

Nobleford Christian Reformed Church

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25th Annual Bits & Bytes Golf Tournament hosted by Immanuel Christian Schools

Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 9:00 am Land O Lakes, Coaldale.

We are looking for golfers and sponsors! All levels of Sponsors welcomed and wanted!

If you or your business are interested in being a sponsor OR if you want to register for the tournament

email events@immanuelcs.ca or phone 403-634-7297 or register online at www.societyforchristianeducation.org

Individual golfer entry fee is \$125 and includes 18 holes of golf, a power cart, prizes, and lunch.

All funds raised go towards enhancing educational programs at Immanuel Christian Schools.

Dear Friends at Nobleford:

Thank you for supporting God's mission through Resonate!

The last few years have been challenging for mission workers both at home and abroad. But thanks to faithful congregations like yours, Resonate has been able to continue making mission work a priority for the Christian Reformed Church. This work we do together unites us in our faith and commitment to the Great Commission.

When you give to support your church planters and your missionaries, I encourage you to remember Isaiah's words in chapter 55. "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth... so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire..." (verses 10-11).

The ministry leaders you sent depend on your support—thank you for making a difference. You are joining with them to work in God's kingdom and lean on this promise for those that turn to him. May God bless all your work in his mission, both in your own community and alongside Resonate.

In Christ, Kevin DeRaaf

Acting Canada Director

Below are details of your gifts from January to June 2022.

1/19/2022 801110 Resonate: Ministry Share \$3,202.43

1/19/2022 203965 Resonate: Journeys into Friendship \$761.32

1/19/2022 801210 Resonate Global Mission: Where Most Needed \$85.00

4/22/2022 801110 Resonate: Ministry Share \$3,202.45

There are two job opportunities for the Interfaith Food Bank:

Procurement Coordinator

Food Share Coordinator

Please see the two attachments to this email regarding this.



Update on the Tamarindo Water Project

Nicaragua

August 2022



The water project began in January 2022. The first 7 months of the project have focused on getting the community organized, gathering information, planning, and coordinating with lots of different government agencies and officials.

Here are some of the activities which took place:

1. Community meetings took place at the very beginning to inform community members of the project and get their input. Meetings have continued regularly (meetings actually began last year before the project was approved and officially began).

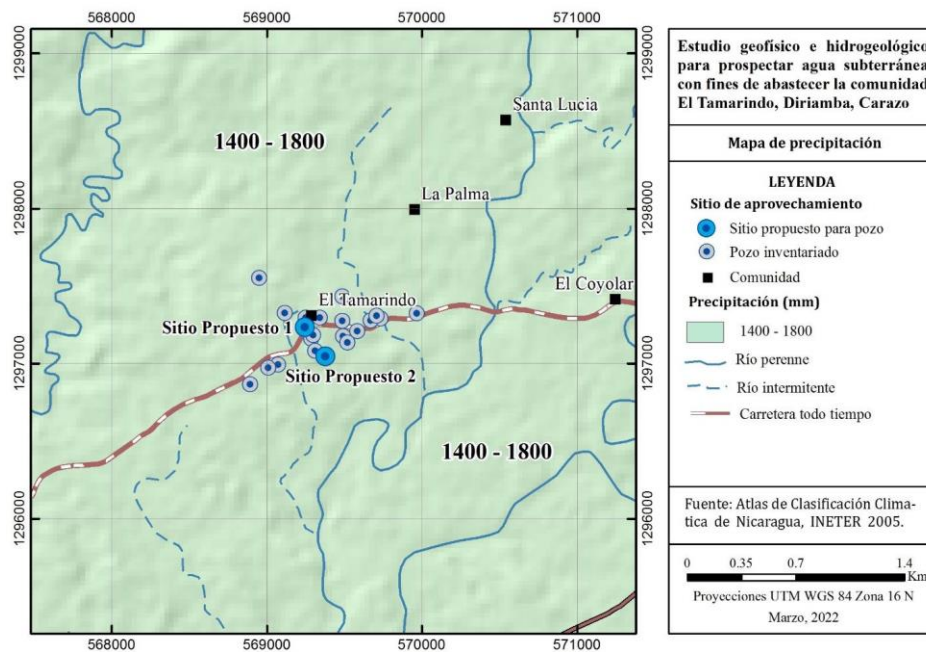
**San Lucas reports: Community assemblies that have included the presentation of the project, accounts and reports of the efforts and progress of the project as the result of the water tests. This has helped the inhabitants to believe in the project and wish to be part of it.*



