

Christian Peacemaker Teams



YEAR IN REVIEW

FYE 2009

February 1, 2008 - January 31, 2009



CPTers accompany Palestinian women removing an Israeli road block which impedes access to their village of at-Tuwani in the South Hebron Hills.

Teams of trained peacemakers joining local partners to reduce violence through biblically-based peacemaking and nonviolent direct action.

website: www.cpt.org

From the Co-Directors...

In celebrating a tremendous victory to protect traditional lands from corporate logging, Clanmother Roberta Keesick (Asubpeeschoseewagong First Nation) encouraged the community and its allies to “Keep on struggling, keep on standing up, keep on speaking out and reaching out.”

Her words echo from the forests of Canada through the hills and valleys of Palestine, the rivers of Colombia, the mountains of Iraqi Kurdistan and wherever people say “No” to violence and “Yes” to justice.

Although a severe economic downturn saw donations to CPT drop 9% in FYE 2009, communities caught in lethal conflict did not experience any downturn in war and occupation. They continue to engage in courageous peacemaking and ask for our partnership in that struggle.

With God’s grace and your generosity, CPT will be able to “keep on...” as faithful partners in reducing violence and oppression.

Doug Pritchard and Carol Rose
CPT Co-Directors

Sustaining Peacemaking

Christian peacemaking is work that Jesus invites everyone to join. It’s not just for a chosen few. There’s plenty for all to do.

We know that there are many CPT supporters who, for a myriad of reasons, cannot join the Peacemaker Corps. We are excited to offer some new ways for you to get involved. Our new initiative called “CPT Sustainers” proposes three main ways you can support CPT’s ministry more deeply.

- 1) Join a Peacemaker Sustainer Team to support a CPT worker.
- 2) Participate in CPT-related advocacy or fundraising work for at least 4 hours a month.
- 3) Contribute one week or more of your annual income to CPT (about 2%).

Peacemaker Sustainer Teams are a new way of thinking about support for full or part-time CPT workers. For CPTers who spend most of the year in the field, finding the energy to plan speaking and fundraising events when they get home can be difficult. In response to this need, we hope to link each CPT worker with a team of 4 Sustainers who will support their work through fundraising, planning speaking events and prayer. These teams would meet regularly with the CPT worker by phone or in person to plan fundraising strategies and events. Hopefully through this link, Sustainers will feel more connected to the work of CPTers.

CPTers and delegates have always participated in fundraising and advocacy as important ways to build ownership in CPT’s ministry and support our partner communities in their struggles for peace and justice. Now CPT Sustainers can engage in this aspect of the work even without going on a delegation or joining the Peacemaker Corps by giving four hours a month of time to these tasks.

Those who are not able to contribute time, but who want a more meaningful connection with CPT can become Sustainers by donating 2% of their annual income to CPT’s ministry.



Colombian mothers vigil to resist the violence of murder, lighting candles as a sign that the darkness of violence cannot overcome the light of truth and peace.

In a year when we have had to make sizeable cutbacks to our peacemaking work and put new full-time workers on hold, your financial contributions are more important than ever before. Can you consider making a donation to partner with CPT's work around the world?

As CPT's peacemaking projects expand, the need for sustenance likewise grows. Please join us in building a firm foundation to sustain our common ministry for years to come. Become a "CPT Sustainer."

Contact Tim Nafziger by phone at 773-277-0253, by e-mail at timn@cpt.org or drop us a note in the enclosed envelope. Thanks.



Tim Nafziger
Outreach Coordinator

Undoing Oppression

CPT is working consistently to develop conscious awareness and action for undoing all forms of oppression within the organization with a particular emphasis on racism / white privilege. That journey took us down a significant path in FYE 2009 as we conducted a racial audit over an eight-month period, led by consultants Valentina Satvedi and Harley Eagle from Mennonite Central Committee's Anti-Racism Program.

We are gradually making changes and developing practices that support our commitment to creating an anti-racist identity.

