

# Christian Peacemaker Teams



## ***YEAR IN REVIEW***

**FYE 2010b\***

**1 February 2010 - 31 October 2010**

**Teams of trained peacemakers joining local partners  
to reduce violence and protect human rights through  
Biblically-guided, spiritually-centered peacemaking  
and creative nonviolent action.**



Colombia: Leaders of CAHUCOPANA, a grassroots human rights group, organize training workshops and community action committees to push back the militarization and paramilitary violence in their region.  
"Our work is overcoming fear."

**\* CPT changed its fiscal year to 1 November - 31 October  
(previously 1 February - 31 January). This report reflects a shorter 9-month fiscal year  
(1 February 2010 - 31 October 2010) and is referred to throughout as FYE 2010b.**

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## Partnering for Hope in FYE 2010b



**Gene Stoltzfus**  
1 February 1940 -  
10 March 2010

After retiring as founding director of CPT in 2004, Gene dedicated energy to promoting CPT and shining the light on the horrors of robotic warfare, among other creative endeavors. He specifically challenged the remote-controlled, unmanned drones bombing civilians in Pakistan and Afghanistan, operated at Creech Airforce Base in the Nevada desert.

*On a cloudless, spring-like day in March 2010, CPT's founding director, Gene Stoltzfus, took out his motorized bicycle and serenely rode into God's embrace. With deep gratitude and honor for his many years of creative, visionary leadership in CPT, we share some of his reflections from a 2007 speech at a conference in Alberta, Canada:*

...Activists, scholars, prayer warriors, record keepers, artists, and money people – we are all needed in this work.

Have we made any progress at all? We are invited to look behind the record of humanity's most violent century to see the massive social changes that have happened nonviolently. From India to Eastern Europe, from democratic movements in China to freedom walks in the USA, from little-known villagers in Afghanistan to farmers and

fisher folk in Colombia, people have discovered the power of nonviolent action...

Hope comes when people do something concrete about their situation, when they work together, when they train themselves for the next step, when they pray together, and then when they act.

Hope is the renewable fuel that gives us power to reach beyond the boundaries of past centuries and paradigms.

Hope gives us courage to build alliances with people we once saw as enemies or war victims, but with whom we now can become partners in the great global 21<sup>st</sup> century experiment of organizing for peace.

*At the close of 2010, CPT entered its 25<sup>th</sup> year of active peacemaking. We take inspiration and courage from Gene's vision as we go about partnering for hope into the next quarter century.*

*This and more of Gene's writings have been collected in a new book called "Create Space for Peace" available at [www.cpt.org](http://www.cpt.org).*

## Undoing Oppression



CPTers relax and catch up between workshop sessions.

In August 2010, Corps members gathered for a 2-day Undoing Oppressions seminar focused on the intersections of racism, sexism and heterosexism, followed by a 4-day biennial retreat in Ontario, Canada.

In February 2010, racialized CPTers met for five days in Colombia to deepen the transformational work of undoing racism in CPT. The group established the Race Relations Council which has representation on CPT's Steering Committee.



Group role play during seminar.



# Aboriginal Justice

a periodic presence since February 1999



When Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) tried, on numerous occasions, to stop the Asubpeeschoseewagong First Nation's efforts to repair a road on their territory, community members, led by the women, established a blockade to prevent the MNR from interfering with their work crew. That action continued the longest blockade in Canadian history, which since 2002 has worked to stop clear-cut logging on their land.

**"We don't need a permit. We already got permission from the Creator."**

- Roberta Keesick,  
Asubpeeschoseewagong  
(Grassy Narrows)  
First Nation

CPT works in Canada and the USA as an ally to indigenous / aboriginal rights groups.

- supporting and accompanying Indigenous communities seeking justice and defending their lands against corporate and government exploitation without community consent;
- monitoring and documenting human rights abuses;
- training for, participating in, and supporting nonviolent public actions;
- organizing fact-finding and learning delegations to areas of conflict or oppression;
- educating, advocating, and enlisting the whole church in the work of undoing colonialism.

## Peacemaker 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 peace-making and human rights to participate directly in CPT's violence-reduction ministry.

Often delegations can ask questions, visit key officials, or test new avenues of nonviolence in ways that support local partners and strengthen the work of ongoing teams.

In this 9-month fiscal year, 85 people participated in 10 CPT delegations.



CPT Delegates join First Nations communities in a public peace walk.

# Iraq

a continuous presence since October 2002



**"Sometimes you are happy in nonviolence because you are not losing your soul. You might lose hope, or get tired, but you are not losing your soul."**

– Kurdish Friend  
in response to  
CPTer's comment  
that sometimes non-  
violence doesn't yield  
the hoped-for results  
right away.

CPT and friends organized a special meal (yaprakh dolma) which brought together families from the city of Suliemaniya and displaced communities to share food and stories.

