



**NOVEMBER 11, 2016**

**CANADA ANNOUNCES NEW FUNDING  
FOR CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK**

**\$125 million grant over five years will provide support for most vulnerable**

More help for vulnerable people around the world who are trapped in difficult circumstances without enough to eat – that’s what a new five–year agreement worth \$125 million from the Government of Canada means for Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

*“This funding will ensure that people living in refugee camps, recovering from natural disasters, and caught in conflicts, will continue to receive crucial food assistance,”* said the Honourable Jim Carr, Minister of Natural Resources, who made the announcement on behalf of the Honourable Marie–Claude Bibeau, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie.

At the announcement, held November 7 at Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg, Minister Carr went on to say that *“at a time when the world is seeing record numbers of displaced people and humanitarian needs are greater than ever, I believe that this new funding will make a real difference in the lives of millions of people.”*

He affirmed the role the Foodgrains Bank plays in working with the government of Canada, saying that it *“has been one of Global Affairs Canada’s most important partners since 1983, providing life–saving food assistance to those who need it most during times of crisis.”*

He went on to laud the support from people across Canada, who donate cash and grow crops to *“help people in crisis,”* adding the rising number of people in need of humanitarian assistance means *“the work of the Foodgrains Bank is more critical than ever to those in need.”*

In response, Robert Granke, Chair of the Foodgrains Bank Board of Directors, expressed appreciation on behalf of the 15 member agencies of the Foodgrains Bank. He thanked the government for ***“the generous commitment they continue to show for ending hunger around the world.”***

***“Our vision at the Foodgrains Bank is a world without hunger, and it is a vision we are proud to share with the Government of Canada,”*** he added.

Will Bergmann, a farmer from rural Manitoba and a member of the Chip-In growing project near Glenlea, Manitoba, spoke on behalf of Foodgrains Bank supporters. He echoed Granke’s appreciation.

***“I thank and applaud the Canadian government for their continued support of what we are trying to do,”*** he said, noting that with the matching support of the Canadian government ***“the impact we can have is incredible.”***

For farmers like him, ***“hunger across the globe is a very real issue that strikes a chord with many people,”*** he added. ***“I’m so happy and so blessed to live in a country where helping developing nations is a possibility for us, and at the forefront of our thoughts.”***

In a statement, Minister Bibeau noted that ***“the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and its wide array of supporters highlight the generosity of Canadians in helping people in need. Our partnership with the Foodgrains Bank will help ensure that the most vulnerable populations can receive the food and nutritional support they need in times of crisis.”***

Foodgrains Bank Executive Director Jim Cornelius, who was in Ethiopia visiting projects supported by the Foodgrains Bank that helped people in that country weather this year’s severe drought, was unable to attend the announcement.

In a message to the gathering, he expressed his regrets for not being present and noted that the food provided through the Foodgrains Bank’s member agencies has helped thousands of families in Ethiopia get through the food crisis.

***“People I met have expressed deep appreciation to the people of Canada for standing with them during this difficult time,”*** he said, adding that the ***“good news”*** is that ***“the rains have returned and households are expecting a good harvest this year.”***

Added John Longhurst, Director of Resources and Public Engagement for the Foodgrains Bank: ***“This response to the Ethiopian drought is a good example of our partnership in action – supporters, growing projects, churches, members, corporations and the Canadian government all working together to help those who don’t have enough to eat.”***

With generous support from the Canadian government, last year the Foodgrains Bank provided \$43 million of assistance through its member agencies for over one million

people in 40 countries. Since its founding in 1983, it has provided over \$800 million of food, agricultural training and support and nutrition projects in the developing world.

Amanda Thorsteinsson,  
Communications Coordinator, CFGB

### **NCM CANADA PROJECTS RECEIVING MATCHING GOVERNMENT FUNDING THROUGH CFGB**

NCM Canada, as a member of Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB), welcomes and applauds the announcement by the Canadian government of the \$25 million matching funds (4:1) per year for five years for food assistance and nutrition programming through CFGB.

NCM Canada and our overseas Nazarene local church partners have benefited greatly from this generous support by the Canadian government over the years.

Within the 2015–16 fiscal year, the following NCM Canada projects have received matching government funds:

- The final year of a nutrition and food security project in Bangladesh, benefiting over 21,000 households (over 100,000 people).
- The final year of a Food For Work/Food Security project in southern Bangladesh, directly benefiting over 1,800 farmers and indirectly benefiting thousands of others in these poor rural communities.
- Food for 1,000 families displaced by the earthquake in Nepal.

Currently, NCM Canada is working with NCM Malawi and Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide food assistance to thousands affected by the recent famine in Malawi, Africa.

You can help us provide this food by sending a donation to Canadian Foodgrains Bank designated “NCM Canada.” Your donations are needed to provide the funds that are matched 4:1 by the Canadian government.

You can also make your donation online at [www.foodgrainsbank.ca](http://www.foodgrainsbank.ca), at [www.ncmcanada.ca](http://www.ncmcanada.ca) or by sending a cheque to the National Office designated “CFGB.”

***Thank you for your support! Together we are making a difference!  
Hungry people are being fed!***

## **SEEDS OF LIFE CORN HARVEST**

**The harvest is done!** Our crop of grain corn at the farm at Alberton, ON was harvested by Miller Farms on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Those of you who attended our farm visit in June saw the field just as the corn was about a foot high a month after planting.

When the extremely dry weather conditions hit our area in early July, we were afraid that our crop might be a failure for the first time in our many years of growing crops for the Foodgrains Bank. However, a combination of lots of heat and little rains just at the right time have produced a good average crop for us. Our yield was 168 bushels or 4.3 tonnes per acre. This is just slightly above the average yield for our county in the last few years.

If you would have asked me in July, I would have **never** thought this possible. The grain quality was good enough to avoid discounts, although some mould was present. The grain moisture was in the 20 to 22 percent range, which is excellent.

We have not yet finished our final accounting, but we already know that we will be able to send an amount well in excess of your donations to the Foodgrains Bank before the end of this year. We will share our final results by email and also our website (<http://www.seeds-of-life.ca/>).

Thanks again to all of our donors. A special thanks to our input suppliers and to Miller Farms for their timely work at planting and harvest. Together we can do our part to help those in the developing world who are unable to produce enough food to sustain healthy lives.

God's blessing to you all,

Scott Brooks  
Project Manager, Seeds of Life

## **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:

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

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](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, 2016**.

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

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



**LEST WE FORGET...**



As today is Remembrance Day, please pray for our troops who are currently serving in war zones and give thanks to God for all those who have served so bravely in the past.