

Faith in Action



A Message from our Executive Director

This message comes to you as I sit in the airport, waiting to begin the journey home to Canada after a ministry visit in West Africa. Yes, its a long trip - 18+ hours in the air, 6+ hours of waiting by gates, and random checks by security. And sure, I might have a reason to complain (especially about those "random" checks). But, I won't. Why? Because in the end, I get to return to a place where there is a roof over my head, food in my fridge, safety and freedom. Church leaders spanning 13 countries that I have spent the last few days with at a Peacebuilding Summit are returning to a very different reality. One where the effects of war, oppression, isolation, and persecution for being Christian are very real.

While in West Africa, I was reminded of a ministry project from 2019 that your support helped to make happen. A container full of medical equipment made its way from a warehouse in Victoria, British Columbia all the way to Cote D'Ivoire. It was packed to the brim, and sealed with a signature Canadian flag. Today, that medical equipment continues to make

a significant impact in a Medical Clinic in the heart of Cote D'Ivoire where HIV/Aids is a challenge. And that's just the beginning...

What are you grateful for today?

Rev. Alan Cristales

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During severe food shortages in Turkana, Kenya, some families resort to eating wild foods. These foods require hours of boiling to make them safe for consumption. Even after boiling, people know there is still a good chance that they will get sick.

Welcoming is Compassion

As Haitian newcomers arrive in Canada seeking safety and a new beginning, many face the challenges that come with navigating life in a new country.

Église Évangélique du Nazaréen d'Ottawa in Ontario is walking alongside 7 refugee families through practical support including emergency food, clothing, housing, transportation and employment assistance. The church hosted a Newcomer Open Door Event, connecting 40 newcomers with settlement agencies, language programs, employment services and other helpful community resources.

Through practical help, friendship and spiritual care, the church is helping newcomers find stability, and experience the love of Christ in a foreign land.



30 Years of Growing Hope

Grow Hope Markdale: Three Days of Community, Celebration & Impact

For 30 years, farmers, churches, businesses, volunteers and community members in Markdale, Ontario have come together around a shared purpose—doing our part in ending global hunger.

In August 2026, the community gathered at the Goudy Farm for the 30th Annual Grow Hope Markdale Harvest Celebration. Three days of music, worship, food, family activities and learning brought generations together to celebrate what God has done through this ministry.

At the heart of the 2026 project was a 41-acre field of winter wheat - all fully sponsored thanks to your generosity! Throughout the weekend, guests heard firsthand about food security work in Kenya and Nepal, helping connect what is happening in the fields of Markdale with the lives of families and communities around the world.

By the close of the celebration, over \$24,000 had been raised to support the work of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada in partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Visit www.growhopemarkdale.org to learn more!



41 ACRES · 3 DAYS · OVER \$24,000 RAISED
THANK YOU FOR 30 YEARS OF GROWING HOPE!

Praying Against Human Trafficking

What began as a challenge at a prayer conference became a week of prayer and learning at [Crown Point Church of the Nazarene in Ontario](#). After praying about the idea, Kyle, a congregant, approached his pastors about creating a Human Trafficking Prayer Room. This led to a week of prayer in June 2026 at the height of the Fifa World Cup.

Through interactive prayer stations, participants learned about human trafficking and prayed for those affected. 53 people from 8 churches joined together in prayer throughout the week.



LEARN. PRAY. RESPOND.

Explore NCM Canada's
Anti-Human Trafficking resources.

Church Engagement
Toolkit



Awareness &
Advocacy



“For my first Prayer Room, I am glad to know God met everyone who came.” — Kyle

Peru: A New Region, A New Partnership

NCM Canada has entered a new world region—South America! In northern Peru, we are beginning a new partnership with Mirada de Amor (Look of Love); a ministry of the local church serving people with disabilities and their families.

Through activities that encourage inclusion, social connection, greater independence and spiritual growth, Mirada de Amor is dedicated to breaking the stigma surrounding marginalized individuals. This response provides meaningful support in a remote and under-resourced community.

Pray with us for Mirada de Amor, the local church, and the families they serve.



Benin: From Hunger to Hope

An Agriculture ministry project in West Africa is helping families in Benin and Togo to address food insecurity, while strengthening livelihoods and income-generating opportunities. Access to clean water is also a part of this response.

For Marie*, the project came during a time of extreme poverty, when her family sometimes went an entire day without food. Through practical support and the care of the local church community, Marie was motivated to make changes in her life. She gave up alcohol,

relationships within her family were restored, and she began a small income-generating activity to help provide for her family.

“The greatest miracle for me remains the change God has brought about in my inner life. I can say today that the Lord has brought me out of darkness and given me a new life.”

*Name and identifying details have been changed for security purposes.



Ukraine: Compassion Across Borders

As the war in Ukraine continues, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada is helping to provide practical humanitarian assistance to people affected by displacement, economic hardship and uncertainty. In 2026, two containers of humanitarian aid from Canada arrived in Ukraine to support the ongoing response.

In partnership with [Compassionate Resource Warehouse](#) in Victoria, British Columbia, the containers provided food, clothing, shoes, household supplies, bicycles and other essential items.

Distribution is ongoing, helping to equip the Church in Ukraine with practical resources to care for people in need and demonstrate the love of Christ through compassionate service.



Connecting Across Canada

This summer, NCM Canada had the opportunity to connect with pastors, leaders and churches across our five Canadian districts. District Assemblies gave us opportunities to share updates, celebrate what God is doing through compassionate ministries and invite churches to continue putting their faith into action.



Atlantic



Quebec



Central



West



Pacific

The New Gifts of Compassion Giving Catalogue is Here!



Looking for a meaningful way to put your Faith in Action?

The new NCM Canada Gifts of Compassion Giving Catalogue is now available! Discover ways you, your family or your church can support compassionate ministries—from food security and clean water to holistic child development, emergency relief and more.

Give a gift. Make a difference. Put your Faith into Action.

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