Based in the city of Suliemaniya in the northern Kurdish region of Iraq, CPTers accompany villagers who have fled their homes due to bombing in conflicted border areas, document human rights violations against civilian populations, and seek to amplify the voices of Kurds calling for peace amidst the violent political turmoil in the region.

Throughout the year team members offered support to a multi-ethnic, multi-religious group of women in Kirkuk who

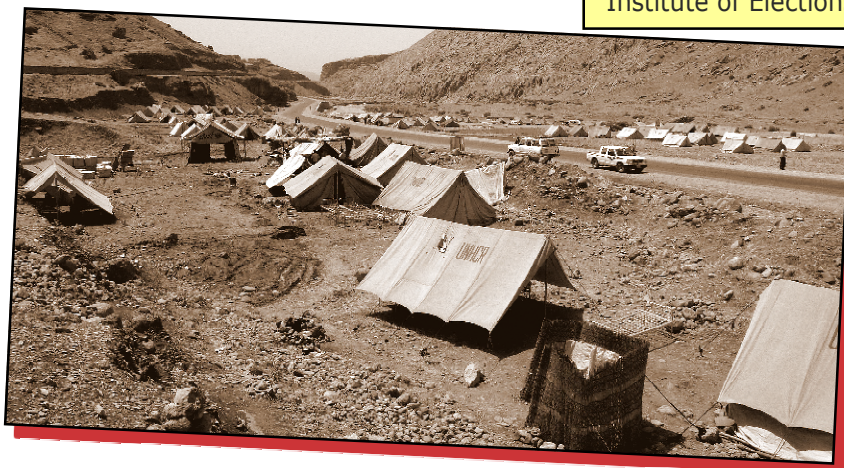
produce a peace-building publication called "Pana for Peace."

In March 2010, CPT-Iraq released a major human rights report documenting the destruction of northern Iraqi village life by Turkish and Iranian attacks over the past two years. "Where there is a Promise, there is Tragedy" is available at [www.cpt.org](http://www.cpt.org).

**"I can't tell you exactly when I started to believe in nonviolence – sometime during all the wars and violence here...I saw that violence didn't change the situation. In any person there is some humanity. Nonviolence tries to develop that part of a person."**

– Aram Jamal  
Sabir, Executive  
Director, Kurdish  
Institute of Elections

Dola  
Shahidan  
Internally  
Displaced  
Persons  
(IDP)  
camp.  
No  
electricity.  
No  
sanitary  
services.  
No  
shade.



**3** Little hope for a return home.



# Palestine

**a continuous presence since June 1995**



Palestinians march every Friday to open Shuhada Street, a main thoroughfare in the West Bank city of Hebron closed to Palestinian traffic since 1994.

**"We will resist Israeli attacks on our holy places... peacefully, not with violence."**

– Palestinian member of CPT's advisory council

CPT-Palestine supports Palestinian-led, non-violent, grassroots resistance to the Israeli occupation and the unjust structures that uphold it. By "getting in the way" of violence and advocating for change in our home communities, CPT helps create space for justice and peace.

CPT maintains one team at two sites in the Hebron District of the southern West Bank. Part of the team is located in the Palestinian city of Hebron/al-Khalil and another part of the team is based 25 kilometers (15 miles) further south 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.

**"I don't mind if the settlers eat my grapes, but why do they cut the vines and throw them on the ground?"**

– Palestinian farmer

**"We need windows to the outside world – windows to let our story out, to let the light in. We need you to be our windows."**

– Palestinian woman in Deheisheh Refugee Camp, Bethlehem



Palestinian children

from South Hebron Hills villages play while waiting for the Israeli military to escort them past an Israeli settlement to their school in at-Tuwani. CPT's report, "Dangerous Road to Education," is available at [www.cpt.org](http://www.cpt.org).

# Colombia

a continuous presence since February 2001



CPT worked with displaced families from Las Pavas on a campaign to regain their land. The Daabon company took over the land to produce palm oil for cosmetics giant The Body Shop. The Body Shop responded to consumer pressure, which included vigils and civil disobedience at their stores, and cut ties with Daabon.

Based in the city of Barrancabermeja, CPT accompanies communities facing threats to their land, livelihood and cultural identity in the central Magdalena River valley of north-central Colombia. In partnership with subsistence farmers, artisan miners, social change organizations, displaced persons, indigenous communities, and conscientious objectors, team members support grassroots initiatives to expose and transform structures of domination and oppression through active nonviolence in order to make possible the reign of God – a world grounded in respect, justice and love, even of enemies.



CPT visits Las Pavas community leader

**"We want our whole region to be able to recover from the damage the palm companies have already done."**

– Las Pavas Community Representative

## Steering Committee

CPT 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, CPT's Peacemaker Corps (PC) and Race Relations Council (RRC), and members at-large (AL). Steering Committee Members serving in FYE 2010b were:



Hedy Sawadsky (Ontario, Canada) retired as an At-Large Steering Committee member in October 2010. Hedy was present at CPT's founding conference in 1986 and helped guide CPT's ministry for a quarter century. Thank you Hedy!

