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HURRICANE MATTHEW HITS HARD

On Monday night, Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti with maximum sustained winds of 145 miles per hour, causing devastation and chaos before pushing across the eastern tip of Cuba. Massive amounts of rain have affected other parts of the Caribbean, including Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. As the hurricane continues, residents of the Bahamas as well as residents of eastern Florida and U.S. states along the coast up through North Carolina are bracing for the storm, and hundreds of thousands of people are evacuating.

In the aftermath of devastation, the church is responding.

The storm has made its way through the Caribbean, but it hit Haiti particularly hard. Many people in Haiti live in fragile houses or even temporary shelters leftover from the devastating 2010 earthquake. Now, many of those homes have been destroyed, along with crops and livelihoods. Radio reports have described shoulder-high floodwaters roaring into homes

The floodwaters and a lack of clean water are expected to bring a second catastrophe to Haiti: a potential cholera outbreak. A cholera epidemic ravaged the country following the earthquake.

The Church of the Nazarene in Haiti comprises 11 districts and more than 500 local churches. Four districts are in the southern peninsula and the island of La Gonave, which were directly affected by the hurricane.

Urgent needs include water filters, food, shelter, and blankets. The Church of the Nazarene in Haiti is working to distribute a few hundred crisis care kits already on hand to provide for sanitation necessities, and the church also has a couple hundred tents and tarps available to distribute. Leaders are currently doing assessments to determine areas of greatest need.

Assessments are still underway to determine damage in Cuba and Jamaica and how Nazarene church communities have been affected.

Church leaders are requesting prayer for families and individuals who have been affected by Hurricane Matthew.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Pray

Please pray for those grieving the loss of loved ones. Pray for those who lost their homes and have no means to rebuild. Pray for protection of lives, especially from cholera. Pray for vulnerable children and senior adults. Pray that people would know God's comfort and peace. And pray for churches working to care for their neighbors and meet urgent needs.

Give

Churches and individuals around the world can provide support through the Hurricane Matthew Response Fund. Donations will be used for immediate needs, as well as long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts.

If you wish to financially support the relief efforts, please make your cheque payable to **Church of the Nazarene Canada** and mail it to:

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

Please be sure to put **ACM1198/F135** in the memo area of your cheque.

WORLD FOOD DAY

October 16th is World Food Day, when we remember that over 800 million people in our world do not have enough to eat. Unlike Canada, where less than 2% of the population are farmers, most of the hungry in our world are small-scale farmers who struggle to grow enough to feed their families year round.

Juana Medina Morales, 63, is one example of such a farmer. She lives in the remote northern region of Nicaragua. With changing weather patterns, growing populations and continuance of traditional farming methods, people in her community regularly experience hunger.

A Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) project was started in her area and she qualified to participate. She received training in improved agricultural methods and is now able to produce enough food year round. With proceeds from her harvest, she can afford to send her grandchildren to high school. Juana is an example of how an investment in small-scale agriculture is changing lives.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank is part of a coalition of 31 relief and development organizations and nine experts in agriculture and food security who are recommending that Canada make a signature investment of \$2.5 billion over five years to support sustainable agriculture for small-scale farmers. See the statement on the coalition's website (www.aid4ag.ca).

CFGB is urging Canadians to show their support for this initiative by signing a postcard to the Prime Minister. Postcards are available on the CFGB website as part of the "Good Soil Campaign" at www.foodgrainsbank.ca.

Use your voice on social media. Join our Thunderclap:

<https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/47650-aid4agriculture>

NCM CANADA GIFT CATALOGUE NOW AVAILABLE!

The 2016–2017 NCM Canada Gift Catalogue is available and has been mailed out to all Nazarene churches in Canada.

This year's catalogue includes popular favourites, such as goats, blankets, wells, school books, etc. 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 by the Canadian government (see page 10 of the catalogue).

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:

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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.
- 3) You can submit your order online at www.ncmcanada.ca.

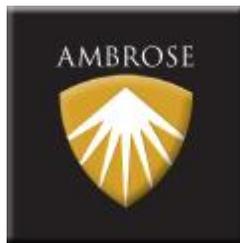
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PLEASE NOTE

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

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Your gifts do make a difference!*



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Thank you,

Sandy Ayer
Director of Library Services

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