

Christian Peacemaker Teams



YEAR IN REVIEW **FYE 2010**

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



Fall Speaking Tour: CPTers Tarek Abuata (left) - Palestine Project Support Coordinator, Sandra Milena Rincón (center) - Colombia Project Support Coordinator, and Sylvia Morrison (right) - Undoing Racism Coordinator toured one Canadian province, three U.S. States and Washington, DC speaking in churches, schools and universities about the nonviolent resistance of CPT's partners living under occupation and war.

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Stepping Up 2009-2010

From the Co-Directors...

A huge thank-you to all who partnered financially with CPT this past year! You are wonderful! Together with effective work by CPTers economizing on expenses, your contributions have taken CPT beyond recovery from the unprecedented drop in giving the previous year. This strong support in a year still so difficult in the world economy encourages us greatly.

Last year's increase in individual donations was particularly inspiring, especially in light of significantly diminished congregational giving and grants. In addition, CPTers and supporters extended no-interest loans that will enable us to spread out the expenses related to the needed purchase and initial renovation of an office and training center in the near southwest side of Chicago (\$154,000).

This puts a firm financial footing under all of CPT's current projects – Aboriginal Justice, Colombia, Iraq and Palestine.

It allows us to continue strongly on the trajectory of growth in dismantling racism and other oppressions.

We have openings for new full-time CPTers on every project and are supporting peacemakers better than ever before. ***We would like to do more.***

In 2005 and 2006 CPT experienced a substantial blessing in one-time giving. CPT opted to invest these funds over several years in strengthening personnel support and undoing oppressions, deepening projects in areas where we already had teams, and expanding program work in the Great Lakes region of Africa, and the Philippines. With the drop in CPT income in 2008, we had to suspend work in those new areas of expansion.

But the invitations to partner for peace in these places, and many others, are still there. *We can only renew this work if giving increases to a level that will fund them over the long haul.*

What would it take for you to step up your donations to CPT by 10% or 20% or more? Is this the year for you and us to take the next step together in moving CPT to a deeper, sustainable level of peacemaking?

Doug Pritchard and Carol Rose
CPT Co-Directors

Steering Committee

Christian Peacemaker Teams is sponsored by:

- 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)



Steadfast volunteer, Paul Becher, insulates CPT's new Chicago office.

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 2010 were:

- **Matt Black** (Illinois, USA) - PPF
- **Michele Braley** (Minnesota, USA) - PC
- **Tony Brown** (Kansas, USA) - MC-USA
- **Nora Carmi** (Jerusalem, Via Israel) - AL
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- **Wendy Lehman** (Illinois, USA) - PC
- **Rachel Long** (Missouri, USA) - COB/OEP
- **Rafael Lopera** (Colombia) - BGC
- **Susan Mark Landis** (Ohio, USA) - MC-USA
- **Lee McKenna** (Ontario, Canada) - BPFNA
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- **Paul Pierce** (Cairo, Egypt) - PC
- **Hedy Sawadsky** (Ontario, Canada) - AL
- **Michael Snarr** (Ohio, USA) - FUM
- **Brian Young** (California, USA) - FUM

Financial Summary

FYE 2010	Canada <small>\$1 Can = \$.918 US</small>	USA	Total
Income			
Individuals	\$121,500	\$460,500	\$582,000
Congregations	\$31,400	\$123,300	\$157,730
Grants	\$12,500	\$67,400	\$79,900
Delegations	\$21,700	\$153,200	\$174,900
Other	\$28,900	\$19,500	\$48,400
Total Income	\$216,000	\$823,900	\$1,039,900
Expenses			
Program	\$48,200	\$499,900	\$548,100
Peacemkr Corps	\$85,100	\$246,600	\$331,700
Administration	\$21,000	\$24,000	\$45,000
Other	\$2,400	\$17,300	\$19,700
Total Expenses	\$156,700	\$787,800	\$944,500
Contributors			
Individuals	514	2439	2953
Churches/Groups	91	304	395
Delegations	115	627	742

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CPTers Sophia Hochstedler and Dave Corcoran process generous donations.

FYE 2009	Canada <small>\$1 Can = \$.918 US</small>	USA	Total
Total Income	\$185,000	\$751,480	\$936,480
Total Expenses	\$310,800	\$934,700	\$1,245,500
Contributors			
Individuals	476	2107	2583
Churches/Groups	59	313	372
Delegations	213	419	632

Personnel and Support Team

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

In FYE 2010, a total of 208 people served in the Corps. Current Peacemaker Corps members reside in 5 Canadian provinces, 4 Colombian departments,

Egypt, England, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Scotland, Sweden, Taiwan and 30 U.S. States plus the District of Colombia.

