



Healing & Hope

**Mennonite
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Canada**

Gift Sampler
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HEALING & HOPE

Celebrating God's Mission in the World

Welcome! Please take a moment to browse through this magazine and discover how you can bring healing and hope into someone's life.

What's different about these gifts?

Han Vandenberg was a Mennonite mission worker in Taiwan for 38 years. He said,

*“you can help a person from the cradle to the grave,
but unless there is a spiritual dimension,
a person's needs are not truly and fully met.”*

We think Han was on to something. We believe that Jesus said important things about how to live in harmony with the world and the people around us. We also believe that Jesus meant what he said.

Each of the gifts in this sampler has been carefully chosen to offer spiritual nourishment to spiritually hungry people. The options for giving represented here celebrate Jesus' message to the world and God's mission in the world. You can share your blessings by personally choosing to give one or more of the unique and special gifts in this catalogue. You can also offer one of these gifts on behalf of a loved one.

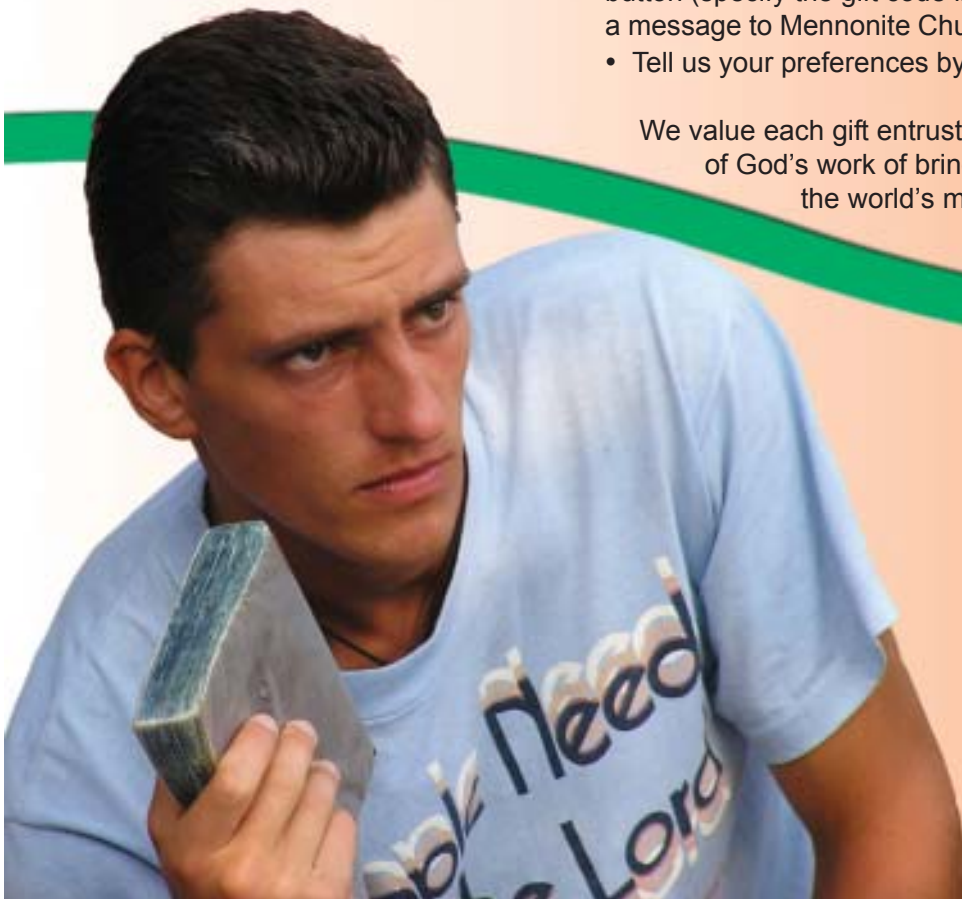
Your gift of healing and hope, especially when added to the gifts of others like you, will make a long term difference in someone's life and in the ministry of the church.