Delegations:

Orientation Packets now have more material and information on racism. Funds have been earmarked for individuals from racialized groups who have interest in joining a CPT delegation but require financial assistance, and this information is available on our website.

Communications: There is more evidence of racial diversity in pictorial and text on our website as well as in publications.

Personnel: During the screening process, CPT's Selection Committee very intentionally engages applicants in the conversation about racism / white privilege. Much attention is also given to how trainees engage with the topic during training and this weighs heavily in the decision of an invitation to join CPT.

Training: Peacemaker Training now includes more people of colour as trainers and in leadership roles.

Teams: Field and support teams include undoing racism as an important agenda item for all weekly meetings. The item is dealt with in a variety of ways determined by each team – discussing noticings, sharing reflections, offering information, etc.



Undoing Racism trainers Dorothy Friesen (left) and Mary Scott Boria (right).

Steering Committee: CPT's Steering Committee is at the beginning stages of giving active attention to white privilege in CPT.

We also made a concerted effort in FYE 2009 to deepen our work of undoing sexism. CPT's Peacemaker Training added an intensive Undoing Sexism workshop to the curriculum in 2004 which we decided to require of all CPTers who trained prior to 2004 as well. Numerous workshops were scheduled in different locations to facilitate people's participation.

We are energized by God's grace that keeps us walking forward in our commitment to nonviolence.

Peacemaker Delegations



CPT delegates (January 2009) join a Palestinian-led march protesting Israel's offensive against Gaza and asserting press and medical rights.

Short-term delegations of 7-14 days link communities resisting violence with concerned individuals, churches and groups, offering participants a first-hand experience of the transformative power of Gospel nonviolence.

Delegations serve as a primary mechanism for persons interested in active peacemaking and human rights to participate directly in CPT's violence-reduction ministry. Often delegations can ask questions, visit certain officials, or test new avenues of nonviolence in ways that strengthen the work of on-going teams.

In FYE 2009, 170 people participated in 17 CPT delegations:

- Six to Palestine/Israel, in March, May, July, October, November and January.
- Three national delegations in Colombia in March, June and December, and two international in May and July.
- Three Aboriginal Justice delegations to Algonquin Territory (eastern Ontario) in February, May and November.
- One to Iraq in July – the first since the 2005/06 kidnappings, also the first to the north.
- One to the Philippines – the first to that country – in February.
- One to the U.S. / Mexico border in May.

Public Witness



CPTers spoke truth to power in bold acts of public witness and nonviolent resistance in the streets and at the doors of weapons manufacturers, congressional and parliamentary offices, military training schools, federal buildings, military bases, and courthouses.

CPT offices in Chicago closed on May 1 for the third consecutive year. On that day, CPTers joined thousands marching for immigration reform in cities and towns across the U.S.

CPTers in training dramatized Chicago-based weapons producer Boeing's deadly connection to Israel's attacks on Palestinians in Gaza.

Aboriginal Justice - Canada

a periodic presence since February 1999

CPT continued undoing colonialism work in Canada by responding to invitations from First Nations communities who face industrial activity in their territories without their consent. CPT seeks to support political resolutions through agreements which are acceptable to the affected First Nations communities and to work to reduce violence directed against First Nations people as they struggle for justice and self-determination.

CPT continued its work with **Ardoch Algonquin First Nation (AAFN)** as they resisted efforts by Frontenac Ventures Corporation (FVC) to conduct exploration for uranium mining. **Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inniniwug (KI)** similarly resisted platinum mining on their traditional territory. Leaders of both communities were imprisoned and fined for their peaceful actions, sparking public outrage and a governmental review of the antiquated Ontario Mining Act.

Team members regularly dialogued with all parties of the conflict regarding uranium mining, including Algonquins, settlers, mining company officials, police and local churches. They sat in court hearings of those arrested and attended mediated talks between the Algonquins and the Ontario government. When those talks broke down, CPTers joined a re-established presence at the proposed uranium mine site on Algonquin territory, holding public prayer vigils and participating in other public witness actions.