• Michele Braley (Minnesota, USA) - PC • Tony Brown (Kansas, USA) - MC-USA • Adriana Cabrera Velásquez (Colombia) - AL • Eloy García (New Mexico, USA) - PC/RRC • Omar Harami (Jerusalem, Via Israel) - AL • Maureen Jack (Fife, Scotland) - PC • Wendy Lehman (Illinois, USA) - PC • Rachel Long (Missouri, USA) - COB/OEP • Rafael Lopera (Colombia) - BGC • Susan Mark Landis (Ohio, USA) - MC-USA • Phil Miller (Missouri, USA) - COB/OEP • Eric Olfert (Saskatchewan, Canada) - MC-Canada • Brian Petkau (Manitoba, Canada) - MC-Canada • Paul Pierce (Cairo, Egypt) - PC • Jessica Phillips (Illinois, USA) - RRC • Janet Plenert (Manitoba, Canada) - MC-Canada • Hedy Sawadsky (Ontario, Canada) - AL • Wilson Tan (Singapore) - AL • Sarah Thompson (Indiana, USA) - AL • Brian Young (California, USA) - FUM



# Financial Summary

**TABLE 1**  
9-month fiscal year figures

<b>FYE 31 Oct. 2010</b> 9 months (Feb-Oct 2010)	<b>Canada</b> \$1 Can = \$.968 US	<b>USA</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Individuals	\$51,936	\$242,264	<b>\$294,200</b>
Congregations	\$20,580	\$74,630	<b>\$90,569</b>
Grants	\$13,720	\$28,709	<b>\$37,421</b>
Delegations	\$17,501	\$82,426	<b>\$128,706</b>
Other	\$4,410	\$5,824	<b>\$12,172</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$122,851</b>	<b>\$433,853</b>	<b>\$563,068</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Program	\$73,636	\$351,239	<b>\$424,875</b>
Peacemaker Corps	\$95,655	\$197,445	<b>\$293,100</b>
Administration	\$10,347	\$2,5011	<b>\$35,358</b>
Other	\$136	\$2,616	<b>\$2,752</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$179,776</b>	<b>\$577,901</b>	<b>\$757,677</b>
<b>Contributors</b>			
Individuals	295	1491	<b>1,786</b>
Churches/Groups	40	159	<b>199</b>
Delegations	93	191	<b>284</b>

CPT changed the dates of our fiscal year (previously 1 February - 31 January) in order to improve our financial planning and budgeting processes.

Since we receive 45% of our income in the months of November, December and January, changing our fiscal year to begin 1 November allows us to make budgeting decisions based on more accurate information.

Table 1 shows the figures for a shortened nine-month fiscal year (1 February-31 October 2010) and therefore does not reflect the income from winter months.

For purposes of comparison with the past, we offer Table 2 which shows the pro-forma figures through a 12-month period (1 February 2010-31 January 2011).

Table 3 summarizes the figures from the previous fiscal year ending 1 January 2010.

We treasure each and every one of the financial gifts from around the world that arrive at our Canada and USA offices. We strive to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us. Thank you for continuing your piece of our collective partnerships for peace and hope.

**TABLE 2**  
Pro-forma figures for 12 months  
(1 February 2010 - 31 January 2011)

<b>Pro-Forma 12 mo</b>	<b>Canada</b> \$1 Can = \$.918 US	<b>USA</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$217,100</b>	<b>\$704,300</b>	<b>\$921,400</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$230,800</b>	<b>\$766,900</b>	<b>\$997,700</b>
<b>Contributors</b>			
Individuals	525	2459	<b>2984</b>
Churches/Groups	66	255	<b>321</b>
Delegations	114	234	<b>348</b>

**TABLE 3**  
Previous Year Figures

<b>FYE 31 Jan 2010</b>	<b>Canada</b> \$1 Can = \$.918 US	<b>USA</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$216,000</b>	<b>\$823,900</b>	<b>\$1,039,900</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$156,700</b>	<b>\$787,800</b>	<b>\$944,500</b>
<b>Contributors</b>			
Individuals	514	2439	<b>2953</b>
Churches/Groups	91	304	<b>395</b>
Delegations	115	627	<b>742</b>

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# Personnel

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 31 October 2010, a total of 216 people from 5 Canadian provinces, 4 Colombian departments, Egypt, England, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippines, Scotland, Sweden, Taiwan and 30 USA states plus the District of Colombia served in the Corps.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to:

- the many volunteers who helped with mailings and other office support;
- all who worked on phase 2 of rehabbing the Chicago office;
- the team of translators making CPT more accessible to Spanish speakers.



Peacemaker Corps members present at biennial retreat in Ontario, Canada  
August 2010

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