

PWS&D spotlight



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Welcome to the PWS&D Spotlight, an e-newsletter for people interested in learning more about The Presbyterian Church in Canada's development and emergency relief work around the world

Supporting Farmers through Livestock

Subsistence farmers around the world often work small plots of land and struggle to provide enough food for their families. PWS&D is working with partners around the world to help farmers increase crop yields, improve their nutrition and raise livestock as an additional source of protein and income for their families.

PWS&D-supported programs in Malawi, Guatemala and India are providing farmers with livestock or access to small loans in order to purchase animals. Acquiring pigs, rabbits, chickens, goats and cattle helps increase household incomes as farmers are able to sell extra meat, milk and eggs at the market. Families use the cash to buy more animals and expand their business, improve their homes, purchase nutritious food, access healthcare and send their children to school.

Davis Nyirenda is raising goats in Malawi, and two

of his female goats are already pregnant. When they give birth, Davis will pass on the newborns to other farmers in his community. His family is very happy to have goat meat and milk to improve their nutrition, and the manure the animals produce is valuable fertilizer for his crops.

In the western highlands of Guatemala, Elida is a member of a women's group in a community where PWS&D is helping over 400 indigenous Maya women improve their income and nutrition through access to small loans and agriculture training. Elida's group decided to invest their

loan in raising cows. Elida also learned how to use the animals' manure to improve the growth of her corn, potato and vegetable crops. Elida and the other women in her group are now able to sell their food products at the market and use the profits to send their children to school. "Maybe we can't pay you back," Elida says, thankful for all the help she received, "but God will pay you."

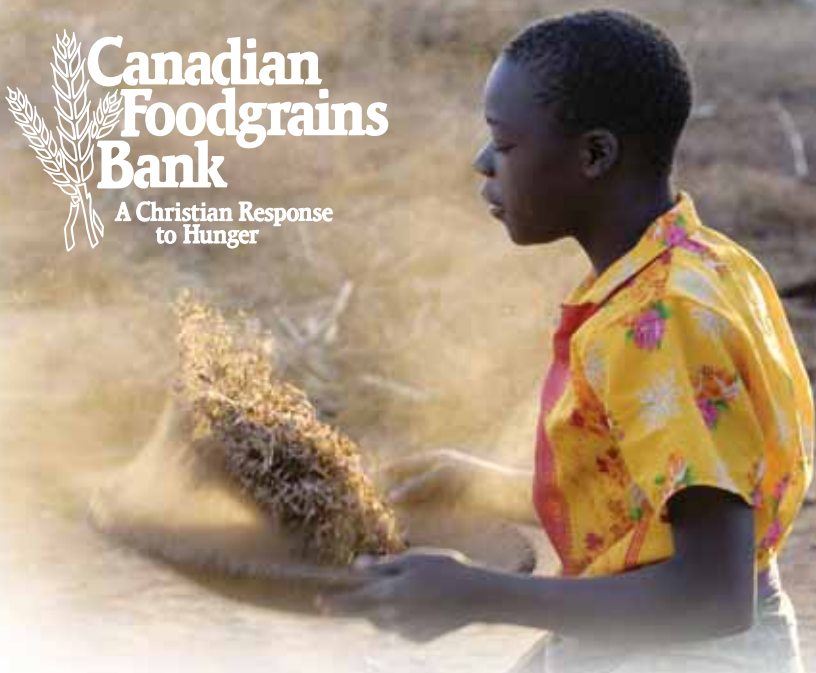
Through your generous support of PWS&D, families around the world are accessing agricultural training, small loans and livestock to improve their quality of life and build brighter futures.



Fasting for Change

More than 1 billion people in the world suffer from chronic hunger and malnourishment, a number that has reached unprecedented levels following global food and economic crises last year. Hunger in a world of such abundance is a matter of injustice. You are invited to take part in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank **Fast for Change** to stand up against this kind of inequality. Taking time to fast—whether it is from food or something else—offers us an opportunity to reflect on why some people in the world don't have the choice of whether they will go to bed hungry tonight, and others enjoy great abundance.

This year, on World Food Day, October 16, join other Canadians as they fast for change. Order worship and educational resources for your congregation or small group by contacting Zuzka Ellis (zellis@presbyterian.ca; 1-800-619-7301 ext. 293).



Did You Know...

Many small-scale farmers in developing countries rely on only one crop, such as corn, to feed their families, leaving them vulnerable to malnutrition and crop damage caused by drought or pests. PWS&D is helping to change this situation by teaching farmers improved agricultural practices and providing seeds to improve their nutrition and diversify their crops.

Through regular, monthly donations of only \$30, you can provide seeds for twelve farming families each year to help them grow enough food. Learn more about becoming a monthly donor at www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/givemonthly.

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