In May, CPT provided logistical support for a multiple-day Gathering of Mother Earth Protectors on the grounds of the Ontario Legislature calling for respect for First Nations' sovereignty over their territory, and release of imprisoned leaders.

CPT also conducted a community organizing and nonviolence training for Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inniniwug and presented at public meetings hosted by the Ontario government regarding changes to the Ontario Mining Act.

Three CPT delegations visited Algonquin territory in eastern Ontario.

CPT maintained relationships with the **Asubpeeschoseewagong Netum Anishnabek (Grassy Narrows First Nation)**. In June, 2008 Abitibi-Bowater announced that it would discontinue logging in the Whiskeyjack Forest, part of the Asubpeeschoseewagong traditional territory. Clanmother and trapper Roberta Keesick credited, in large part, the years of resistance by the community and support of allies for the achievement.

In other Aboriginal Justice work, team members provided a human rights monitoring presence on two occasions of highway blockades established by the Algonquins of Barriere Lake, and attended numerous meetings regarding Haudenosaunee Six Nations land claims.

Team members continued to give presentations and conduct media and communication work regarding indigenous justice issues.



CPTers helped tend the sacred fire which burned continuously during the Sovereignty Sleep-Over.

Africa Great Lakes

a periodic presence since October 2005

CPT returned to central Africa for the fourth year, this time with a team of four CPTers based in Goma in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), close to the border with Rwanda, from December 2008 through February 2009. The DRC has experienced over 5 million deaths from war-related causes since 1998 – the world's deadliest documented conflict since WW II. This conflict is seriously under-reported in the global North and CPT sought to learn and communicate as much as possible about the region.

While the team was in Goma, major armed conflict raged among local militias and the armies of the DRC and Rwanda. Armed actors looted towns, attacked farmers, raped women and abducted children. Hundreds of thousands of Congolese have been displaced by this fighting and live in basic camps which are also vulnerable to attack. A 70-year-old woman in Goma told CPT how she had fled from camp to camp and now to the city. "This is not my home, but I am too tired to continue to run."

The United Nations and human rights groups attribute much of the violence to competition for the DRC's rich mineral resources. Armed actors control mining



CPTer Rosemarie Milazzo (center) dances with Congolese displaced by the fighting, living at Don Bosco Ngangi IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) camp.

concessions and artisanal mine sites and profit from the sales of ore to local middlemen and foreign buyers. These profits are used to buy more weapons and fuel more violence. A villager in the midst of the conflict said to CPT, "Tell the international community to stop encouraging the chaos, to stop stripping the Congo of its minerals."

CPTers left, inspired by the many women and men working tirelessly for justice, both individually as well as collaboratively with local non-governmental organizations and faith-based groups to build a strong, grassroots, nonviolent movement in the DRC.



"Tell the international community to stop encouraging the chaos, to stop stripping the Congo of its minerals."

Congolese Villager

Colombia

a continuous presence since February 2001

In 2008, CPT maintained a regular presence in the Central Magdalena valley of north-central Colombia and a periodic presence in south-west Colombia. Based in the city of Barrancabermeja, the team provided accompaniment for subsistence farmers, artisan miners, social organizations, displaced persons, indigenous communities, conscientious objectors and several local initiatives for justice and peace.

CPT accompanies five communities facing threats to their land, livelihood and cultural identity.

In 2008, numerous displaced families that had returned to Los Neques and La Florida along the **Opón River** in 2001 left the region. No longer able to generate enough income from farming and fishing, they sold their lands to a couple of large ranchers who now use the area for grazing cattle. The presence of armed actors has diminished, however the community peace process is weak.

In **Tiquisio**, community leaders fled the region because of paramilitary threats. The community now faces the challenge of continuing their peace process amidst much uncertainty.

In the **mining zone**, communities persisted in resisting the presence of multinational corporations and denouncing army aggression and threats to their peace process.