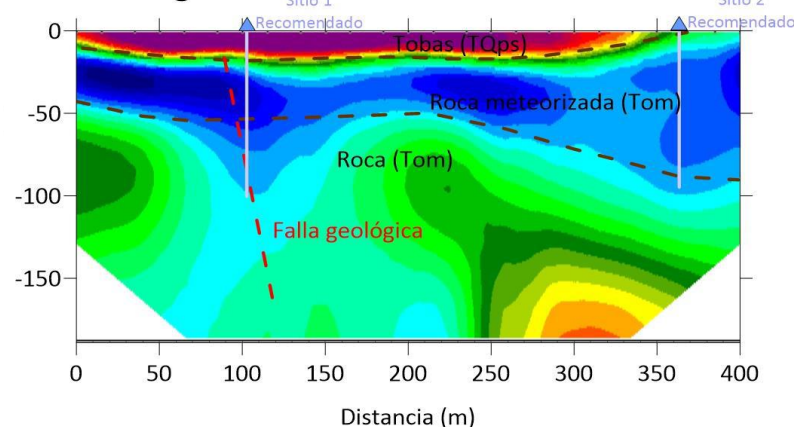
2. Gathering information from the community: A census was taken of the entire community. Each household was interviewed, each house and well was mapped and evaluated.
3. Topographical and hydrological studies were done by professionals with the support of San Lucas staff and community members. (see pictures below)



**San Lucas Reports: Data collection was carried out with the support of the community. Some of the information gathered was the elevation of each house and the distance between houses and important infrastructures. This provided the necessary information to create topographic plans in civil 3d and a longitudinal profile. Data was collected from 90 homes, 1 primary school and 1 evangelical church. For the topographic survey and the hydrogeological study 6 community members worked alongside San Lucas staff to perform various tasks such as: cleaning the area of the studies, accompaniment to the homes of the community, support in information of local wells, inventories of community wells, travel to homes to supply with water.*



Sección geoelectrica 2D - El Tamarindo - Perfil 2



4. The members of the Water Committee (accompanied by San Lucas) talked with community members, the owner of the land where the well was to be drilled, and then carried out all of the paperwork and networking necessary to get the permits and documentation from various government agencies and regulators.

San Lucas reports: In order to avoid conflict and ensure that the entire community is able to access water from a well, San Lucas policy is that if the best place to drill a well is found on private land, the water committee must carry out the legal procedures to acquire the land for the community before the project can continue. This means that the municipal mayor's office must have a title for the land in the name of the community. At this moment the community of Tamarindo already has the legal documents in its favor. The land was donated by Mr. Gabriel Antonio Baltodano Mendoza, a community member of El Tamarindo, and has an estimated contribution value of \$ 1,000.00 dollars with an area of 87.32 square meters. The Baltodano family is not wealthy, so this was a generous donation.

5. The well was successfully drilled! It is 320 feet deep and has a flow rate of slightly over 30 gallons per minute.

San Lucas Reports: The drilling was successful and adequate supply of water was found at a depth of 320 feet. The flow rate of 30 gallons per minute is considered above what is required to supply the population of El Tamarindo. Microbiological and physical chemical analysis was carried out on the water source of the drilled well. The results of the analysis conclude that: The water complies with CAPRE and the World Health Organization standards for drinking water. Although the water is coming from the fractured aquifer no heavy metals were detected.

According to the topographic data, a main network of approximately 2.5 km in length plus 1.8 kilometers of household line will be covered, thus providing water coverage to 92 homes. The distribution system will be made with pvc pipe and will consist of shut-off valves and reliefs required for the proper functioning of the system.

- What is next? The community of El Tamarindo will begin working to install all of the tubing and infrastructure needed to create the water distribution network. They are still waiting for the final permissions to be officially granted by the local regulators, but all indications are that they will be able to begin work sometime in the month of August.



San Lucas Reports: To date the project is approximately 33% finished. The paperwork is currently in the process of receiving a permit from the Municipal Mayor's Office and national water authority (ANA), which normally takes between a month to a month and a half for approval (but we have already received positive indications from those offices).

The homes benefited will be in total 92. As part of the execution of the project, the families of the community will contribute labor (432 hours of work) and monetary contribution per household of \$ 50.00, \$ 2,000.00 has been collected, which is equivalent to 50 members per home who have delivered their total or partial contribution, this fund is being administered by the Community Water Committee. These funds will be used for the acquisition of materials.

