

# Christian Peacemaker Teams



## YEAR IN REVIEW

**FYE 2012** • 1 November 2011 - 31 October 2012



CPTer Julián Gutiérrez with Maryann and Maria Swain of Grassy Narrows First Nation

**building partnerships to transform violence  
and oppression through faith-based peacemaking  
and creative nonviolent action**

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# Transforming Violence in 2012



CPT accompanied the Algonquins of Barriere Lake when they defied threats of arrest and established a protest camp to stop clear-cut logging on their territory without their consent.

**“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”**

- Isaiah 43:19

In 2012, CPT and our partners around the globe bore witness to and participated in God’s “new thing.”

## ABORIGINAL JUSTICE

Grassy Narrows First Nation marked the 10th anniversary of the Slant Lake blockade, making it the longest-running indigenous logging blockade in Canadian history.

The community invited CPT to accompany their blockade when it began in 2002 and we were honored to join in celebrating their resistance, their sovereignty, and their nonviolent action in defense of the earth in 2012.

## COLOMBIA

The Las Pavas community (116 families) finally received the “definitive decision” from the government they had waited for so long - the land is theirs!

The community’s faith, hope and gutsy nonviolent resistance together with the accompaniment, advocacy and arrests of CPTers and many others helped give birth to God’s new thing.

## IRAQI KURDISTAN

Turkish and Iranian cross-border attacks in Iraqi Kurdistan had been intensifying since 2007. After a focused grassroots action campaign by CPT and local partners, civilian casualties ceased for nearly a year.

## PALESTINE

When the Israeli military’s notorious Golani Brigade arrived in Hebron, CPTers documented a sharp increase in serious human rights violations against Palestinian civilians. They launched an intensive media and advocacy campaign and the Golani Brigade left Hebron a month early.

## A WAY IN THE WILDERNESS

With more prayer and more financial support, CPT can continue bearing witness to God’s new thing in these places and with these partners. How might you partner with God to make a way in the wilderness? If everyone receiving this Year in Review could contribute, CPT could move to a place of abundance rather than scarcity in our planning for peacemaking.



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## Aboriginal Justice

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an ongoing presence since February 1999



CPTers at River Run 2012. For a week in June, members and supporters of Grassy Narrows First Nation took to the streets of Toronto to call attention to mercury poisoning in their river system and their struggle for self-determination and environmental justice.

**“CPTers walk beside us and support us, but they do not try to make us Christians or change us.”**

- Judy da Silva, Grassy Narrows First

CPT's Aboriginal Justice Team (AJT) supports Indigenous communities seeking justice and defending their lands against corporate and government exploitation. Based in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, AJT partners with First Nations communities to:

- advocate for the basic and collective human rights of indigenous peoples;
- build relationships between settlers, indigenous peoples and the land;
- become effective and visible political allies to indigenous peoples.

**“We’re still asking the government to recognize we are a nation and we have a government and we have indigenous laws.”**

- Cecilia Begg, Band Councilor  
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CPT-Colombia's national Holy Week delegation.

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## Peacemaker Delegations

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In FYE 2012, 77 people participated in ten short-term CPT delegations (7-14 days). Delegations offer participants first-hand experience in supporting local partners' nonviolent struggle for human rights and serve as a primary mechanism for further involvement in CPT's peacemaking ministry. Delegates serve an important advocacy role back home on behalf of communities resisting violence.

# Colombia

a continuous presence since February 2001



Las Pavas farmers block corporate palm workers from illegally entering their land.

CPT-Colombia partners with communities throughout the Magdalena Medio region who organize to overcome fear, assert their rights and nonviolently resist ongoing assaults on their dignity and their livelihoods.

Violence continues in the region with threats against individuals, assassinations, massacres, disappearances and torture.

Your advocacy efforts on behalf of subsistence farmers, indigenous communities, artisan miners, women's groups, displaced persons, and conscientious objectors make a difference.

**“This decision reflects the justice previously denied us ... which will contribute to the peace we Colombians so desperately need.”**

- Las Pavas community response to government decision restoring their land rights

**“After 40 years we continue to resist violence and abuse [against women]. Thanks to the ... international organizations that accompany us and give us the strength to continue fighting for peace and social justice in Colombia.”**



Members of CPT accompany the Popular Women's Organization (OFP) in Barrancabermeja.

- Popular Women's Organization (OFP) on their 40th Anniversary



## Iraqi Kurdistan

a continuous presence since October 2002

**“We will continue here. These [attacks] won’t break us. This has been our ancestors’ land for several thousand years. This is our life.”**



Fourteen-year-old Bahar tells CPTers how she survived an Iranian rocket attack in her village of Sunneh.

- Sabir, Kurdish shepherd injured by shrapnel from Iranian shelling in 2009, speaking about his family’s determination to return to their traditional lands even in the face of cross-border attacks from Turkey and Iran.

