



**OCTOBER 20, 2017**

**HARVEST TIME AT SEEDS OF LIFE**

100 tonnes of soybeans were harvested at our 72 acre farm for Seeds of Life Growing Project on September 30<sup>th</sup>, yielding a very good return of \$630.00 per acre. Proceeds from the sale of this crop will be sent to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to fund relief and development projects overseas. With matching funds from the Government of Canada, this crop will provide over \$225,000.00 to our overseas partners. Winter wheat was planted on October 2<sup>nd</sup> for harvest next July. In these photos, you can see that the winter wheat is growing well.





As we harvest our bountiful crops, we need to remember how very fortunate we are as Canadian farmers and consumers. Over 70 percent of hungry people in the world are small-scale farmers. Growing projects like Seeds of Life provide critical resources to help these people as we work together to END HUNGER.

Thanks to all of our donors who make our project a success.

To learn more, please visit [www.seeds-of-life.ca](http://www.seeds-of-life.ca)

Scott Brooks  
Project Manager, Seeds of Life

### **NCM CANADA GIFT CATALOGUE NOW AVAILABLE!**

The 2017–2018 NCM Canada Gift Catalogue has a new look! The redesigned catalogue is now available and has been mailed out to all Nazarene churches in Canada.

This year's catalogue, as always, includes popular favourites such as goats, blankets, wells and school books. Also included in this catalogue are opportunities to give towards children's needs in child development centres in South Asia and Malawi (Africa).

The catalogue also features our relationship and projects with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, where your giving can be matched 4:1 by the Canadian government (see page 10 of the catalogue). Included this year is the opportunity to sponsor an acre in a CFGB growing project and see your dollars further multiplied!

Youth groups, Sunday School classes, seniors groups and others, including local NMI, continue to participate in giving through the catalogue. Some have fundraising events, others collect loonies and toonies over several weeks, others hold 'auctions' of catalogue items.....the possibilities are endless!

You or your group may give in one of three ways:

1) You can mail your order form and payment to the National Office using the following address:

Church of the Nazarene Canada  
20 Regan Road, Unit 9  
Brampton, ON  
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Please ensure that your cheque is made payable to Church of the Nazarene Canada.

2) You can call the National Office at 1-888-808-7490 and make a donation (VISA and MasterCard accepted).

3) You can submit your order online at [www.ncmcanada.ca](http://www.ncmcanada.ca).

Please find your personal copy of the Gift Catalogue attached to your copy of the newsletter. You can also view the Gift Catalogue online at [www.ncmcanada.ca](http://www.ncmcanada.ca).

**PLEASE NOTE**

To help ensure that you will receive your gift cards in time for Christmas giving, your order must arrive at the National Office by **December 1, 2017**. Gift cards are also downloadable on the website.

For additional copies of the Gift Catalogue, please contact the National Office.

*Thank you to all who give.  
Your gifts do make a difference!*

**STORIES VOLUME – 3 2017 NOW AVAILABLE**

The Church of the Nazarene's *Stories* series connects churches around the world through the personal accounts of Nazarenes from diverse backgrounds.

This resource, formerly known as the World Mission DVD, is delivered three times a year through an e-newsletter. The videos are a collaborative effort between regional communications offices and Global Ministry Center communications personnel and are available to view or download online at [nazarene.org/stories](http://nazarene.org/stories).

### **Volume 3 — 2017**

#### Street Kids Center

Rabearisoa Julien shares how the Street Kids Center, a Nazarene Compassionate Ministries center in Madagascar that provides local children with food, education, spiritual formation, and love, has impacted his life and led him to his calling.

#### The Call of God

Katherine Radcliffe, a missionary physician serving in Papua New Guinea, explains how God called her to place her medical career on hold in order to raise her four young children.

#### A Family Transformed

Alba Gaibor felt trapped in a broken marriage and longed to run away until a pastor and his wife offered marital counseling and a new hope in Christ. Today, Alba's family is completely transformed thanks to the work of God through the church in Ecuador.

