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2017 ANNUAL REPORT CARD

We recently sent out our Annual Report card. Did you get your copy? Some of the highlights include:

- *49 people hired last year
- *3,573 volunteer hours
- *7,643 meals served
- *12,000+ training hours worked
- *63,572 needles picked up

If you didn't get your copy, and you would like to read more, please click on the following link:

http://www.mission-possible.ca/df_media/W1siZiIsIjIwMTcvMDgvMDEvMTYvMDEvMjYvZGQxMzc4N2MtYTViYi00ZjJmLThiYmYtYmE1ZDBjNWFiNTA4L0ZJTkFMIFJlcG9ydENhemQgTm8gQmxlZWZlLnBkZiJdXQ/FINAL%20ReportCard%20No%20Bleeds.pdf?sha=8ffb9f6f24edd28a

GROW HOPE MARKDALE UPDATE

Please find a copy of the latest Grow Hope Markdale update attached to your copy of Nazarene News!



FREEDOM SUNDAY SUPPORTS **ANTI-TRAFFICKING MINISTRIES**

Nazarene churches will join with congregations around the world 24 September to participate in Freedom Sunday, a day set aside for worship and prayer around the issue of human trafficking.

This year, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries has partnered with the [Faith Alliance Against Slavery and Trafficking \(FAAST\)](#) and [Stop the Traffik](#) to create a Freedom Sunday worship resource guide for churches to use. NCM is a member organization of FAAST, which is a strategic alliance of Christian organizations working together to combat slavery and human trafficking. Stop the Traffik, a global anti-trafficking advocacy organization, has been producing a Freedom Sunday guide for churches in the United Kingdom. This year, FAAST and Stop the Traffik partnered to create a new resource geared toward evangelical churches. NCM was the lead FAAST member in the creation of [the new resource guide](#).

Since 2014, more than 400 local Nazarene churches have participated in a Freedom Sunday. The Church of the Nazarene's participation began in coordination with other Wesleyan-Holiness denominations as part of the [Wesleyan Holiness Connection](#). In the same year, the Church of the Nazarene's [Board of General Superintendents endorsed a Declaration for Freedom](#) – a document drafted by Wesleyan-Holiness leaders, including Carla Sunberg, who was [elected as a general superintendent](#) in June.

Over the three years, churches have taken up a “freedom offering” to support anti-trafficking work led by Nazarene churches. NCM has used those gifts to support the opening of new ministries, including [drop-in centers in Mumbai](#), a [mobile intervention clinic in Moldova](#), [small business development for at-risk girls](#), and church-based prevention.

The Mumbai drop-in ministry, which was started by the Sharon Bethel Church of the Nazarene in December 2016, is called Jivan Asha, which means “Hope of Life.” Through two Jivan Asha centers, 75 children have gained a safe space for education,

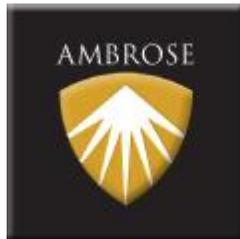
nutrition, recreation, psycho-social support, and spiritual nurturing. The centers have also reached out to 150 women in prostitution to provide counseling, life skills training, vocational training, medical referrals, and spiritual care. Through the ministry, the church has identified 65 women who are open to new alternatives, and they are working with several women on a path to leaving the brothels.

This year's freedom offering will be used to support the birth of new church-led anti-trafficking ministries as well as the continuation of ongoing work.

Freedom Sunday is planned for 24 September, but congregations are encouraged to plan a Freedom Sunday at any time that works in their calendar. Freedom Sunday planning resources are available as free downloads through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries at ncm.org/freedomsunday.

– [Nazarene Compassionate Ministries](http://ncm.org/freedomsunday)

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REXFORD BODA REMEMBERED

Rexford Boda joined the faculty of Canadian Bible College in 1965 as Director of General Studies; shortly thereafter he added Director of Athletics to his responsibilities. In 1971 he was appointed Academic Dean, and in 1979 President of Canadian Bible College and Canadian Theological Seminary (CBC/CTS), a position he held until his departure from the schools in 1988.

During his 23 year career with the institution, Dr. Boda impacted hundreds of students with his teaching and mentoring, some of whom now serve as faculty at Ambrose University, the current iteration of CBC and CTS.

Ambrose president Gordon T. Smith has a deep appreciation for the impact of Rex Boda in his life and in the life of the institution and notes:

“Dr. Boda was a terrific teacher and his course, Christian Theism, was hugely significant to me personally as an 18-year old; he demonstrated that Christians could, and needed to, take the mind seriously. Later, as the president of Canadian Bible College and Canadian Theological Seminary, he sustained a vision for higher education that continues to this day in what is now Ambrose University. I was so very honoured when he chose to attend my installation as president in the Fall of 2012.”

Remembered as an educator, churchman, mentor, and friend, the Ambrose community grieves Dr. Boda’s passing and sends condolences to his wife Jean and to the extended Boda family, many of whom are also Ambrose alumni.



Rex Boda
1933 – 2017

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