Thanks to the many volunteers who help with mailings and other office support. Special thanks to all who worked on rehabbing the new Chicago office.

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Undoing Racism

CPT began FYE 2010 with strategic planning meetings based on the previous year's racism audit. We have grounded our work in these Strategic Directions for shaping an anti-racist identity for CPT:

1. Resourcing the well-being of CPT and its members;
2. Cultivating a CPT culture that is anti-racist, anti-oppressive, and anti-colonial;
3. Articulating and sharing a transformed mission for CPT;
4. Honoring the voices of our partners throughout CPT communication vehicles;
5. Widening ownership of CPT;
6. Empowering CPTers through clear, accountable processes of decision making and leadership;
7. Making all of CPT accountable to our partners in an open and transparent way.

Delegations

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 non-violence in ways that support local partners and strengthen the work of on-going teams. In FYE 2010, 125 people participated in 14 CPT delegations.



CPT delegation to Colombia.

Colombia

CPT partners with communities facing threats to their land, livelihood and cultural identity in the Central Magdalena valley of north-central Colombia.

Team members support grass-roots initiatives to expose and transform structures of domination and oppression through active nonviolence in order to make possible a world grounded in respect, justice and love.

- subsistence farmers
- artisan miners
- social organizations
- displaced persons
- indigenous communities
- conscientious objectors

Colombia: CPTer Scott Nicholson joins displaced farmers bringing the power of prayer to bear in their resistance to corporate take-over of their land.

“There can be no forgiveness without the truth, without justice, without reparations”

– families of the disappeared
Barrancabermeja



Public prayer action against U.S. militarization of Colombia: CPTers Eloy García (left) and Chris Knestrick (right).



Caskets bear remains of family members “disappeared” by paramilitary groups more than 10 years ago in Barrancabermeja.

Aboriginal Justice - Canada

**“They don’t
Understand the power of
our prayer, of our
Grandfathers
and our
Grandmothers.
We are not
going away...
We are not
giving up.”**

- Patricia Watts
Wabigoon First Nation



Danny Beaton, Mohawk, Turtle Clan, an activist, musician and film maker, plays his flute at Gate 3, Dumpsite 41 – part of a nonviolent encampment and blockade led by Beausoleil First Nation women (Keepers of the Water) to prevent the Ontario government from building a garbage dump over a pristine aquifer. Some water protectors were arrested before officials declared a moratorium on further development at the site.



CPTers Margaret Sumadh (back left) and Christine Klassen (back right) accompany Grassy Narrows First Nation members on a prayer walk through the streets of Kenora to end racism.

CPT responds to invitations from First Nations communities who face industrial activity in their territories without their consent. CPT supports First Nations communities seeking political resolutions through agreements which are acceptable to them, and works to reduce violence directed against First Nations people as they struggle for justice and self-determination.

Palestine



Palestinian woman weeps over one of 20 olive trees destroyed by Israeli settlers near the village of at-Tuwani.

CPT-Palestine seeks to support Palestinian-led, nonviolent, grassroots resistance to the Israeli occupation and the unjust structures that uphold it.

In FYE 2010, CPT re-opened a project in al-Khalil/Hebron (closed for 8 months during a refocusing process) and continued work in the South Hebron Hills village of at-Tuwani.

Team members accompany children braving threats on their way to school, subsistence farmers and shepherds determined to harvest their crops and graze their flocks in the face of settler harassment, and communities nonviolently resisting land confiscation and home demolition.



School children walking from Tuba and Maghayir al Abeed between Ma'on settlement and Havat Ma'on settlement outpost to at-Tuwani are regularly attacked by Israeli settlers. Because these attacks have come to the attention of Israeli and international media, the Israeli military is supposed to escort the children and ensure their safety. Members of CPT and the Italian peace group, Operation Dove, monitor the military's compliance and issue an annual report of violations impacting the children's education and well-being. See the team's most recent report at

<http://cpt.org/work/palestine>

“The soldiers tried to make me angry and violent. But I was so... strong. If we stay in the way of peace, I think we will soon have our freedom.”