Giving is easy

- Simply use the enclosed order form and envelope.
- Call 1-866-888-6785 and tell us your preference.
- Visit www.healingandhope.ca and click on the “Donate Now” button (specify the gift code in the box, “Would you like to send a message to Mennonite Church Canada?”)
- Tell us your preferences by email: Give@mennonitechurch.ca.

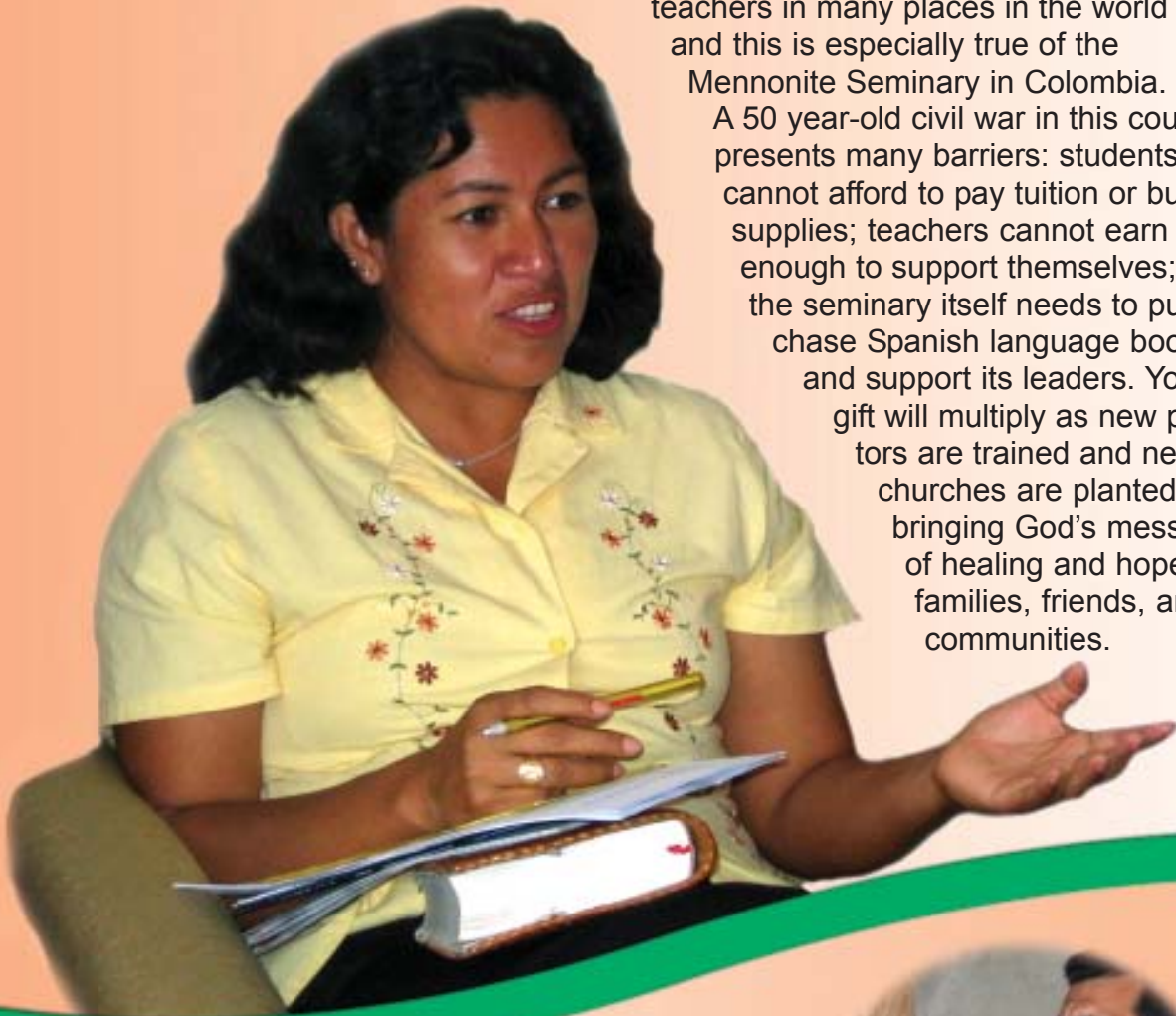
We value each gift entrusted to us. **Thank you** for being part of God's work of bringing healing and hope to some of the world's most difficult places.

