

Presbyterians Sharing . . . 2008

Gifts from congregations in 2007: \$8,734,120
Goal for congregations in 2008: \$8,950,000

We celebrate the bountiful gifts given in 2007, at the same time we recognize that an increase in gifts is needed for 2008. Let us work and pray together as we consider how to meet our target!

In 2008 you are invited to:

Reach out across Canada with Canada Ministries

- Build and support new, dynamic congregations across Canada, including many new worshipping communities where people can praise God in their own languages.
- Minister to students on our university campuses through chaplaincies.
- Walk with aboriginal people.
- Provide spiritual and practical support for people in our inner cities.
- Accompany refugee claimants seeking to rebuild their lives in Canada.



The staff working at Tyndale St-George's Community Centre find that walking hand in hand is what helps them overcome the frustration and hopelessness that accompanies the poverty, addiction and gang violence in the inner city. You walk hand in hand with them when you give to *Presbyterians Sharing* . . .

Strengthen ministries in Canada

- Promote justice by working ecumenically on social policy, anti-poverty, ecology, health care, economic justice and other justice issues.
- Enable youth to participate in mission in Canada and in other countries.
- Facilitate educational learning through events like Stewards by Design, Teacher/Leader Courses, the Vine Helpline, Canada Youth events.
- Provide consultative support for church schools.
- Provide encouragement and learning for new clergy who have just begun their ministries.
- Train clergy and professional church workers at our theological colleges.
- Provide resources for church treasurers and elders.
- Help churches develop active mission and stewardship programs.
- Bring Presbyterians from across Canada together for the General Assembly.



Elder Liao Tet-thiam is one of the faithful members of the Hakka Bible translation team in

Taiwan. This work is painstakingly meticulous as the team members go through the Old Testament word by word to ensure accurate translation. The Reverend Dr. Paul McLean says he draws particular inspiration from the dedication of this 88-year old team member.

Enable global missions with International Ministries

- Support David Pándy Szekeres as he works with churches and Christian schools of the Reformed Church in Eastern Europe.
- Translate the Bible into the language of the Hakka people in Taiwan through Paul McLean.
- Support the Church of North India as they minister to people oppressed by poverty and discrimination.
- Reach out to communities through education, nutrition, leadership and faith growth programs with Denise van Wissen and the Fraternity of Maya Presbyterials.
- Support church development and children and women's ministries in Guyana through Linda and Ian Shaw.
- Prevent the spread of HIV with Rick Allen and the Presbyterian Church of East Africa's AIDS prevention programs.

These are just some of the missions and ministries that will continue because of your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. . . .

Presbyterians Sharing . . . is the national church fund that supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada – except for relief and development programs which are funded through gifts to Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D).



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