



## THANK YOU FOR GIVING

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So, if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

– **Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)**

I and the whole NCM Canada team would like to thank you for using your gifts that God has given to you to build up His Church.

You have been faithful in particular to give generously this past year even during a pandemic when you no doubt faced your own personal challenges and difficulties.

All that NCM does is with and for and through local churches. God is using local churches to carry out ministries of compassion that bless multiple thousands of people in our world and help to grow His Church. This is all possible because you gave!

I borrow from the words of the Apostle Paul:

*"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ..."*

– **Philippians 1:3-5 (NLT)**

**Thank you for giving!**

– Rev. Elaine Bumstead  
(Executive Director of NCM Canada)



COMPASSION.  
AS A LIFESTYLE.

Issue 4, 2020

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*"Following the example of Jesus, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) partners with local Nazarene congregations around the world to clothe, shelter, feed, heal, educate, and live in solidarity with those who suffer under oppression, injustice, violence, poverty, hunger, and disease. NCM exists in and through the Church of the Nazarene to proclaim the Gospel to all people in word and in deed."  
(mission statement)*

FOOD, BLANKETS, WATER, SHELTER — YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



## FOOD BRINGS LIFE & HOPE

**LEBANON** – Because of your generous donations, NCM Canada was able to support a Canadian Baptist Ministries /Canadian Foodgrains Bank food assistance project in Lebanon providing food for 766 Syrian refugee families. 72 percent of refugee households in this particular area of Lebanon fall below the Survival Minimum (food) Basket of \$2.90 USD per day. 88.9 percent live below the poverty line for this context. Limited economic opportunities, especially during the colder months of the year, makes it very diffi-



cult for these families to find work and to access food. High inflation rates, high consumer prices, and political and economic instability in Lebanon were aggravated by the recent port explosion. Add to this the impact of the COVID-19 and lockdowns limiting movement and disrupting food supply chains. Always, the poorest and the marginalized are most negatively impacted.

**Thank you for giving for Lebanon relief...your donations are saving lives and bringing hope to these families.**

### CREATIVE ACCESS AREA (AFRICA)

The people in this creative access area of West Africa have experienced extreme hardship and food insecurity because of famine, then flooding, and now COVID-19. Most of the crops failed and when the government imposed lockdown, the situation became desperate. This food assistance project targeted 238 households (about 1500 people)

who were the most needy and marginalized in these communities. Our church leaders were able to partner with a registered NGO to carry out the distributions.



Your generous donations to NCM Canada designated "Canadian Foodgrains Bank" have enable the church to respond and to save lives and bring hope in this very challenging context.

**Thank you for your gifts!**



**AFGHANISTAN** – Your gifts to NCM Canada / Canadian Foodgrains Bank are helping support a food assistance project initiated by Presbyterian World Service and Development in Banyam province. More than 25% of the population is in a food crisis situation. COVID-19 has exasperated the situation reducing travel to markets, disrupting food supply chains, reducing employment opportunities, and reduction of aid. Where there is food in the markets, an emergency cash for food package is being provided for over 1500 needy families to help ensure their survival.

**Your gifts are bringing life and hope in Afghanistan!**

## CHURCH BUILDING AND TEACHER'S HOUSE BRING ENCOURAGEMENT

In Malawi, construction of a church /chapel/ multipurpose building and a teacher's house at the Zukuma Nazarene School in Northern Malawi is almost complete.



A teacher's house

Community members have contributed bricks needed to construct the buildings, in addition to physical labour and provision of community meals for workers for the duration of the project.

This is a real collaborative effort, with the community, the Zukuma church, the school committee, the Village Development committee, the Ministry of Education, local Chiefs, and NCM Malawi working hand-in-hand to bring this work to fruition. All of the glory belongs to God!



The Zukuma church

THANK YOU TO ALL  
THOSE WHO GAVE TO  
SUPPORT THIS PROJECT,  
BRINGING HOPE AND  
ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE  
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN  
THIS REMOTE COMMUNITY  
IN MALAWI!

## BICYCLES HELP GROW THE CHURCH

In our last newsletter we reported that your giving enabled us to provide 138 bicycles to Pastors in Bangladesh. These bicycles had been purchased by Canadian Nazarenes through the NCM Canada Gift Catalogue.

The gift of bicycles was very timely. COVID infections were rising and all local transportation has ceased due to government lockdown. All pastors in Bangladesh pastor 4-5 churches. The bicycles enabled them to continue to visit and care for their congregations even though church buildings were closed.

One pastor commented "It says in Isaiah 41, 'Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you....' God is with us in every situation. We were able to continue our ministry. When our people cannot come to church, we can go to them".

NCM Canada learned that 3 new churches were planted in these areas during the worst days of the pandemic – because you gave bicycles!

**Thank you for giving to pastor support!**

## REPAIRS TO 2 SCHOOLS BRING NEW LIFE AND HOPE TO CHILDREN IN JORDAN:

The schools required significant improvements to the toilet facilities, selected classrooms, staff rooms, computer labs, playgrounds, windows and doors etc. In total 315 children per year are enrolled in these

schools - schools a combination of Jordanian, Syrian, Iraqi and other children from low income and refugee families in the surrounding community.

A third grade student commented, "The school looks like new."

Thank you for giving for refugee and vulnerable children



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## NCM COVID-19 Response — UPDATE

Total number of Projects: **200**

Total number of Beneficiaries: **Just under 500,000**

# of Countries with COVID-19 Response: **88**

# of Districts: **399**

# of Churches: **6,900**

**Distributed:** Food, hygiene supplies, awareness and training, hand-washing facilities, masks etc. Also provided was psychological and spiritual care and income replacement. 30% of all projects included pastors in their COVID-19 response.



Distributing During the COVID-19 Pandemic



Because of your giving, NCM Canada was able to provide three local church /church ministries within Canada with support for their **COVID-19 response**. The gifts are being used to provide food, hand sanitizer and other supplies to needy families. See our next newsletters for details.

Your generous gifts for **Anti-Human Trafficking in Canada** have enabled us to provide some funding to three Canadian organizations fighting human trafficking in our nation.

\$3000 was provided to Next Step Ministries of Calgary. This Christian organization that helps meet the needs of vulnerable and exploited people, particularly women exiting sexual exploitation and helps them move towards a life of hope and healing.

\$6000 was gifted to u-r Home, a Christian agency north of Toronto providing safe homes for girls / women rescued from human trafficking. This agency worked with NCM Canada to develop our Anti-Human Trafficking Information kit for parents and churches. See [www.ncmcanada.ca](http://www.ncmcanada.ca).

\$3000 was gifted to U-Turn Housing, a division of Youth For Christ in central Alberta that provides housing and services for at-risk youth.



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