



# NAZARENE NEWS

## Church of the Nazarene Canada

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### 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOWDEN CHAPEL WALK-A-THON

On Saturday, September 10, 2016 the Bowden Institution Chapel will hold the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowden Chapel Experiencing God Walk-A-Thon.

The Walk will take place from 9:00 AM–3:30 PM in the prison exercise yard. The inmates and chapel volunteers will attempt to collectively walk 500 miles or more around the prison yard – a total of no less than 1,500 laps.

Our 2016 Aid Target: Ethiopia. A prolonged drought from one of the most powerful El Nino events in recent history is affecting about ten million people in Ethiopia.

- Together with its member, World Renew, Canadian Foodgrains Bank is responding by providing emergency food rations of maize, beans and cooking oil for 41,000 people in the Dugda area in the central part of the country.
- About 14,000 of the recipients are nursing and pregnant women and children under the age of five who are also being provided with Famix, a nutritious supplementary food.
- In the fall, seeds and fertilizer will also be distributed so people can plant a new crop.

Donations to this project for food assistance will be matched by the Canadian government at a 4:1 basis.

We are in need of sponsors from the outside who are willing to make pledges. The pledges will not be for specific walkers; rather, all pledges and donations will be applied to the project as a whole.

To make a donation, please make your cheque payable to Innisfail Church of the Nazarene, designate it as “Walk-A-Thon,” and mail it to:

Innisfail Church of the Nazarene  
4904–48<sup>th</sup> Street  
Innisfail, AB  
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Please contact me directly with any questions about supporting the Walk or making donations.

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## **BGS CALLS FOR TIME OF REFLECTION AS THANK OFFERING APPROACHES**

When you look around, you can't help but notice it: God has blessed us in so many ways. The psalmist calls on us to “*sacrifice thank offerings and tell of his works with songs of joy*” (Psalm 107:22). When we give back, we recognize God as the giver of all good things. We remember now so that we never forget: it's **All From Him**.

“All From Him” is the theme for the 2016 Thanksgiving, or Thank, Offering. Together, we join in prayer and preparation for this annual emphasis in the Church of the Nazarene. As our gifts come together through the World Evangelism Fund, we *make Christlike disciples in the nations*. We remember God's generosity toward us and respond by giving back and spreading the gospel around the world.

As you prepare for this important offering, remember these verses from Deuteronomy 8:

***“Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, ‘My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.’ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today”*** (Deuteronomy 8:11, 16–18).

Prepare your church for this offering emphasis by reflecting together on your blessings, praying for ministry around the world, and remembering that God is the great giver.

The offering will be received on 9 October 2016 in Canada and 20 November 2016 globally. Please note that this date may vary for some, depending on the calendar of each field or district.

Resources will be available at [nazarene.org/generosity](http://nazarene.org/generosity) in English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, and Korean. If you have questions, contact Stewardship Ministries at 1-800-544-8413 or [stewardship@nazarene.org](mailto:stewardship@nazarene.org).

Yours in Christ,

The Board of General Superintendents

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## **TOGETHER IN ISRAEL 2016**

There is an opportunity for a trip to Israel this November. Please contact Pastor David Filsinger ([pastordave@nazpei.com](mailto:pastordave@nazpei.com)) for further details.

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