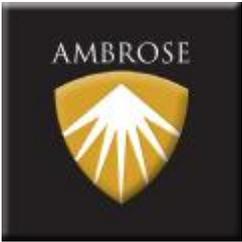




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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE ON FORT MCMURRAY RESPONSE**

Ambrose played a significant role during the 2013 floods and we have been called on again, by the City of Calgary and the Canadian Red Cross, to assist with helping those who have been evacuated from Fort McMurray.



As of the morning of May 7, 127 were housed on campus – most of whom had been air-lifted from north of Fort Mac. But then also, several hundred were on campus for processing cash vouchers from the government of Alberta, meeting with insurance agencies to help with claims, etc. Suncor had a table to help with their own employees, for example. It was quite the hive of activity on campus.

I dropped by and was encouraged to find that over 20 of our faculty and staff had volunteered to help out with the Red Cross as busses were being unloaded and folks directed to where they needed to go. And with around 30 children in the group in residence, we were delighted that a local church came by with toys and books.

While I was on campus, I was able to welcome the Member of Parliament from Calgary – also a Cabinet Member: Kent Hehr, Minister for Veteran Affairs (see photo below).



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**FROM NCM CANADA:**

**UPDATE ON RESPONSE TO NEEDS  
OF FORT MCMURRAY EVACUEES**

Over 600 evacuees displaced by the Fort McMurray fires are now housed at Ambrose University in Calgary. The University is providing for immediate needs including temporary housing and helping facilitate evacuees' unemployment insurance applications, insurance claims, Red Cross assistance, cash grants from the province, etc.

There is need for funds for costs associated with this important ministry provided by Ambrose University.

Donations can be directed to:

Ambrose University College  
150 Ambrose Circle SW  
Calgary, AB T3H 0L5

Phone: 403-410-2000

Email: [reception@ambrose.edu](mailto:reception@ambrose.edu)

Website: [www.ambrose.edu](http://www.ambrose.edu)

**THREE OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES FOR YOUTH AND  
YOUTH GROUPS THROUGH CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK**

“**Forced to Flee**” is a new resource for youth groups to experience what it is like to be a refugee. It is a one hour activity designed to transform thinking and engage youth about conflict, migration, and refugees. It involves discussion questions, real-life stories, vocabulary, and facts on conflict and migration.

To access this free resource, visit the Canadian foodgrains bank website at:

<http://foodgrainsbank.ca/product/forced-to-flee-a-simulation-on-decision-making-during-conflict-and-migration/>

## **YOUTH LEADER'S/EDUCATOR'S TOUR OF CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK PROJECTS IN NICARAGUA**

This study tour is open to all youth educators, youth leaders, and youth pastors. Participants will engage with small-scale farmers, expand their knowledge and understanding of hunger and food security, and gain awareness of the livelihoods of rural farmers in Nicaragua. Included in the tour is a homestay with a Nicaraguan farm family and a river excursion through the Northern Autonomous region, visiting Indigenous communities.

The dates are August 2–14, 2016. The cost is approximately \$2,800.00. NCM Canada is willing to fund half of the cost of approved Nazarene applicants on the condition that they share their experience with students and others (educators, youth, etc.) in their communities, promote the work of NCM Canada/CFGB including the Good Soil campaign materials (for example, distributing postcards), and keep in contact with the Foodgrains Bank for at least one year.

For further information, visit: <http://foodgrainsbank.ca/current-tours/>.

## **GOOD SOIL CAMPAIGN**

Good Soil is a campaign through Canadian Foodgrains Bank and its members to advocate that the Canadian government increase its support for small-scale agriculture in Canada's international aid programs.

Investing in agriculture in developing countries, especially small-scale agriculture, delivers many benefits. It is effective in reducing poverty and overcoming hunger, and contributing to a fairer world. Canada has a history of being a strong supporter of agricultural development. However, Canada's aid budget for agricultural development has been steadily declining over the past few years.

Send postcards to Prime Minister Trudeau showing your support for increased aid for agriculture. For more information and to order postcards, visit:

<http://foodgrainsbank.ca/campaigns/good-soil>.

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