We do not rent, sell, or otherwise distribute our mailing list. And each gift is tax deductible. To learn more about how gifts are chosen and distributed, visit www.healingandhope.ca



Give a gift that **MULTIPLIES**

Teach and nurture pastoral students to develop their full leadership potential!



There are more students than there are teachers in many places in the world – and this is especially true of the Mennonite Seminary in Colombia. A 50 year-old civil war in this country presents many barriers: students cannot afford to pay tuition or buy supplies; teachers cannot earn enough to support themselves; and the seminary itself needs to purchase Spanish language books and support its leaders. Your gift will multiply as new pastors are trained and new churches are planted, bringing God's message of healing and hope to families, friends, and communities.

You can help:

- \$7.50** Student materials for 1 student for 1 class (#5154001)
- \$50** Tuition for 1 student for 1 class (#5154002)
- \$75** Paper and office supplies for 1 month (#5154003)
- \$200** Supports the new School of Peace program for 1 month (#5154004)
- \$400** Helps pay the school's rent for 1 month (#5154005)



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Compassion and **Caring**

South Africa has the highest incidence of AIDS in the world. For victims, it means dealing with end of life issues. For families, it means a steady loss of parents and caregivers.



In South Africa women are considerably more likely to contract AIDS than men. Unfaithful relationships, poverty, and illiteracy, all combine to increase infection rates in women. Together with local churches, Mennonite Church Canada helps local leaders provide health and spiritual counseling services for people living with AIDS, and helps run orphanages. Prevention education and biblically based resources in the local language play a significant role in reducing infection rates. The Umtata Women's Theology Group has published booklets in English and Xhosa which are used all around the world. There are so many ways you can make a difference in South Africa.

You can help:

- \$50** helps pay for photo copying and printing AIDS education resources for one month (#5116001)
- \$100** helps stock local language Bible study booklets (#5116002)
- \$150** pays for printing one run of an Umtata Women's Theology Booklet (#5116003)
- \$250** helps keep one volunteer-run orphan care centre in operation for a month (#5116004)



Learning to



opens a door to new life in Burkina Faso

The Siamou people have a completely oral tradition of passing information down through the generations. With the help of trained linguists, their language has now been written in alphabetic form. The first gospel stories are being translated. The task now is to train Siamou people how to read their own language. In the meantime, locally trained translators are also recording Bible stories on cassettes for distribution. Equipment such as cassette tape recorders, scanners, and related computer equipment helps linguists and translators reach out to the Siamou people with this ministry.



You can help:

- \$100** funds one literacy class (#5112001)
- \$300** prints materials for a literacy class (#5112002)
- \$775** supports a linguist for 1 month (#5112003)
- \$900** translates one chapter (article) of the *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective* (#5200001)
- \$1500** translates a brochure (#5200002)

My gift of Healing & Hope...

I want to give \$ _____ to (mark boxes at right)

- A cheque is enclosed (send to Mennonite Church Canada, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd. Winnipeg MB R3P 0M4)
- Donate online at www.healingandhope.ca
- Donate by phone 1-866-888-6785

I prefer to use my  

Card No. _____ Expiry Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Name _____

Address _____ City/Prov. _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please contact me...

- I want to make a monthly gift
- I want to hear about opportunities for service
- I want to receive *PrayerNet* (Prayer encouragement letter) and/or *World of Witness International Ministries Report*

Every gift of healing and hope is an important part of what we can do together.