#### Work & Witness: Alaska

Terry and Becky Livengood answered the call to manage Camp Maranatha in Big Lake, Alaska. With the help of Work & Witness teams, this Nazarene campground is flourishing and reaching even more people for the Kingdom.

#### Reaching the Cabécar People

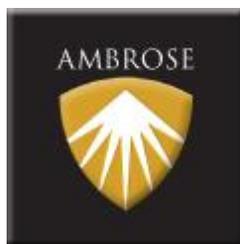
JESUS Film Harvest Partners recently made the JESUS film available in Cabécar, the language of an indigenous people group in Costa Rica, for the first time.

#### Benaia's Story

As a child in Brazil, Benaia's world was shattered when her father passed away. Benaia's story began to change when she was accepted into the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Child Sponsorship Program.

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## **NEW WORKSHOPS GO INTO THE COMMUNITY FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION AND CREDIT**

Ambrose University launches the first in a new series of one-day workshops this fall, offering focused content in a place and at a time that is convenient for participants – and letting them decide if that learning will be for academic credit.

*“We’re eager to respond to the need for deeper knowledge that’s been expressed by both churches and people in ministry who want to know and do more,”* says Mark Buchanan, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology in the Ambrose Seminary.

*“We want to ensure they receive the full value of Ambrose, and at the same time, we also strive to provide essential course material to our Seminary students in the best way possible. We know time can be an issue both for people who are working and for students. They may not be able to free up a full week to attend a traditional workshop or course, but they want to learn. Since most people have a good foundation of knowledge, these workshops will let them delve deeply into certain topics, giving them a knowledge ‘tune up’ or providing new perspectives.”*

Because each workshop will be offered for one full day, and in a community location, Buchanan says learning opportunities that are both highly relevant and highly accessible will be available to the widest number of people.

### **First Up: Preaching People’s Jobs**

The workshop series kicks off by focusing on preaching, and ways in which pastors can help members of their congregations understand that not only does their work matter to God, it is a reflection of God.

John Van Sloten, well-known former senior pastor at Calgary’s New Hope Church, will lead *Preaching People’s Jobs: Learning How to Exegete and Preach Vocation*, on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at Brentview Baptist Church, unpacking concepts presented in his recent book, Every Job a Parable.

*“The workshop will help people better understand how the work people do reveals God’s work in the world,”* Mark Buchanan says. *“By underlining people’s sense of how God is already with them and working through them in the jobs they do, pastors can help people integrate the various components of their lives, and appreciate that their work and their faith are parts of a complete whole.”* People will learn more about

*these ideas, and how they might preach them. It may help people go back to their places of work with a keener understanding that their job isn't apart from their faith, but a primary way to live it out and express it."*

### **A Moveable Knowledge Feast, Open to All**

Designed for pastors and people working in various aspects of ministry, Ambrose Seminary and undergraduate students and members of the public (whether living in Calgary or beyond) each workshop also comes with an added bonus: all can be taken for continuing education, general interest or one academic credit.

*"The workshops will be intensive, immersive and immediately valuable,"* Buchanan says. Each will explore a specific topic to augment knowledge to better address today's challenges. Topics are still in development, and over the year may include everything from preaching and leadership, to discipleship and social media.

With a possible nine workshops being considered, anyone taking all could potentially earn nine credits by completing the required assignments. All told, the workshops could equal half a semester's work, which could fast-track a degree.

*"For someone who has perhaps thought about a Seminary degree but was concerned about the time commitment, the workshops could be a way to ease into future study,"* Buchanan notes, adding that those who haven't thought about post-secondary education might be inspired to do so as a result of taking part in the workshops.

*"In many ways, this will be a way for people to get a real feel for Seminary – and for Ambrose University – and to see how what we offer fits with their needs."*

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