Armed violence – as well as economic and socio-political violence – continues to plague countless communities throughout Colombia including those CPT accompanies. Up to 3.5 million people remain displaced. A new generation of paramilitaries threatens the social, grassroots, peace and human rights movements.

The Colombian government, supported by foreign governments, still utilizes a strong military strategy designed to eradicate coca and defeat guerrilla movements. The armed forces have been formally accused of killing around 1500 people in



Fishing on the Opón River

The Colombian armed forces along with illegal armed groups are active in the community of **Micoahumado**. Residents have been particularly affected by aerial fumigations intended to eradicate coca (the plant used to make cocaine), but which also damage their food and other legal crops causing extreme economic hardship.

Residents of **Garzal** and **Nueva Esperanza** continued their struggle to obtain legal title to their lands despite continuous threats from the previous owner who has links to narco-trafficking.

recent years, claiming they were guerillas killed in combat when they were actually impoverished civilians. The government also renewed attacks on social movements by issuing false allegations against movement leaders.

The possibility of Free Trade Agreements with Canada, the United States and the European Union raise grave concerns for the stability of the rural population – mostly indigenous, afro-Colombians and subsistence farmers living in resource-rich parts of the country.

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Indigenous marchers' message to U.S. President Obama: NO Free Trade Agreement.

In FYE 2009, CPT-Colombia hosted three national and two international delegations. Each group visited one of the areas where CPT works. One delegation made a special trip to learn about the situation of the Awá indigenous communities in the south of Colombia. Team members also participated in the final days of the “Minga” (a gathering of the peoples) in which 10,000 representatives of Colom-

bia's indigenous peoples from 102 towns led a grassroots march to the capital of Bogotá to demand respect for the rights of indigenous communities.

The Colombia team includes Colombian and international peacemakers working to reinforce grassroots initiatives for justice and peace and providing a visible link between these communities and human rights defenders around the world.

Iraq

a continuous presence since October 2002



Displaced Iraqi Kurdish child (left) with CPTer Chihchun Yuan (right) in Qalawa IDP camp.

Following its near expulsion from the Kurdish Regional Government area (KRG) of northern Iraq in January 2008, CPT worked hard to regain the KRG's acceptance and long-term residency permits. Since then, the team has focused its work in the Kurdish north on human rights reporting, nonviolence trainings, and hosting the first CPT delegation since the kidnapping of our last delegation to Baghdad in 2005.

The team made many trips to Iraq's northern border regions to report on the damage and displacement caused by Turkey and Iran's bombing in pursuit of PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party) rebels. This bombing is supported by the central Iraqi government and the USA. One mother said, “The PKK are in the mountains. I haven't even seen them. We used to have everything. Now only the land remains. We just fled [the bombing.] Tell your governments we want to live in our villages freely without any bombs.” Displaced villagers have asked CPT to accompany

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- Iraqi Kurdish mother displaced by Turkish bombing



Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from Iraqi Kurdish villages near the Iranian border, joined by CPT delegates, send a message to world governments.

them home, but KRG authorities have blocked the roads near the border as “unsafe.”

CPT also reported from “disputed areas” immediately outside the KRG where the rights of Kurds are being suppressed and the Iraqi constitution’s promised redress is long overdue. As a result, violence is rising in these areas. CPT served as monitors for the provincial election in Khanaqin in January 2009 and reported that 16,000 Kurds were unjustly disenfranchised in this city and many more in all of Diyala province.

The team conducted five nonviolence and reconciliation trainings for local organizations plus an extended “training of trainers” workshop. Following an emotionally intense exercise, one participant said, “We have come together to overcome the violence in our country.”

CPT advocated on behalf of independent journalists who have been threatened, arrested, and even killed for reporting on corruption and abuses in the KRG. CPT has also encouraged Kurdish women’s groups who are working against female genital mutilation and male violence like “honour” killings.

Palestine

a continuous presence since June 1995

CPT-Palestine seeks to support Palestinian-led, nonviolent, grassroots resistance to the Israeli occupation and the unjust structures that uphold it. By “getting in the way” of violence and educating people back home, CPT helps create space for nonviolent efforts to build a just peace.

