard countless testimonies of how a compassionate response strengthens the local church and opens the door for evangelism in the local community and beyond.

Thank you for your faithful giving and commitment to prayer of this ministry. It is needed now, more than ever, as we enter a new church year and God continues inviting us to be a part of what He is doing.

Keep a look out for our Annual Impact Report, which will be shared in the coming days!

In this newsletter, you will find updates on:

- Nicole's visit to Nepal
- Completion of CFGB projects in South Asia
- Learning Tour to Malawi
- NCMC Committee meetings in November 2023
- Alan & Yara visit to Canada Pacific District



NICKY'S VISIT TO NEPAL

In January of 2024, Nicole Solis, one of NCM Canada's Project Managers, visited Nepal.

Visiting the Nazarene Churches in the West districts and learning about their needs and strengths. Nicole travelled with the District Superintendent, Rev. Ganga Mukhiya, and the NCM country coordinator, Rev. Machindra Samsohang. They visited 20 churches in both rural and remote communities, conducting interviews with local pastors, leadership and community members. This visit allowed both NCM and the National church to further understand how we can support local churches.



Following up with our FLIP project. FLIP stands for Food & Livelihood Improvement Project. Nicole was able to interview beneficiaries as the project was preparing to wrap up. One of the participants, Mr. Deepak Gurung, shared that before the project he struggled to remain food secure, however, 3 years later, not only can he feed himself and his family but he also sell a portion of his harvest. With his profits, he can cover other necessities such as school and medical fees. "Thank you NCM Canada for bringing this project to my community. I have learned a lot and I hope to keep learning so that I can keep improving" says Mr. Gurung.



COMPLETED CFGB PROJECTS

Two large 3-year projects were just completed in March of 2024. One project was implemented in Bangladesh and the other in Nepal. Both projects addressed food insecurity, and targeted the most vulnerable in both contexts. Some of the project activities included:

- Facilitating improved farming methods workshops (ex. creating organic pesticides and fertilizers).
- Providing farming inputs such as tunnel houses and irrigation systems.
- Equipping agricultural groups with revolving loans so they can start their own business
- Strengthening the relationship between government and community.

Both projects were implemented with and through the local Nazarene church. These projects opened opportunities for the church to build trust and establish its presence within predominantly non-Christian communities.

Thank you to all who give to Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Thank you for your donations through offerings, one-time gifts, monthly gifts, and your giving to CFGB growing projects such as Grow Hope Markdale and Seeds of Life. You are helping us feed hungry people in our world. You are making a difference!



LEARNING TOUR 2024

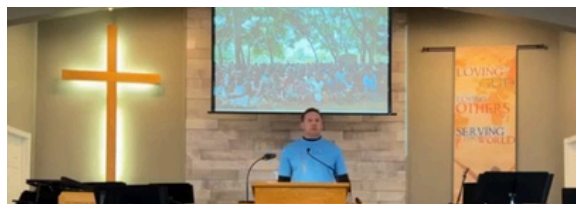
Visiting an international context allows participants to be able to experience first-hand the connectedness of the Canadian church to the global ministry of the Church of the Nazarene through compassionate ministries.

Participants of this trip to Malawi, Africa included seven adults, representing four of the five districts in Canada. Sanghmitra (Sam) Lamirande (Canada West District), Stephanie Austin (Canada West District), Edward Kenny (Canada Atlantic District), Gail Visser (Canada West District), Vanessa Manroop (Canada Quebec District), Nicole Solis, NCMC staff, Co-leader (Canada Central District), Alan Cristales, NCMC staff, Co-leader (Canada Central District).



Participants attended Sunday service at Ndaula Church of the Nazarene where our Conservation Agriculture (CA) projects began. On the grounds of this church, they also visited the first water well installed by NCMC in Malawi. After service, participants met with students of the surrounding Child Development Center's and helped serve a local meal to about 300 students. Participants also had the opportunity to visit Zukuma, which is a remote community in the north side of the country. There, they visited several projects funded through NCMC and also heard for themselves how community member's perspectives of the church have changed over the years.

Since returning to Canada from Malawi, participants have all had the privilege and opportunity to share their experiences at their local Nazarene church. Thank you to all those who have reached out and invited them to speak about the work of the church through NCM Canada. We are excited for future church engagements, and for assembly season, where our participants have been invited to also share about the Malawi Learning Tour. Be sure to take a moment to say hello to them if you are attending the Atlantic, Quebec and West District assembly in June 2024.



NCMC COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Every year, the NCM Canada committee has in person meetings to reflect on the previous year of ministry, report on activities, pray, discern, encourage and plan for the following year of ministry. In November 2023, we welcomed Rev. Paula Rideout (CAD) and Rev. Frank Chouinard (CWD) to our committee meetings. We welcome Rev. Mark Collins, our new National Director for the Church for the Nazarene Canada, who joins us on the committee, as well.



As part of our strategic initiatives for 2024, there were several exciting items added that we discerned were areas God was leading us into. This includes expanding our work into new world areas, and exploring ministry opportunities in Regions we are currently not in. We invite you to join us in prayer for all of the plans and opportunities God has in store.

NCMC VISIT CANADA PACIFIC DISTRICT

On April 19 - 24th, Alan and Yara Cristales, from NCM Canada, had the opportunity to visit the Pacific District and attend various gatherings. The trip started with a weekend at the Vancouver First Church where they shared about Compassion in the Mission of God. They had the privilege of leading worship during the youth night (where a few of the lower mainland churches joined as well) and shared about the work of NCM Canada throughout the weekend.

They also visited Victoria First Church where they had a day to fellowship with a group of seniors called "The S.H.A.R.P.S." - Sincerely Happy Association of Retired Persons. God is doing amazing things through this group! They joined the Esquimalt Church for a delicious "soup and bun" mission night and shared updates from the field. Alan and Yara finished off the trip by visiting both sites of the Compassionate Resource Warehouse (CRW), who is a partner of NCM Canada. They toured the grounds with Dell Marie Wergeland (Director of the CRW) and chatted with the amazing group of volunteers.



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