Colombia-Education

- #5154001 Texts \$ _____
- #5154002 Tuition \$ _____
- #5154003 Supplies \$ _____
- #5154004 School of Peace \$ _____
- #5154005 School rent \$ _____

South Africa/AIDS

- #5116001 AIDS resources \$ _____
- #5116002 Bible study booklet \$ _____
- #5116003 Women's theology bk \$ _____
- #5116004 Orphan care centre \$ _____

Burkina Faso-Language

- #5112001 Literacy class \$ _____
- #5112002 Literacy materials \$ _____
- #5112003 Linguist support \$ _____
- #5200001 Faith translation \$ _____
- #5200002 Brochure translation \$ _____

China-Pastors

- #5121501 1 mo. pastor support \$ _____
- #5121502 1 yr. pastor support \$ _____
- #5121503 Fix one building \$ _____

Vietnam

- #5129001 Student pastor rent \$ _____
- #5129002 Pastor motorcycle \$ _____
- #5129003 Fines \$ _____

China-Children

- #5126001 Sunday school lesson \$ _____
- #5121504 SS Teacher assistance \$ _____

Where most needed \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Pastors & Churches:



Help a Chinese congregation in rural China.

Graduating seminary students want to return to their rural homes and lead their congregations, but most rural churches are unable to support their pastors.

Many of these pastors must leave their ministry and their calling so they can find paid work. Some regions have hundreds of thousands of people, but just one or two pastors. For a small monthly amount, you can help support a rural Chinese pastor in ministry.

Rural congregations are also under threat of losing their church buildings. Local government officials can close buildings if facilities do not meet certain standards. Mennonite Church Canada Witness is working to prevent the closure of meeting places.

Your help enables these gathering points to continue to be places of worship and witness.



You can help:

\$25 helps support a rural Chinese pastor for one month (#5121501)

\$300 helps support a rural Chinese pastor for one year (#5121502)

\$500 helps to fix one building for a congregation's meeting place (#5121503)



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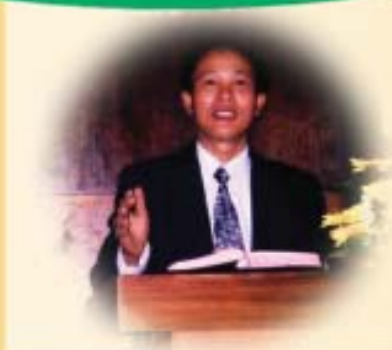
Help a church **survive**

Mennonite believers and church leaders in Vietnam are struggling to remain faithful under pressure to recant their beliefs and abandon their congregations.

The Mennonite Church in Vietnam is growing rapidly. Students are eager to learn about Anabaptist theology. People are noticing how the lives of some of their friends, neighbours, and family members are being transformed through Biblical teaching. Leaders are working to have the church recognized by government authorities. In the meantime, they meet primarily in homes to worship and study the Bible. Even so, local authorities sometimes clamp down and interfere with what they perceive as a threat to society.

Pastors must meet in secret.

Consider helping the Mennonite Church in Vietnam grow in faith and be witnesses to those who torment them.



You can help:

- \$100** helps a student to pay rent while studying to lead a church (#5129001)
- \$500** can buy a motorcycle, enabling pastors to reach scattered congregations (#5129002)
- \$1,000** can help pay fines imposed on churches accused of meeting illegally (#5129003)

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Teach the Children

A nutritional supplement of God's love makes a difference for children in China.

After generations of official atheism, planting seeds of faith in China is like planting trees in a desert. A lack of sound teaching materials and trained teachers means that receptive Sunday school children miss out on a rich learning experience as leaders struggle to convey God's love for them.

Demonstrating the love of Christ makes a noticeable impression on Chinese people. Helping to develop age appropriate Sunday school materials and training teachers plants the seed of faith in the very young.

You can help:

- \$100 helps church workers develop one Sunday school lesson for children (#5126001)
- \$200 helps one church in China participate in Sunday school teacher training, and receive children's materials (#5121504)



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