

GET INVOLVED

Full description of way to get involved with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada

Learning Tours

NCM Canada organizes Learning Tour's that focus on listening, learning and exposure to holistic ministries of compassion in one of the contexts we're serving in! This is a challenging, but spiritually enriching experience that promotes personal growth, ministry and service opportunities. Upon returning from this impactful trip, many participants are invigorated and often share about their experience with churches/community groups to inspire action. They also engage deeper in their local church ministries, sometimes starting a new ministry of compassion that wasn't there before.

NCM Canada also serves as a connection point to other opportunities for missions. Referrals to other groups like the GO Team on Central District (led by Marg Stahlbaum), Nazarene Missions Teams, and connections to global leaders are other ways we can help support meaningful involvement.

Awareness & Fundraising

Perfect for individuals, families, and groups.

- Pray, then, pick a project, a project theme/area from the NCM Canada Gifts of Compassion catalogue (or browse our website).
- Learn about the project/issue, locally and globally.
- Arrange to speak during your church service, a small group gathering, a family dinner, at school or at work – there is no limit! Use available resources to prepare or reach out to us for more information.
- Invite others to learn, pray, and to give as God leads.
- Donate the funds raised to your chosen project by visiting our website and following the giving buttons or call the office.

You could choose a fun and interactive way to engage others to raise awareness and collect love offerings. Some fundraising ideas: organize a car wash, or a bake sale, host a worship concert, participate in a 3-5k community walk/bike ride, receive donations to the project of your choice in lieu of birthday or Christmas gifts, etc.). Setting a target amount and a deadline will help when raising funds.

Continue praying and stay connected with NCM Canada to learn about how your gift is making a difference!

Examples of what others have done:

- a. A women's bible study group collected \$2.00 over the span of several months. They raised funds to help support the purchase of essential supplies to a Child Development Centre (CDC) in rural Malawi where NCM Canada was actively engaged. The funds were used to purchase a large cooking pot, which was then used to cook porridge as part of the meal program for the CDC children. This meal is often the only meal these children have for the day.
 - b. A District NMI Team encouraged the children's ministry at their Family Camp to raise funds to donate towards chickens. The children sold one feather for \$1 each and raised enough to purchase 1 chicken from the NCM Canada Gifts of Compassion Giving Catalogue. This was a small goal with a large impact.
 - c. A youth ministry raised funds by doing a car wash. Many of the youth from this group are children of immigrants. They learned about how important livestock is in developing countries, and the connection their own families had to livestock before they immigrated to Canada. They donated the funds raised through the car wash towards the purchase of a pair of goats from the NCM Canada Giving Catalogue.
 - d. Alan and Yara like to make pinatas for family and friends' birthdays. When a request is made to make a pinata for an upcoming birthday celebration, instead of charging a fee for the pinata, a love offering is encouraged to be put towards a project of their choice through the NCM Canada Gifts of Compassion Giving Catalogue.
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Content Creation

NCM Canada continues to strengthen its online presence and overall communication efforts. Help us collect, develop and design written, audio and visual content for our different communication channels, including social media. Help us translate existing and new materials into French, Spanish, and other languages.

If you enjoy photography or videography and are open to visiting a context NCM Canada serves in, sign up to potentially join an NCM Canada team member on one of their country visits to capture images/videos and help us tell the story! This is a self-funded opportunity.

Programming

NCM Canada recognizes that some people may want to be engaged deeper in compassionate ministries and that God may be calling them specifically to ministries of compassion. A pathway has been created to engage with NCM Canada in practical ways. Entry level engagement is strictly voluntary. Beyond entry level, we have designed six levels

of increasing commitment on your part and on the part of NCM Canada. Further engagement includes assigned reading, training, activities, and assignments.

Public Engagement/Advocacy

Opportunities to join the NCM Canada team at district wide events are available. Help us disseminate important information as you help to represent us at our display table/booth. Join us at annual events like Grow Hope Markdale, District Assembly, Family Camp, etc. and engage with partners, community members, and supporters to further our cause. Meaningful opportunities to advocate on behalf of the vulnerable in our world at government levels are sometimes available, as well.

Invite us to Speak

We are always happy to visit churches and districts across Canada to share/report on the ministry of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada. Whether it is in person, or online, the NCM Canada team welcomes opportunities to share about what Nazarene Compassionate Ministries is, and how together we are fulfilling the mission – to make Christlike disciples in all the nations around the world.

Types of events we attend:

- Faith Promise
- Sunday Service
- Small group
- NYI Camp
- Missions Services/Fundraisers
- Family Camp

Contact

For further information, please feel free to contact us at tatiana@ncmcanada.ca
For our interest list please visit our website www.ncmcanada.ca/get-involved

