

Nobleford Christian Reformed Church

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Friends of Interfaith Charity Dinner & Silent Auction

Friday, September 22nd, Proceeds to Interfaith Food Bank

On the evening of Friday, September 22, 2023 Interfaith Food Bank will host the 15th Annual *Friends of Interfaith Charity Dinner & Silent Auction*. Held at the Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge, this evening is sure to be filled with good food and entertainment for a great cause. All proceeds for the evening will benefit the Interfaith Food Bank and the thousands of people who need our help throughout the year, nearly half of whom are children.

The food bank is exceptionally grateful to *Wesbridge Construction, Floor Designs, Westland Insurance, Neudorf Plumbing, The Cooperators, and other sponsors* for support in recruiting Trevor Panczak, Dale Ketcheson and Brent Brooks as entertainers for the night. **TICKETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR**, and the event does tend to sell out, so organizers encourage connecting to request tickets as soon as possible. Please join in, and bring as many guests as you like!

Event Information:

DATE: Friday, September 22, 2023
TIME: 6PM Cocktails and Champagne Reception
7PM Steak and Prawns or Stuffed Chicken Dinner, and Dessert Auction
9PM Live Auction and Entertainment
Silent Auction and Raffles throughout the evening
LOCATION: Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge - 320 Scenic Drive S
ENTERTAINERS: Host *Brent Brooks*, Dinner Music by *Dale Ketcheson*, and Musical Entertainment by *Trevor Panczak*
TICKETS: \$100 each, or Tables of 10. Charitable Tax Receipts will be issued for a portion of the ticket price.
Tickets are NOT available at the door, order online at
www.interfaithfoodbank.ca/CharityDinner or call 403-320-8779

For Interfaith Food Bank, autumn is the start of the busiest season as preparations begin for the colder months ahead. Unfortunately, hunger knows no season. We are currently experiencing unprecedented demands for support and are seeing people requesting help that we would not normally see, given the current economic climate and costs of living. Please join us in making our Friends of Interfaith Charity Dinner & Silent Auction an evening to remember, and an opportunity to give to those who need it most.

For tickets to the event, or to donate auction items for the Friends of Interfaith Charity Dinner & Silent Auction, please contact our office at 403-320-8779 or visit us online at www.interfaithfoodbank.ca/CharityDinner

September 7, 2023

Nicaragua Water Project Update:

Hello to our friends at Nobleford CRC,

I'm excited to report that the water system in El Tamarindo is complete! I was able to attend the inauguration ceremony on Friday, July 28th and after listening to lots of speeches, watching some traditional folk dancing, eating a delicious fried snack, and taking a big group picture ... I snuck away with a family who lived close by and got to see the main attraction: water flowing from the tap at their house!

On the day of the celebration, the water was only fully connected and running for half of the families. The other half of the system was still getting cleaned out and the water meters needed to get hooked up. However, this Thursday, Aug 10th, I got official word that 92 out of the 97 houses that will eventually receive water are fully connected and operational and the water project can formally end. (The last 5 families can connect as soon as they finish their work/financial contributions that goes to the local Water Committee.) The involvement of 92 families and over 400 people is such an impressive result, especially since the project started with 60 families who believed in the vision, organized, and started working together to make it happen. Those families modeled hard work and unity, encouraged others to join, and the number grew until more and more families were integrated. Now, the entire community share the fruits of success after a little over 18 months of hard work (although it actually started a few years early!).

Just a reminder of all the work that went into this project:

- More than 3 years of training for the leaders of the Community Water Committee
- Around 10 community assemblies, as well as door-to-door house visits to explain the project and organize the community together
- Hydrological and environmental studies to identify the well site.
- LOTS of advocacy, paperwork, meetings, and coordination with local authorities to get all of the licenses, permissions, and land titles in order to drill the well and ensure that the well, the solar panels, the pump, and the water tank are all on community-owned land.
- Thousands of hours of work hand-digging trenches and then laying over 3 kilometers of pipes
- Construction of two 3 meter concrete columns to create aerial passages, a 2 meter concrete base for the storage tank.
- Installation of the solar panels and pump (not to mention all of the work required to *acquire* the system since it was held up in customs for months)
- The construction and installation of 92 concrete water meter boxes - still 5 left to go! (but that is up to the water committee once those families finish their contributions).

Also, I want to share that World Renew, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and the community of El Tamarindo were basically equal financial partners in providing the resources to finish this project! The total cost was approximately US\$150,000. World Renew with your partnership provided 33%, the community contributed another 27% (primarily through their labor), and MCC contributed 40%. What a blessing to work together to bring God's Kingdom!

I have uploaded a few project pictures, as well as pictures and videos from the inauguration:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1EH0g7PrhZidL9GfY3P9AvBXADVJOyKLW?usp=sharing>

Here is a short video that I recorded to say "praise God" with you a bit more directly:

 [World Renew Nicaragua - Steve Gisel - Praise God for water in Tamarindo.mp4](#)

Thank you and praise God for His faithfulness in continuing His good work until it is completed!

Steve Gisel, Country Director Nicaragua
World Renew Mundo Renovado

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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.

Kids Corner: Angels Around Us - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. When you read the Bible and find out that there are angels around us, how do you picture them? Do you think they have a glowing, heavenly light shining on them? Or majestic wings like the ones on Christmas ornaments? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the KC's Liz and Friends Podcast "At Your Service."

Kids Corner: God Gives Relief - Check out this week's kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. STRESS! This is a word you might hear a lot. It seems like everyone is stressed about something. What can you do about the stress in your life? Check out all the great content at kidscorner.net like the KC's Liz and Friends Podcast "Homework Alert."

Groundwork: When Our Faith Defines Our Character - Daniel knew what it was like live in a cultural context that was not welcoming to his faith practice. Join Groundwork as we study Daniel 1. Together we'll discuss the challenges he faced and witness what God can do when we let our faith and not our context define our character. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Tour the Biblical Lands of Israel - February 26 – March 8, 2024. Experience a refreshing renewal of your faith, and gain a deeper understanding of the Bible, as you tour the biblical lands with teaching host, Pastor Peter Tuininga, and Sindbad Tours of Israel. See many of the biblical places (Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Jericho, and much more), and gain spiritual and historical insights which will make the Bible come alive for you. For complete information, cost, and registration, go to website: toursofisrael.wordpress.com or call Peter Tuininga: 1 289 877-8433 or e-mail: peter.tuininga@gmail.com

Nurturing Belonging: Exploring Hospitality, Disability, and Theology - We believe that all people are created in the image of God and that each person is essential. Yet, when it comes to hospitality and belonging for people with disabilities, our congregations often don't reflect what we believe. Join us online on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 from 1:30 to 6 pm (Eastern) to learn about how to nurture belonging. This event is virtual and free of charge. To register go to: <https://www.crcna.org/disability/events>