

Tearfund Canada

Report to General Conference 2024

How God is Using You to Grow His Kingdom

Celebrating the Partnership with the Free Methodist Church in Canada

Thank you for your partnership with Tearfund Canada as together we follow Jesus to where the need is greatest! Over the last few years, we have seen 47 Free Methodist Churches support us in some way. In addition, many individuals support us with regular donations.

Know that at the core of our work is a unique process called Church and Community Transformation. We believe that the church is a catalyst of change and God's primary way of bringing good news to the poor.

Our Impact Report highlights all you are doing through Tearfund, but let me highlight a couple of things:

- You're helping families break free from **generational poverty**. Through savings groups, business and market training, and farmer cooperatives, people are seeing new possibilities and break free from generations of poverty.

On a recent Discovery Team trip to Ethiopia, we visited a church that was reaching out into their community. They were paying the school fees for 10 children and the health insurance for 39 families. The church plot was growing food for the hungry and they mobilized to build homes for 4 widows. One of those widows recently died and at her funeral 13 households came to faith in Jesus Christ! Elaine Hefford from Trulls Road said: *"They're living out God's plan, sharing and helping each other. It's hard to pinpoint what's happening, but something is happening. You can really see how the Spirit of God is moving."*

- You're helping to bring hope to First Nation Communities through the **Bring Back the Buffalo initiative**. Last year a new herd was planted at Pelican Lake First Nation. Several Free Methodist Churches have made significant contributions to this initiative.

We are excited that the first herd at Cote First Nation has now grown to 45 buffalo that are doing well and a fence expansion is taking place. The Pelican Lake herd will grow as calves are birthed this spring. The Loko Koa team continue to train on herd management and care to begin the restoration of cultural values and identity. They report that this has been a meaningful step of reconciliation.

Again, thank you for your support! Your donations when leveraged through the Canadian Foodgrains bank are bringing real transformation!

To learn more about any of our initiatives please reach out and a Tearfund speaker would be excited to share at your church!

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