The project is facing some challenges. Here are some things to pray for:

- The inhabitants must work on the project, as in the trenching but some have been able to get work in the sugar industry nearby and it will be difficult to do both.
 - The continuous rains have limited access to the community. In order to reach El Tamarindo you have to cross two rivers. When the rivers rise outsiders can't get in, and community members can't get out.
 - Many families are behind in their economic contribution, money is short. The Nicaragua economy has not recovered from the crisis that started here even before the pandemic..
 - Permits from government institutions take a lot of time and *a lot* of work!
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ICS Fall 2022 Courses - Check out the Institute for Christian Studies' Fall 2022 course offerings: Biblical Foundations: Narrative, Wisdom, and the Art of Interpretation offered online on Tuesday evenings; Grace as an Aesthetic Concept offered online on Wednesday afternoons; Imagining the World with Ricoeur offered online on Thursday mornings; and The Craft of Reflective Practice offered online asynchronously with periodic synchronous Zoom meetings. Tuition is \$400 for first-time auditors, \$600 for returning auditors, and \$1500 to take the course for credit. Classes start on September 12; the last day to register is September 16. Email Elizabet Aras at academic-registrar@icscanada.edu for more information or to register!

God's in Control - Not Us - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Before Joshua led the battle at Jericho, the Lord commanded him to be strong and courageous. God promised to be with him. This week, take time to remember all the great things God has done for you. Rest easy that there is no problem too great for our God. Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Groundwork: When Discipleship Growth Stalls - Sometimes the things we do and say are out of sync with the faith we profess to believe. Study Acts 10:34-48, Galatians 2:11-16, James 1:22-27, 1 John 1:8-10, and Philippians 3:12-14 with Groundwork to understand what God does for us in these situations and what we need to continue growing again as Christ's disciples today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Groundwork: Discipleship During Life's Tragedies - What happens to our discipleship while we experience grief, pain, frustration, anger, and the many other emotions we experience during these times? Join Groundwork as we study Job 1:13-22, Psalm 56:8, 1 Peter 5:7, and Job 42:10-11 to stay the course of discipleship during life's tragedies. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

A Heart for the Hurting - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. In 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, Paul describes God as the God who comforts us so that we can comfort others. This week talk to your family about how we can show Jesus' love to a hurting friend. What does it look like for us to comfort others? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Love Your Difficult Neighbor - Check out the kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. God isn't only concerned with who's right. He wants us to "...try to live at peace and help each other have a strong faith" (Romans 14:19). Is there someone you need to try to make peace with this week? Listen now at kidscorner.net and check out all the new content.

Family Fire - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

At-home Faith Practices Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Service: Read Deuteronomy 10:12-13 and ponder or discuss the following questions. What does serving the Lord “with all your heart and with all your soul” mean to you? How would you know if you were indeed serving God with all your heart and soul? What might be different about your daily life? What might be the same? How would you describe this type of wholehearted service to a child? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Service: Read Mark 10:42-45 and ponder or discuss the following questions. Do you know someone who is an example of a “servant-leader”? What do you think motivates that person? In what areas of life are you a leader? How can you also serve in those areas? How might you cultivate the heart of a servant in imitation of Jesus? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

At-home Faith Practice Reflection Tip - Reflection and Discussion Starter—the Practice of Service: Read John 13:3-5, 12-14 and ponder or discuss the following questions. If you were one of the disciples, how do you think you would have felt when Jesus, the Son of God, began to wash your feet? Embarrassed? Unworthy? Awed? Other? In what specific ways can we follow Jesus’ example of servanthood, both individually and as members of a faith community? Whose “feet” might you need to “wash”? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit bit.ly/FaithPracticesProject)

Hearts Exchanged: Participate - Hearts Exchanged is a unique CRC opportunity to learn about reconciliation in a supportive community. Learn more about the details of this experience and how you can get involved this fall. crcna.org/hearts-exchanged

Heading Off to Campus? - As you study, experience a multitude of perspectives and worldviews, and develop new relationships, why not also be part of a diverse community that gathers together to grow in faith and to engage God’s world? There are over 35 CRC Campus Ministries on campuses across North America, comprised of students, faculty, and staff. To find out if there is one on your campus please check www.resonateglobalmission.org/campus-ministry/partner-campus-ministries No campus ministry at your school? You can also locate a nearby CRC here: crcna.org/church-finder For more information about our unique ministries, please contact us at campusministry@crcna.org

Next Week is Diversity Sunday - On August 14, we will recognize and celebrate the growing number of non-Anglo congregations in the CRC. Learn more about the CRC Office of Diversity and consider giving to its mission as it serves and grows diverse leadership throughout the denomination. Check out the website: crcna.org/Diversity

Procurement Coordinator Position Description

Primary duties include gleaning and purchasing food stock for food bank programs and partnerships. The Procurement Coordinator reports to the Operations Manager, and facilitates the collection and distribution of ingredients for cooking programs and grocery orders, and acts as a liaison and point person for program staff.

