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In this newsletter, you will find updates and stories about how your gifts are impacting others:

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### Did you know?

In Northwestern Kenya, necklace beads represent beauty. They also symbolize value. A gold necklace represents marriage and full price having been paid for a bride (200-300 sheep or goat, 100 cows or 30 camels).



Warmest greetings in this Autumn season!

Where does the time go? It is Fall again and students have returned to school and most of us have returned to our normal routines, busier than ever! It is also the time of year when we think of how we can bless others through the giving of gifts to others less fortunate than ourselves.

NCM Canada offers you the opportunity through our Gift Catalogue to purchase livestock, wells, seeds, tools, children's books and school supplies, pastors' bicycles and books, or other items for needy people overseas. The revised Gift Catalogue has been mailed out to all previous donors and supporters and is available also on our website at [www.ncmcanada.ca](http://www.ncmcanada.ca).

Thank you to all who have given gifts in the past. Your giving is helping to transform people's lives! In this edition of the Newsletter, read some of the stories of how your gifts have made a difference!

Rev. Elaine Bumstead  
Executive Director, NCM Canada



Thank you!



# Water Wells in Bangladesh



“There is a water crisis and it’s happening now. 2.2 billion people still do not have access to safe drinking water” (UNICEF, March 2023). This is the reality in places like Bangladesh. Many are still using water from rivers and canals for drinking, cooking and showering. These contaminated sources are the root causes of poor health and severe waterborne diseases. “Every day over 1,000 children die from diseases linked to unsafe water, sanitation and hygiene” (UNICEF, March 2023). Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada partnered with the local churches in Bangladesh to build 10 new tube wells in impoverished communities. This project will not only address acute illness but also have ministry impacts.

All tube wells have been constructed in the 5 district areas where the Church of the Nazarene Bangladesh is actively ministering. It is estimated that each tube well will be able to service a minimum of 75 families in each of the various communities. This gives evangelistic opportunities as the church continues to build relationships in their community. These tube wells will be favourable among the communities because usually when wells are built, the owner charges individuals to be able to use them. However, these tubes built on church property will be open to the community to use for free. The most vulnerable will have full access to clean and safe water.

We want to give special recognition to congregants from Kennedy Road Church of the Nazarene in Ontario, who supported the construction of these deep tube wells in Bangladesh. On behalf of the people of Bangladesh, we thank you for your love and generosity towards the most vulnerable.





# Thank you, Rev. John Watton



NCM Canada would like to recognize Rev. John Watton who contributed many, many, years of service to NCM Canada. Words fail to adequately express the significant impact on so many levels that John has had not only as part of NCM Canada for several decades, but also as a missionary to West Africa, and then as Regional NCM coordinator for Asia Pacific Region. Thank you, John! You have enriched NCM and enriched the lives of so many people. Only in heaven will we know the whole story of your impact!

## Livestock make a difference

Livestock offer individuals and families with low income an opportunity to improve their situations. In addition to offering food, animals are assets that help improve farming and generate income.

In Bangladesh, 14 pastors are rearing goats, ducks and chickens to help produce income for the District. The income generated will be reinvested back into the local church. Over 1,800 Nazarene church members are benefitting from this project as the church becomes financially stable and strengthened in its ministry.



## Pastoral & Leadership Development

In Africa Region, there has been a great need for an oral theological education curriculum for Pastors and leaders. The transfer of information through storytelling, audible means and demonstrations are often preferred in this context. This multi-year project addresses this need and looks at issues of accessibility to higher education (economic ability, level of literacy, gender, and location).



How does it work? Participants are divided into groups of students, or "Generations". Over time, and as each generation completes courses, each generation then teaches another generation of students, in their own country and in their own local language. The program offers 24 courses with 6 electives that meet the course of study requirements. Ongoing evaluations on the effectiveness of this approach are imbedded into the program. Ultimately, the program is designed to empower leaders and pastors to become ordained in the Church of the Nazarene. This is essential to the sustainability and growth of the church in this Region. Currently, over 3000 people are benefitting from this project.

In the Middle East, a Nazarene-based curriculum focusing on leadership, discipleship, individual calling, evangelism, and ministerial preparation has been developed. This series of 12-week courses being offered from a centrally located country aims to prepare new pastors and leaders for ministry, specifically in the middle east, with an emphasis on communities that are marginalized and persecuted. Participants as young as 13 years are eligible to enroll, and women – who are influential and necessary for church growth and discipleship – are viewed as key participants. 170 students are attending classes in person and from surrounding countries online.

Thank you for your faithful giving to support this work. Christlike disciples are being formed, and the church is being strengthened.

Please pray for those involved as these programs are being implemented.

# Gift Catalogue

The latest edition of the NCM Canada Gift Catalogue is on its way to all Nazarene churches across Canada. If you need more copies, contact Yara at the National Office at 1-888-808-7490 or [ycristales@nazarene.ca](mailto:ycristales@nazarene.ca) and we will be happy to mail them to you. You can also access the gift catalogue online at [www.ncmcanada.ca](http://www.ncmcanada.ca)

In addition to the Gift Catalogue, you can use NCM Canada's Giving Calendar and/or one page flyers that describe individual projects as you invite others to be part of what God is doing through compassionate ministries. These resources are available on our website.



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