Throughout 2008, CPT maintained a presence in the village of **at-Tuwani** (South Hebron Hills) together with the Italian peace group *Operazione Colomba* (Operation Dove). Team members continued to meet with local village leaders to better understand the community’s nonviolence strategy and how CPT can best be an effective part of that strategy.

CPTers regularly accompanied Palestinian school children braving threats and attacks from settlers around the Ma’on settlement and outposts in the surrounding area. Team members also kept record of the Israeli military’s compliance and non-compliance with a Knesset order requiring them to escort Pales-

tinian children from the village of Tuba to school in at-Tuwani.

CPT provided daily accompaniment and documentation for Palestinian shepherds and farmers determined to graze their flocks and harvest their crops in the face of ongoing harassment from Ma’on settlers and Israeli Occupation Forces.

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CPTers in the South Hebron Hills escort Palestinian children braving threats from Israeli settlers on their way to school.



Palestinian child stands in the rubble of her home after the Israeli military demolished 10 dwellings in Umm al Khair.

Settlers attacked the village, its residents and surrounding communities on numerous occasions. Soldiers periodically established road blocks, assaulted villagers, and disrupted farming activity.

The team also spent time in surrounding communities including Susiyeh, Tuba, Ghwawis, Mshakha Valley, Humra Valley, Khoruba Valley, Umm Zeitunna Valley, and Umm Al Khair, and participated in nonviolent resistance actions with residents.

Six CPT delegations visited at-Tuwani during the year, and team members helped host and lead tours for numerous other international, Israeli, and Palestinian groups.

In **Hebron**, CPTers and other internationals spent weeks staying with Pales-

tinian children at orphanages run by the Islamic Charitable Society (ICS) in hopes of forestalling violent raids by the Israeli military. Soldiers ransacked an ICS bakery and a sewing workshop housed in the girls' orphanage, destroying or confiscating equipment and inventory valued at some \$88,000(U.S.). Israel claimed the ICS worked for the militant group, Hamas, but offered no proof of their allegations.

In August, CPT suspended work in Hebron, primarily for lack of personnel. For the remainder of the year, a Palestine Project Refocusing Committee conducted a thorough process of evaluation, consulting, and envisioning a rejuvenated presence for CPT in the region.

Training

CPT provides intensive training in nonviolence and peacemaking skills for full-time, part-time and Reserve Corps members.

In January 2009, CPT held its 31st training since the formation of the Peacemaker Corps in 1993. Twenty-three of those trainings have taken place in Chicago and eight in regional settings: four in Canada and one each in Colorado, Ohio, Indiana and Washington, DC.

A total of 372 individuals have participated in CPT's training program. Of those, 92% graduated with a three-year commitment to CPT work.

In FYE 2009:

- 25 people completed CPT's month-long peacemaker "boot camp" in Chicago in July-August and December-January.
- 10 training graduates joined CPT full time and 13 committed to serve as Reservists.

Regional Groups

CPT Regional Groups form when a core of trained CPTers, delegation participants, and other CPT supporters work together to reduce violence locally and provide support to those serving on already-established CPT projects.

In FYE 2009, Regional Groups were active in Colorado, Indiana, Ohio, and Washington, DC in the U.S. and Ontario in Canada. In addition, two new Regional Groups formed in FYE 2009.

CPT delegation members and supporters in Australia and New Zealand established the Australasia Regional Group which developed a website and issues monthly "Peace Briefs" about their initiatives. Visit them at www.anabaptist.asn.au/index.php?type=page&ID=2878.

A new Regional Group in the Netherlands also set up a website in Dutch at www.cpt-nl.org/ and meets monthly by conference call.

Personnel

CPT's Christian Peacemaker Corps is made up of trained peacemakers committed to three years of full-time or part-time service.