Hours: 20 hours per week, as scheduled during regular operating hours 8am – 4pm. Occasional additional/evening/weekend hours.

Required Skill Set:

1. Organizational and Supervisory Skills – coordination of grocery lists, recipes, record keeping and direction of volunteers
2. Communication Skills – verbal and written, interact with volunteers, clients, donors, partner agencies and the general public
3. Basic Administrative Skills - word processing, database, spreadsheets and other software programs and familiar with file maintenance
4. Valid Driver's License, and able to submit Driver's Abstract
5. Must be willing to submit a Criminal Records Check
6. Heavy Lifting is required on a regular basis.

Job Description:

- Support Operations Manager in securing food stock for Permanent Supportive Housing Units, The Interfaith Chinook Country Kitchen and Co-op Community Kitchen
- Liaise with program staff to develop grocery lists and educate program partners on how to take advantage of product gleaned from food bank stock for cost savings
- Glean product from food bank inventory
- Purchase items that are not able to be gleaned from food bank stock
- Coordinate order pickup and deliveries
- Summarize grocery orders and work with Administrative Team for invoicing
- Track and report statistics and financial data
- Support Kitchen Facilitator with ingredients and supplies required for programming in the Co-op Community Kitchen
- Backup to Food Share program and Warehouse Team when necessary
- Act as part of the team and assist where needed
- Additional duties as required by the Executive Director

Interested candidates should forward resume, cover letter and three references to info@interfaithfoodbank.ca. Shortlisted applicants will receive further details, including salary range, via email when invited to interview. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is placed.



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Food Share Coordinator Position Description

Primary duties include the overall program coordination, planning, and sustainment of Food Share Programs (rural and urban and provincial hub). This includes liaising with rural and urban food share partners, planning for and contributing to the distribution of food and non-food items, donation pickups, receipt, storage, preparing and communicating delivery logistics, and maintaining warehouse organization and cleanliness. As a supplementary role of this position, duties may include support to the Operations Manager, facility repairs and maintenance, warehouse logistics, and liaising with suppliers, donors, volunteers and partners.

Hours: 35 Hours per Week

Monday to Friday

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Occasional additional hours may be requested

Required Skill Set:

1. Program Management Skills:
 - Direction and coordination of IFB Food Share Programs; including volunteers
 - Food Share Program planning and sustainment, logistics and route mapping coordination, and volunteer scheduling
 - Records and reporting of Food Share program analytics
 - Collaboration with Operations Manager and Warehouse-Team to ensure food and non-food intake and delivery efficiency and streamlined operations
2. Operations and Warehouse Support
 - Forklift experience and/or certification preferred
 - Operation of warehouse equipment - scales, forklift, pallet-jack, dolly, etc.
3. Communication Skills – interact with rural and urban partners and suppliers, donors, volunteers, Operations Team and IFB team members
4. Basic warehouse repair and maintenance skills
5. Ability to perform heavy lifting activities on a regular basis
6. Valid possess Class 5 Drivers License and Driver's Abstract
7. Must be willing to submit a Police Records Check

Job Description:

Program Planning and Management

- Establish and facilitate the Food Share program by establishing routes and schedules for food delivery to partners
- Establish relationships with food share partners and create delivery schedules
- Record and report driver hours and route logs
- Record program costs and summaries for grant reports
- Create posters and promotional materials
- Pickup, weigh and record food and non-food donations
- Stock materials in the warehouse

- Support Donations Staff/Volunteers with front counter intake when required
- Support and Direct Volunteers to:
 - Sort incoming product
 - Check suitability of product (i.e. expiry dates, condition of product)
 - Dispose of out-of-date /damaged product
 - Repackage bulk foods
 - Prepare goodie bags, baby bundles, diabetic bundles, safety packs
- Inventory/Record Keeping - record weights of incoming and outgoing food and non-food items, track inventory and supplies

Volunteer Coordination

- Schedule and optimize use of volunteers for Food Share Programs
- Cover for volunteers when absent or in short supply

Operations and Warehouse Support

- Assist with facility repairs and maintenance as required - maintain cleanliness of warehouse area, clean and maintain front & back lot, including weed control, garbage removal, etc.
- Support Operations Manager with food share programs and administrative tasks

Other

- This position undergoes On-the-Job training as assigned by Operations Manager and/or the Executive Director
- Act as part of the team and assist where needed
- All other duties as directed by the Operations Manager and/or the Executive Director