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UPDATE ON THE DROUGHT AND FOOD NEEDS IN AFRICA

This week the CBC issued a news release concerning the severity of the drought in Ethiopia. Visit <http://www.cbc.ca/news/world/ethiopia-drought-1.3532393> to read the news release.

BBC news reported...

Food shortage fears over a drought in southern Africa have prompted Malawi to declare a state of national disaster and Mozambique to issue a “red alert.”

The President of Malawi, Peter Mutharika, warned in a statement that some people needed aid for all of this year. Mozambique raised alert levels for southern and central regions. Zimbabwe, Lesotho and Zambia are also suffering food shortages, while South Africa says its drought is the worst in a century. Over 10 million people across the region will need food aid in the coming year, according to the World Food Programme (WFP). Source – <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-36037414>

How does the drought impact people in these affected areas? Pastors in our Nazarene Churches and Child Development Centres say that parents are keeping their children home from school to search for food. If they are lucky, they find wild foods and some roots to boil. Many of them spend nights sleeping outside at supply depots waiting for the next shipment of food to arrive. When the food arrives, there is a scramble to secure some for their families. Some people wait for 3–4 days and then they are faced with price hikes of over 200%. They are poor. Many cannot afford the food at the depot.

The situation will worsen over the next few months as the El Nino drought has greatly reduced the harvest. The most severely affected will be the children who are orphans because of HIV/AIDS, the elderly, and babies.

You can make a difference by giving to the **African Drought Response** effort that NCM Canada is supporting through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Please make your cheque payable to Church of the Nazarene Canada and mail it to the following address:

Church of the Nazarene Canada
20 Regan Road, Unit 9
Brampton, ON
L7A 1C3

Please be sure to put **African Drought Response** in the memo area.

Rev. Elaine Bumstead
Executive Director, NCM Canada

REPORT ON CRW CONTAINER HEADED FOR THE UKRAINE

Late last fall, the Compassionate Resource Warehouse sent a container of wheelchairs, walkers, chairs, education equipment, household goods, warm clothing, tools, sewing machines, and a host of other goods to the Ukraine. These items were for refugees, orphans, and the disabled. They were also to benefit boarding houses for the elderly and retired low-income people.

The container has just recently been cleared and unloaded and the items distributed by local churches. The pastors report, *“Your container is one of the best humanitarian aid containers that we had received in years!!! All the goods that you send us are great quality and useful items. Thank you!”*

Thank you to all the volunteers at Compassionate Resource Warehouse who tirelessly sort, load, and pack these containers. Thank you to the donors who send money to us for shipping. Together we are making a difference!

WILLIAM SAWYER SELECTED AS CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The Board of General Superintendents (BGS) announced that William Sawyer, Vice President for Financial Services at TransUnion and senior pastor of Santa Ana, California, First Church of the Nazarene, will serve as chief administrative officer (CAO) of the Global Ministry Center (GMC).

The CAO position was created in response to recommendations from the Nazarene Future Study Group and the Best Christian Workplaces Institute.

“I have a burden for the Church of the Nazarene and I’m honored to be able to serve the church,” Sawyer said. *“I would have never dreamed that the Lord would bring me to this spot, but I’m really thrilled for the privilege of serving Christ and the church.”*

As CAO, Sawyer will provide on-site leadership, establishing a clear direction for the Global Ministry Center and promoting a collaborative culture with open lines of communication among all levels of employees, in addition to overseeing various non-ecclesiastical, administrative tasks currently assigned to the Board of General Superintendents.

“I am really looking forward to working at the GMC,” Sawyer said. *“I have a collaborative and open leadership style that I am trusting will be used by the Lord to help others as they endeavor to use their gifts and fulfill their calling for the church.”*

To view this article in its entirety, please visit:

<http://nazarene.org/article/william-sawyer-selected-chief-administrative-officer>

The above article appears courtesy of NCN News. For more global Nazarene news, please visit www.ncnnews.com.

WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING SEMINARS: **DATES NOW AVAILABLE**

Dr. Riley Coulter, Director of Stewardship Services for the Church of the Nazarene Canada, is available for Wills and Estate Planning seminars this fall and winter, and is interested in coming to your church upon invitation. The seminar, usually scheduled for Saturday morning, is entitled *Estate Planning: A Proposition of Values*. There is no charge to attend.

Topics covered in the seminar include establishing clearly defined goals in planning for your future; wills and estate planning, including power of attorney & health care directives; understanding assets, liabilities and ownership issues; family law considerations and trusts; and charitable giving through your estate. The seminar is of significance to all age groups, and will have special interest to young couples, parents of young families, as well as those reaching middle age and planning for retirement.

Dr. Coulter is available to preach on the Sunday following the seminar, on the topic of *Generosity: God's Call to His People*. There is no expense to your church for this; expenses are covered by the National Board of the Church of the Nazarene Canada.

Please contact Dr. Coulter for more information, or to book a seminar in your church.

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