In FYE 2009:

- A total of 205 people served in the Corps.
- 47 trained peacemakers gave full-time and part-time leadership to CPT's violence-reduction ministry.
- 186 Reservists joined teams for periods of 2-12 twelve weeks or more during the year.
- 14 Corps members, full-time and part-time, formed CPT's Support Team working out of offices in 5 locations in Canada, Colombia, and the U.S.

Current full-time, part-time and Reserve Corps members reside in 33 U.S. States plus the District of Columbia, 7 Canadian provinces, 3 Colombian departments, England, Egypt, Italy, Germany, Mexico, New Zealand, Philippines, Scotland, Sweden, and Taiwan.

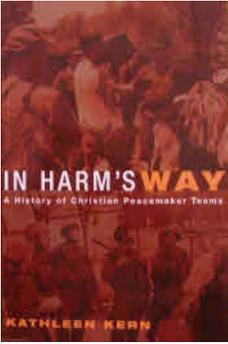
Stipend-eligible CPTers (1/2 to full time) gathered for a biennial retreat in August while Reservists staffed all field teams.

Special thanks to the many volunteers in Chicago and Toronto who saved CPT significant dollars by stuffing, sealing and labelling more than 100,000 envelopes and newsletters for mailing.



Stipend-eligible CPT Corps members at retreat in Michigan, August 2008.

Communications Ministry



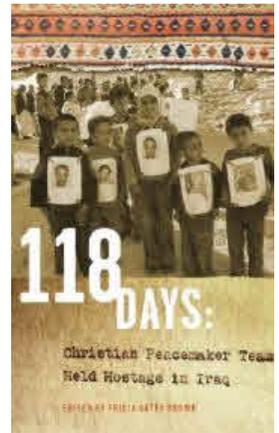
Providing fresh, first-hand stories and information for churches and supporters worldwide who advocate for victims of organized or state-sponsored violence can have a significant impact on public policy.

In FYE 2009, CPT's Communications Ministry included:

- **"Signs of the Times"** - distributed 21,000 newsletters each quarter to individuals and groups in 58 countries including 3500 to Canada.
- **Books** - published two books in FYE 2009: "118 Days" reflects on the kidnapping of four CPTers in Baghdad, Iraq in November 2005 (over 1000 distributed); "In Harm's Way: A History of Christian Peacemaker Teams" chronicles the first 20 years of CPT's experiment in faith-based, nonviolent peacemaking. To order, visit CPT's website or contact one of our offices.
- **Internet Services** - posted an average of 7 news reports, action alerts, reflec-

tions, and updates from teams in the field each week to 2800 e-mail recipients via **CPTnet**; field teams maintained **Listserve**s for people with specific interest in Colombia, Palestine and Iraq; issued short **Prayers for Peacemakers** each Wednesday for use by congregations in worship and church bulletins; CPT's newly redesigned **website** provided easy-to-navigate and up-to-date information and resources, integrating CPT's on-the-ground reporting within the site. To subscribe to these services, send a message to peacemakers@cpt.org.

- **Speaking and Writing** - CPTers gave an estimated 3500 presentations at churches, universities, schools, conferences, and community events. Contact CPT offices or visit the Speaker's Bureau on our website to schedule a CPT speaker in your area.



Sponsoring Groups / Steering Committee

Christian Peacemaker Teams is sponsored by the following denominations and organizations:

- Church of the Brethren/On Earth Peace (COB/OEP) • Friends United Meeting (FUM)
- Mennonite Church Canada (MC-Canada) • Mennonite Church USA (MC-USA)
- Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America (BPFNA) • Basilian General Council (BGC) • Every Church a Peace Church (ECAPC) • Presbyterian Peace Fellowship (PPF)

The work of CPT is guided by a Steering Committee representing sponsoring denominations and groups, the Peacemaker Corps (PC), and members at-large (AL). Steering Committee Members serving in FYE 2009 were:

