



"Welcome sweet November, the season of senses and my favourite month of all." - Gregory F. Lenz

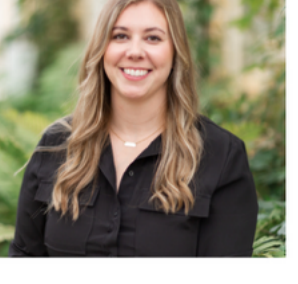
As autumn settles in Canada, we are met with the sight of brilliant fall colours, the feel of crisp air on our skin, the sound of crunching leaves underfoot, and the scent and taste of cinnamon and nutmeg in seasonal baking. These senses are familiar and warm, inviting us to slow down as winter approaches. This November, let's make space to reflect and give thanks for all God has given to us.

In this month's edition of Word & Deed, you can:

- Browse the [Hopeful Gifts for Change gift catalogue](#)
- Pray with us through November's [Prayerline](#)
- Watch a [CBM Calling video update](#) from our staff in Lebanon
- Read the CABA Reflection: [Justice](#)
- Find out more about the relaunch of our [Collective Cup coffee](#)

... and so much more!

We give thanks for your support and prayers for CBM, our staff, and our partners as we continue to fill our senses in the wonder of God and respond to the invitation to partner in Kingdom work.



Catherine Cole
Team Lead, Communications



Share a gift of HOPE this Christmas!

Whether it's an individual gift for a family member, a teacher, a friend, or a congregation collectively supporting a Shared Hopeful Gift, there are many ways to extend love to people around the globe this Christmas.

You can enable victims of human trafficking in India to build brighter, more hopeful futures through rehabilitation and spiritual care. Children in Rwanda with disabilities and their caregivers can receive much-needed support and education to improve their quality of life. As the church continues to grow in the Middle East, passionate church leaders can be equipped through mentorship and training to share the Gospel in their unique contexts and communities.

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Celebrating 150 Years Together in Mission.



We live among countless injustices and crises that are too often repeated in the news and other mass outlets. Lois Mitchell takes the enormous topic of justice and brings us into a reflection of what it means to act justly. She challenges us to go beyond the sentiment, and even action of what justice looks like, to really examine what it is to love mercy and walk humbly with our God. We can do this by seeking a deeper understanding of God and His justice by basing all on our relationship to God before popular opinion or religiosity.

"... Jesus did not take on political systems that were clearly oppressive. He saw the humanity of every person, especially the downtrodden and marginalized. He SAW them – the overlooked and undervalued – through the haze of social and political scapegoating and human depravity and illness. He met them on the margins of society and stopped to see, listen, heal, forgive. He could have challenged injustice in the political arena, but He didn't, at least not directly. Rather he proclaimed that 'my kingdom is not of this world' (John 18:36)."

[Read the Full Reflection](#)

News & Stories



CBM Calling - Lebanon Update

Helle Liht, Director of Partnerships, Africa, Europe and MENA speaks with MENA team members Elie Haddad, Evangeline Hammond, and Rabih Wazir regarding the situation in Lebanon, how our partners are responding, and how you can get involved.

[Watch Video](#)



Ernad and Almess Botros Ministry Update

"As a family, we are safe. We aren't better off than anyone else in the country and share the same struggles. Yet, life goes on by God's grace, and we continue to rely on the prayers and support of many like you."

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Gato Munyamasoko Ministry Update

"Your emails bring me strength and encouragement to move ahead even when there are challenges. Your prayers and financial support have enabled CBM to accompany the Africa partners' churches to accomplish their mission through different drivers – peace and reconciliation at this critical time of war, ethnic division, oppression of social classes, and poverty."

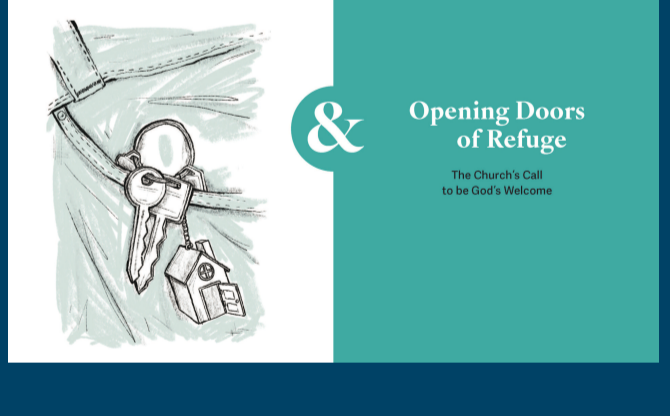
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Joseph Lee Ministry Update

"In response to the flooding crisis, our mission partner, Jireh Church in Chiang Rai, has collaborated with CBM to run a relief project. Church members are actively involved in volunteering, delivering food and water to flood victims, and assisting with cleaning and restoring damaged homes and farmland to help people rebuild their lives."

[Find Out More](#)



Opening Doors of Refuge

By Sam Chaise

In this article from our first issue of Word&Deed Magazine, Sam Chaise shares how churches in Canada have a new opportunity to come alongside asylum-seekers as they wait for their refugee claim to be heard. As the Church, how might we reflect and respond to the reality of record numbers of Forcibly Displaced People in our world and in Canada?

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This Giving 2's Day, CBM is excited to launch a special campaign where you choose the impact! With a donation of \$22.22, you can support the cause that means the most to you:



And every \$22.22 gift will be matched, doubling your impact! Stay tuned to make a difference in the area closest to your heart.

GET READY TO BE SENT

"We never know what God is going to call us to do. One of the things I realized early on in my international mission travel many years ago is that if you can go far away from home and talk to people about Jesus, then you can also stay close to home and talk to people about Jesus. It's just riskier staying home because people know you better and they don't have any illusions about who you are."

Going on a mission trip isn't about bringing something to the situation that isn't already there. It is about connecting, broadening perspective, coming alongside, and bringing the message to others that they are seen, they are heard, they are valued and that God is at work in their lives. As someone who is committed to the idea of mission, I think that's what staying at home is about, too.

The point is... the "mission" never changes. For any of us. Whenever and wherever we are, it's just coming alongside and being who God is calling us to be. That was my takeaway from this trip."

- Sherri Andrzejewski, Bolivia SENT Team member from Swift Current Baptist Church. |

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