

# GROW HOPE

## Markdale



Sponsored by Markdale Community Church of the Nazarene and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada

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### PROJECT: NEPAL

Providing technical capacity support and inputs to farmers that allow them to sustainably grow profitable and nutritious crops, not only for their own consumption, but also for sale to increase income. Skill trainings and provision of inputs were provided to some families who are landless in order to improve on-farm and off-farm income generation activities. Over three years, 1,308 households were targeted (approximately 6,245 individuals).

### PROJECT: BANGLADESH

Increasing food security and dietary diversity by improving knowledge and practices in growing more as well as better diversified crops. The project also increased farmers income by facilitating market linkages with local agriculture service providers to scale-up farmer crop production sales and increased awareness about women's rights, providing space for them to collectively bargain for equitable access to agriculture and other income earning opportunities. Over three years, this project targeted 1,400 households (approximately 6,400 participants).

## FINAL REPORT

### 2024

In 2024, 55 acres were sponsored, and the Grow Hope Markdale Growing Project **raised a total of \$69,402.08**. After paying the farmer's input costs (\$400 per acre x 55 acres), the net income was **\$47,402.08**, which was sent to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Thank you to local farmers Wayne and Sharon Goudy, Michael and Christie Goudy, Pondbank Farms, the Strutt family, and Torry farms for their generous contributions of land, labour, and machinery. Thank you to all who sponsored acres, joined us at our celebration weekend, and made additional donations. Your support made this all possible!





## PROJECT: SOUTH SUDAN

In partnership with World Renew, NCM Canada is supporting a four month cash distribution response to 1,775 households (approximately 8,875 individuals) in southern Sudan. Households will receive \$15 USD per person per month. 750 of the returnee (refugee) households will receive seeds and tools to restart vegetable production and a separate 750 host community households (approximately 3,750 individuals) affected by flooding will also receive seeds. In total, 2,525 households will be reached through the project.

## PROJECT: VENEZUELA

In partnership with ADRA Canada, NCM Canada is supporting an eight-month humanitarian food assistance project in Marzo, Francisca Duarte, San Félix municipalities in Bolívar, Venezuela being implemented by ADRA Venezuela. More than 9 million people in Venezuela are food insecure or face malnourishment as they cannot afford enough food. For six months, 826 households (4,956 people) will receive monthly rations of flour, beans, tuna, pasta, oats, oil, sugar and salt.

# ENDING GLOBAL HUNGER

**757 million people in the world continue to experience hunger (The Food and Agriculture Organization, FAO)**

The Grow Hope Markdale project will continue in 2025. Any donations received will be used to help sponsor acres. Sponsorship of acres helps to pay for the farmers' input costs – the cost to plant, care for, and harvest the crop. All proceeds from the harvest then go to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Grow Hope Markdale is a partnership of the Markdale Church of the Nazarene, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada. Collectively, we express our sincere appreciation for all those who support this project.

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*Picture: a project participant who is part of an agricultural group standing by her small business. She is able to generate additional income to provide for her family's needs.*