- **Lois Baker** (Monroe, WI) - PPF
- **Jan Benvie** (Fife, Scotland) - PC
- **Michele Braley** (Minneapolis, MN) - PC
- **Tony Brown** (Hesston, KS) - MC-USA
- **Ruth Buhler** (Osler, SK) - MC-Canada
- **Nora Carmi** (Jerusalem, Via Israel) - AL
- **Anton Flores Maisonet** (Lagrange, GA) - AL
- **Ben Fong** (Toronto, ON) - AL
- **Wendy Lehman** (Chicago, IL) - PC
- **Rachel Long** (Kirksville, MO) - COB
- **Rafael Lopera** (Colombia) - BGC
- **Vikki Marie** (Vancouver, BC) - AL
- **Susan Mark Landis** (Orrville, OH) - MC-USA
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- **Sandra Milena Rincón** (Colombia) - PC
- **Hedy Sawadsky** (Vineland, ON) - AL
- **Michael Snarr** (Wilmington, OH) - FUM
- **John Stoner** (Akron, PA) - ECAPC
- **Brian Young** (Richmond, IN) - FUM

Financial Summary

FYE 2009	Canada <small>\$/Can = \$.918US</small>	U.S.	Total
Income:			
Individuals	\$93,000	\$344,750	\$437,750
Congregations	\$26,100	\$131,630	\$157,730
Grants	\$18,400	\$96,500	\$114,900
Delegations	\$35,600	\$155,400	\$191,000
Other	\$11,900	\$23,200	\$35,100
Total Income	\$185,000	\$751,480	\$936,480
Expenses:			
Program	\$165,300	\$625,300	\$790,600
Peacemaker Corps	114,000	\$260,000	\$374,000
Administration	\$30,200	\$36,500	\$66,700
Other	\$1,300	\$12,900	\$14,200
Total Expenses	\$310,800	\$934,700	\$1,245,500
Contributors			
Individuals	476	2,107	2,583
Churches/Groups	59	313	372
Delegations	213	419	632
FYE 2008	Canada <small>\$/Can = \$.95US</small>	U.S.	Total
Income:			
Individuals	\$111,700	\$377,600	\$489,300
Congregations	\$41,600	\$131,900	\$173,500
Grants	\$11,400	\$96,400	\$107,800
Delegations	\$30,600	\$148,700	\$179,300
Other	\$22,400	\$26,900	\$49,300
Total Income	\$217,700	\$781,500	\$999,200
Expenses:			
Program	\$175,800	\$521,800	\$697,600
Peacemaker Corps	\$33,600	\$206,100	\$239,700
Administration	\$43,600	\$34,300	\$77,900
Other	\$0	\$20,200	\$20,200
Total Expenses	\$253,000	\$782,400	\$1,035,400
Contributors			
Individuals	578	2,672	3,250
Churches/Groups	86	350	436

Photo by David Parsons



Ontario - Native unity flag flies near the site of the Ardoch Algonquin blockade to prevent corporate mining exploration on their traditional territory.

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Peacemaker Corps

Stipend-eligible Corps Members serving

Half to Full Time in FYE 2009 were:

