



Because of your ongoing prayers and faithful giving, lives are being changed. Through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada, your support offers real help and the hope of Christ to vulnerable communities around the world. Thank you.

In November 2024, your NCM Canada team gathered to pray, reflect, and seek God's direction for the year ahead. What followed was a sense of hope, new opportunities and deep gratitude.

In this newsletter, you'll read about project updates and stories focused around Food Security—of faith growing, communities thriving, and God's love on display through His Church.

Keep a look out for our Annual Report and be sure to visit us at our booth during District Assemblies!

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# Crisis in Kenya

When hunger reached crisis levels, the Church stepped in



Did you Know?



In 2024, parts of northern Kenya reached Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Phase 4—emergency-level food insecurity. Drought left many families without food or income.

In partnership with local churches, NCM Canada supported a Cash Transfer Project, which provided immediate food relief to 120 households (approximately 720 people). These families received \$96 USD for 3 months couple with training in financial stewardship. Training in Conservation Agriculture (CA) was also provided, equipping project participants to rebuild with resilience.



*"We didn't just give food—we gave people a reason to believe again." - project staff*

## Peter Etabo's Story

### From Skepticism to Renewed Strength

Peter Etabo, a 30-year-old father of six from Lokaparparae village in Turkana County, spent years battling drought, crop failure, and dwindling livestock. With his family facing hunger and hardship, Peter began to question his faith, wondering why God seemed silent in his suffering.

Everything began to change when a church-led Cash Transfer project arrived in his village. Initially skeptical, Peter attended a community meeting where church leaders not only explained the program but also shared a powerful message of God's provision and hope. It was there that Peter found renewed strength in his faith, realizing that God had not abandoned him.

With the support he received, Peter invested in goats and participated in training on financial literacy and farming. Slowly, his situation began to improve. But the true transformation went beyond the physical—Peter's faith was reignited. He returned to church, found encouragement through fellowship, and began to serve others with his testimony.

Now, Peter is not only providing for his family but also sharing God's love and hope with his community. His life is a powerful reminder that even in the harshest circumstances, God's provision can arrive in unexpected ways—restoring both livelihood and spirit.



# Miracle Fields in Malawi

In a remote village in northern Malawi, small-scale farmers faced crop failure and food shortages after years of unreliable rains. But 2024 brought a new season.

With support from NCM Canada, communities entered Year 3 of CA training—learning no-till planting, composting, and mulching among other improved methods of farming. These practices restore nutrients to soils that have been depleted, making harvesting more reliable in the future.

A local pastor said, **“We are not just feeding our families; we are learning how to thrive. And the church is leading the way.”**

Many participants are now mentoring others, spreading the knowledge of CA and the Good News. This is more than farming. It’s discipleship through the land.

*“Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy.” – Psalm 126:5*



# Nepal: When Seeds Become Testimonies

## A Harvest of Faith Through Food Security

In western Nepal, a 3-year Agriculture and Livelihoods project has been completed. What grew went far beyond food. Farmers were trained in sustainable practices like composting, natural pest control, and crop rotation—skills that increased yields and restored dignity to families long caught in the cycle of poverty.



Alongside the technical knowledge came something deeper: relationships with local Nazarene leaders who shared the love of Jesus in word and deed.

By the end of 2024, the project had not only transformed land but lives: **13 people chose to follow Christ, and 8 were baptized as a public declaration of faith.**

*“They came for farming, but found living water.  
It’s a miracle harvest.” - local pastor*

# On the Road: Overseas

## Strengthening Partnerships, Witnessing God at Work

Nicole Solis-Mukhiya, Project Manager for NCM Canada, travelled to Nepal, Kenya, and Malawi in the last year to visit long-standing partners and strengthen ministry relationships.

In Nepal, she saw the impact of sustainable farming projects, where new agricultural methods are restoring dignity and stability to rural families. In Kenya, she observed the progress of Conservation Agriculture and solar water irrigation—tools bringing life to dry ground. In Malawi, she met with church leaders to explore future opportunities for community development and training.



***"Everywhere I went," Nicole shared, "the Church was present, faithful, generous, and full of love. God is truly at work."***

# On the Road: In Canada

## Encouragement in the Prairies

In March 2025, Rev. Alan and Yara Cristales travelled to Manitoba to connect with Nazarene churches and supporters.

Their visit wasn't just about updates and reports—it was about relationships and partnership. Over shared meals, Sunday services, and hallway conversations, they listened to stories of local compassion, celebrated faithful giving, and shared about what's ahead.

One highlight was engaging with church members whose quiet generosity has helped fuel global projects—people who may never travel overseas to visit NCM Canada projects, but whose faith reaches there through prayers and giving.

***"This trip reminded us that the mission field is both local and global - God is moving in small towns and far-off villages alike—and He's using the Church in Canada to do it."***



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