- Palestinian youth
al-Khalil (Hebron)

Iraq



CPTer Bob Holmes (right) and Mr. Mahmud examine disarmed weapons. Mr Mahmud wants Iran and Turkey to stop U.S.-supported military attacks on civilian villages so he can clear the landmines from the field.



Arke Saru Taban, a nurse living in the Zharawa IDP camp. Find her story on the Iraq team's blog, in English and Kurdish, about the Kurdish villages in Northern Iraq. Includes videos, profiles of courage, stories of strength, photos and more.

<http://cpt-iraq.blogspot.com/>

In the Kurdish north of Iraq, CPT accompanies villagers who have fled their homes in conflicted border regions. Many of these Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), currently living in tent camps under extremely difficult conditions, have tremendous determination and tenacity to return to their communities, preserve village life and regain their dignity as contributing members of Kurdish society.

Team members document human rights violations against civilian populations, and seek to amplify the voices of Kurds calling for a peaceful solution to the Turkish-PKK conflict. (PKK is the Kurdistan Workers Party.)

“With U.S. soldiers gone from population areas, reconciliation is more possible between different factions.”

- Hospital Director
Rutba, Western Iraq.

CPTers Peggy Gish and Cliff Kindy, and CPT supporters Weldon Nisly and Shane Claiborne returned for a brief visit to Rutba in January 2010. They wanted to thank the medical personnel who treated wounds they had sustained when their car wrecked in a harrowing trip from Baghdad to Amman on the 10th day of the 2003 U.S. invasion.

“U.S. soldiers have killed hundreds of ordinary people, often shooting them at random... Many see the U.S. presence as attracting terrorism... Others say the violence would escalate if they leave.”

- Women NGO leaders, Kirkuk, northern Iraq

Peacemaker Corps

Corps members serving half to full time in FYE 2010 were:

• Tarek Abuata (Bethesda, MD, USA) • Jan Benvie (Fife, Scotland) • Kryss Chupp (Chicago, IL, USA) • Laura Ciaghi (Trento, Italy) • Anita David (Chicago, IL, USA) • Joy Ellison (Vancouver, WA, USA) • Claire Evans (Chicago, IL, USA) • Jessica Frederick (Dillsburg, PA, USA) • Mark Frey (Chicago, IL, USA) • Fathiyeh Gainey - Intern (London, England) • Eloy García (Albuquerque, NM, USA) • Peggy Gish (Athens, OH, USA) • Gladys Gómez (Colombia) • Donna Hicks (Durham, NC, USA) • Sophia Hochstedler (Chicago, IL, USA) • Bob Holmes (Toronto, ON, Canada) • Josh Hough (Corvallis, OR, USA) • Rebecca Johnson (Toronto, ON, Canada) • Esther Kern (London, ON, Canada) • Kathleen Kern (Webster, NY, USA) • Craig Kite (Upper Marlboro, MD, USA) • Christine Klassen (Toronto, ON, Canada) • Chris Knestruck (Cleveland, OH, USA) • John Lynes (E. Sussex, England) • Sarah McDonald (Iowa City, IA, USA) • Sylvia Morrison (Brampton, ON, Canada) • Julie Myers (Hartsville, OH, USA) • Michele Naar-Obed (Duluth, MN, USA) • Tim Nafziger (Chicago, IL, USA) • Sam Nichols (Auburn, CA, USA) • Scott Nicholson (San Pedro, CA, USA) • Sean O'Neill (Springfield, OH, USA) • Jessica Phillips (Chicago, IL, USA) • Doug Pritchard (Toronto, ON, Canada) • Sandra Milena Rincón (Colombia) • Carol Rose (Chicago, IL, USA) • Paulette Schroeder (Tiffin, OH, USA) • Pierre Shantz (Colombia) • Ryan Shiffer (Oneida, WI, USA) • Sarah Shirk (Conestoga, PA, USA) • Melanie Southworth (Georgetown, ON, Canada) • Stewart Vriesinga (Lucknow, ON, Canada) • Ben Wert (Toronto, ON, Canada) • Joe Wyse (Columbus, OH, USA) • Chihchun Yuan (Taipei, Taiwan)

Reserve Corps members serving in FYE 2010 were:

• Scott Albrecht (Kitchener, ON) • Justin Alexander (London, England) • Andreas Andersson (Malmö, Sweden) • Art Arbour (Toronto, ON) • Ellen Johnson Arginteanu (State College, PA) • Jason Arndt (Gary, IN) • Matthew Bailey-Dick (Waterloo, ON) • Nina Bailey-Dick (Waterloo, ON) • Martin Bates (Madison, SD) • Linus Bengtsson (Malmö, Sweden) • Rafael Boria (Chicago, IL) • Renee Borsberry (El Paso, TX) • Michele Braley (Minneapolis, MN) • Hannah Breckbill (Lincoln, NE) • Dennis Bricker (Iowa City, IA) • Sally Ann Brickner (Green Bay, WI) • Ellis Brown (St. Agatha, ON) • Michael Brown (Silver Spring, MD) • Robin Buyers (Toronto, ON) • Bob Carlsten (Denver, CO) • Elluage Carson (Shaker Heights, OH) • Matt Chandler (Springfield, OR) • Nina Chiba (Calgary, AB) • Suzanna Colledr (Colombia) • Dave Corcoran (Des Plaines, IL) • Rusty Curling (Dundalk, MD) • Dan Dale (Chicago, IL) • Angela Davis (New Orleans, LA) • Jenny Dillon (Washington, DC) • Cassandra Dixon (Wisconsin Dells, WI) • Nils Dybvig (Minneapolis, MN) • Liz Dyrst (Bluffton, OH) • Duane Ediger (Chicago, IL) • Charletta Erb (Chicago, IL) • Jean Fallon (Maryknoll, NY) • Delycia Feustel (Holliston, MA) • John Finlay (Walkerton, ON) • Jim Fitz (Evanston, IL) • Alyce Foster (Cleveland, OH) • Jill Foster (Montreal, QC) • Ron Friesen (Loveland, CO) • John Funk (Armstrong, BC) • Elizabeth Garcia (Brownsville, TX) • Tricia Gates Arciga (Nehalem, OR) • Christina Gibb (Dunedin, New Zealand) • Art Gish (Athens, OH) • Michael Goode (Chicago, IL) • Jill Granberg (Olympia, WA) • Bob Gross (North Manchester, IN) • Joel Gulledge (Chicago, IL) • Julian Gutiérrez (Colombia) • Monica Haas (Monroe, NJ) • Laurie Hadden (Markham, ON) • Carol Hanna (Shaker Heights, OH) • Eileen Hanson (Winona, MN) • Peter Haresnape (Stirling, Scotland) • John Harris (Yucaipa, CA) • Julie Hart (Columbus, OH) • Phil Hart (Columbus, OH) • Christopher Hatton (Hamburg, Germany) • Jamie Hazelwood (Bogotá, Colombia) • Joe Heeren-Mueller (New Orleans, LA) • John Heid (Tucson, AZ) • Steve Heinrichs (Granisle, BC) • Kathleen Helbling (Liberty Center, OH) • Paul Helbling (Liberty Center, OH) • Drew Herbert (Oakland, CA) • Dwayne Hess (Baltimore, MD) • Donna Hicks (Durham, NC) • Esther Mae Hinshaw (Newberg, OR) • Marius van Hoogstraten (Amsterdam, Netherlands) • Paul Horst (Chicago, IL) • Josh Hough (Corvallis, OR) • David Hovde (Evanston, IL) • Carolyn Hudson (Snow Road Station, ON) • John Hudson (Snow Road Station, ON) • Lisa Hughes (Portland, OR) • Tracy Hughes (Tucson, AZ) • Daniel Huizenga (North York, ON) • Sally Hunsberger (Washington, DC) • Maureen Jack (Fife, Scotland) • David Janzen (London, ON) • Diane Janzen (Calgary, AB) • Allen Johnson (Dunmore, WV) • Amanda Jokerst (St. Louis, MO) • Kathy Kamphoefner (Cairo, Egypt) • Scott Kerr (Denver, CO) • Cliff Kindy (North Manchester, IN) • Craig Kite (Upper Marlboro, MD) • Nicholas Klassen (Vancouver, BC) • Alwyn Knight (Kent, England) • Michael Lachman (Athens, OH) • Kim Lamberty (Chicago, IL) • Lemuel LaRotta (Colombia) • Wendy Lehman (Chicago, IL) • Gerry Lepp (Harrow, ON) • Gina Lepp (Harrow, ON) • Sis Levin (Birmingham, AL) • JoAnne Lingle (Indianapolis, IN) • Jim Loney (Toronto, ON) • Jan Long (Ft. 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