Year in Review
FYE 2010
1 February 2009 - 31 January 2010

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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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)

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
- Anton Flores Maisonet (Georgia, USA) - AL
- Ben Fong (Ontario, Canada) - AL
- 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
- Phil Miller (Missouri, USA) - COB/OEP
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- Brian Petkau (Manitoba, Canada) - MC-Canada
- Orlando Redekopp (Chicago, IL) - COB/OEP
- Paul Pierce (Cairo, Egypt) - PC
- Hedy Sawadsky (Ontario, Canada) - AL
- Michael Snarr (Ohio, USA) - FUM
- Brian Young (California, USA) - FUM
### Financial Summary

#### FYE 2010

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### 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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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 ongoing 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 grassroots 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

"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 Garcia (left) and Chris Knestrick (right).

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

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.

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

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
“With U.S. soldiers gone from population areas, reconciliation is more possible between different factions.”
- Hospital Director Rutba, Western Iraq.

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.)

“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.
Reserve Corps members serving in FYE 2010 were:

- Scott Albrecht (Kitchener, ON) Justin Alexander (London, England) Andreas Andersson (Malmö, Sweden) Art Arbou (Toronto, ON) Ellen Johnson Arginteanu (Sainte-Catherine, Quebec, Canada)

- David Arbour (Toronto, ON) Muriel T. Stackley (Kansas City, KS)

- Doug Pritchard (Toronto, ON, Canada) Joe Wyse (Columbus, OH, USA) Chi Chihun Yuan (Taipei, Taiwan)

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