- Tarek Abuata (Bethesda, MD) • Jan Benvie (Fife, Scotland) • Michele Braley (Minneapolis, MN)
- Kryss Chupp (Chicago, IL) • Laura Ciaghi (Trento, Italy) • Anita David (Chicago, IL) • Christine Downing (Breton, AB) • Nils Dybvig (Minneapolis, MN) • Joy Ellison (Vancouver, WA) • Claire Evans (Chicago, IL) • Jessica Frederick (Dillsburg, PA) • Mark Frey (Chicago, IL) • Eloy García (Albuquerque, NM) • Peggy Gish (Athens, OH) • Gladys Gómez (Colombia) • Jill Granberg (Olympia, WA) • Julián Gutiérrez (Colombia) • Eileen Hanson (Winona, MN) • Sophia Hochstedler (Chicago, IL) • Bob Holmes (Toronto, ON) • Rebecca Johnson (Toronto, ON) • Esther Kern (London, ON) • Kathleen Kern (Webster, NY) • Craig Kite (Upper Marlboro, MD) • Joel Klassen (Toronto, ON) • Chris Knestrick (Cleveland, OH) • John Lynes (East Sussex, England) • Sarah McDonald (Iowa City, IA) • Sylvia Morrison (Brampton, ON) • Tim Nafziger (Chicago, IL) • Sam Nichols (Auburn, CA) • Sean O'Neill (Springfield, OH) • William Payne (Toronto, ON) • Jessica Phillips (Chicago, IL) • Doug Pritchard (Toronto, ON) • Sandra Milena Rincón (Colombia) • Dianne Roe (Corning, NY) • Carol Rose (Chicago, IL) • Paulette Schroeder (Tiffin, OH) • Pierre Shantz (Colombia) • Sarah Shirk (Conestoga, PA) • Kathie Uhler (New York, NY) • Stewart Vriesinga (Lucknow, ON) • Mary Wendeln (Washington, DC) • Ben Wert (Toronto, ON) • Joe Wyse (Columbus, OH) • Chihchun Yuan (Taipei, Taiwan)

Reserve Corps Members serving in FYE 2009 were:

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UNDOING OPPRESSION

Teams throughout CPT are discussing and beginning to implement some of the “Strategic Directions for shaping an anti-racist identity” developed as part of strategic planning sessions held in February 2009, following a racial audit of the organization in 2008.

ABORIGINAL JUSTICE

In spite of Grassy Narrows’ two-year moratorium on logging on their territory without their consent, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources announced a contingency logging plan on 25 March 2009. CPT and other allies are considering appropriate responses.

Leadership of Ardoch Algonquin and KI have expressed their disappointment and concern over proposed amendments to the Ontario Mining Act announced in April 2009. The right of free, prior and informed consent of First Nations is not acknowledged in the amendments. CPT is working with the communities to develop appropriate responses.

COLOMBIA

CPT is holding its first Peacemaker Training in Colombia in two parts – 17 days in June and 16 days in December. Eleven participants aspire to serve as Reservists, with several hoping to work full time when CPT’s financial situation improves.



Funeral procession for Edgar Martínez.

On 21 April, hired killers assassinated 36-year-old Edgar Martínez Ruiz, in San Pablo at 9 a.m. shooting him five times in the head. Martínez was an esteemed community leader in the Southern Bolivar Agricultural-Mining Federation. He is one more on a long list of assassination victims of the south Bolívar region. He is survived by his wife and two children.

IRAQ

CPT has made several more trips to the northwest border regions of Iraq to report on the damage caused by Turkey’s continued bombing in pursuit of Kurdish insurgents. Since UN officials are unable to

travel to the region, CPT brought two displaced villagers to the UN to describe in person the damage done by the bombing and by Turkish army attacks within Iraq.

The team also reported from the north-east border of Iraq where Iran has been bombing. When displaced villagers returned home during a recent ceasefire, Iran bombed again killing an infant and some livestock. The team documented the incident for the UN.

CPT continues to work with the UN’s Working Protection Group and international organizations like the Kurdish Human Rights Project for an end to the bombing and better treatment for those displaced.

PALESTINE

After eight months of suspended work, CPT returned in May to launch a restructured three-person presence in al-Khalil (Hebron). The project will be guided by a Palestinian council of advisors and will include continuous building of healthy team structures and a strong focus on undoing oppressions.

In April, Palestinians from the South Hebron Hills village of Um al Kheir, joined by CPTers, successfully changed the route of a road that Israeli settlers from Karmel were constructing on Palestinian land by nonviolently blocking the road-building equipment.

Villagers have filed legal complaints and staged nonviolent grazing actions in the South Hebron Hills throughout the spring grazing season.



Mohammed Ahmed, killed when an Iranian missile struck his home 10 March 2009.



CPTer Laura Ciaghi (left) with the mayor of at-Tuwani (center) and former U.K. Prime Minister Tony Blair (right). Blair visited at-Tuwani in his role as Special Envoy for peace in the Middle East.



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