CPT-Iraqi Kurdistan accompanies villagers living in conflicted border regions, documents human rights violations against civilian populations, and works with local partners to end violence by Turkey and Iran against the Kurdish people.

The team’s report, *“Disrupted Lives: the effects of cross-border attacks by Turkey and Iran on Kurdish villages,”* documents the impact of cross-border attacks in northeastern Iraqi Kurdistan’s Pshdar district. The attacks caused civilian

injuries and deaths, destruction of homes, livestock and crops, and contamination of land, water, and air. The report also shows how ongoing military operations threaten the very existence of the villages and jeopardize an important part of Kurdish national identity. Available at <http://goo.gl/O9EQf>.

CPT’s presence and reporting continues to be one of the few outlets that local peacemakers can access to tell their stories.

**“We hope that the shelling and bombing do not start again because our life here is very nice.”**

- school children from the mountain village of Sunneh whose families fled to an IDP camp in 2011 when cross-border attacks by Iran and Turkey damaged their school, homes and crops.



CPTers help students in Sunneh make a video about their experiences living in IDP camps during cross-border attacks in 2011.

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# Palestine

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a continuous presence since June 1995



CPTers monitor soldiers' treatment of Palestinian students going to school in Hebron.

**“We thank CPT for supporting the teachers and students of our school and especially for their efforts to monitor the violations happening on a daily basis.”**

- Principal, Al-Ibrahimi School

CPT-Palestine supports Palestinian-led, grass-roots, nonviolent resistance to the Israeli Occupation and the unjust structures that uphold it. Based in the Old City of Hebron (al-Khalil in Arabic), team mem-

bers accompany school children harassed by Israeli soldiers, monitor military checkpoints, and document abuses by Israeli soldiers and settlers.

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CPTers visit the Jawdi Jaber family after Israeli settlers from Kiryat Arba firebombed their car and stoned their house.

**“CPT’s dedication to the people of Hebron in their nonviolent struggle against the injustices and oppressions of the Israeli occupation is to be honored and respected.”**

- Hamed Qwasmeh, Palestinian Advisor and Partner

bers also visit communities in the South Hebron Hills and respond to specific requests for support.



# Financial Summary

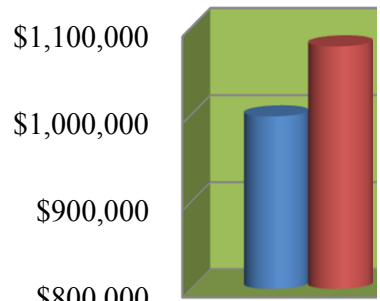
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Income	
Individuals	\$571,100
Congregations	\$133,200
Delegations	\$134,900
Grants	\$ 67,100
Other	\$ 66,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$972,300</b>
Expenses	
Program	\$482,600
Peacemaker Corps	\$439,000
Administration	\$ 60,500
Other	\$ 16,100
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$998,200</b>

## Income/Expense Comparison

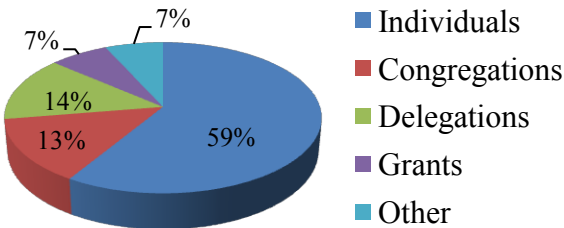


Income  
 ■ FYE 2012 \$972,300  
 ■ FYE 2011 \$1,011,300

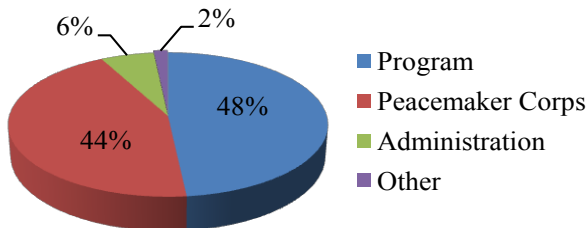


Expenses  
 ■ FYE 2012 \$998,200  
 ■ FYE 2011 \$1,078,700

## FYE 2012 Income - Percent



## FYE 2012 Expenses - Percent



Contributions	FYE 2012	FYE 2011
Individuals	3,196	3,188
Churches & Groups	298	340
Delegations	300	493



Full and part time CPTers gathered for a biennial retreat in Ontario, Canada Photo: Tim Nafziger

## Personnel

CPT's Peacemaker Corps is made up of trained peacemakers committed to full-time, part-time, or Reserve service. In FYE 2012, 205 people, including seven interns, served in CPT. Corps members and interns came from Australia, six Canadian provinces,

four Colombian departments, Czech Republic, Egypt, England, Germany, India, Iran, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Palestine, Philippines, Scotland, Sweden, Taiwan, Uruguay, Wales and 30 U.S. states plus Washington, DC.

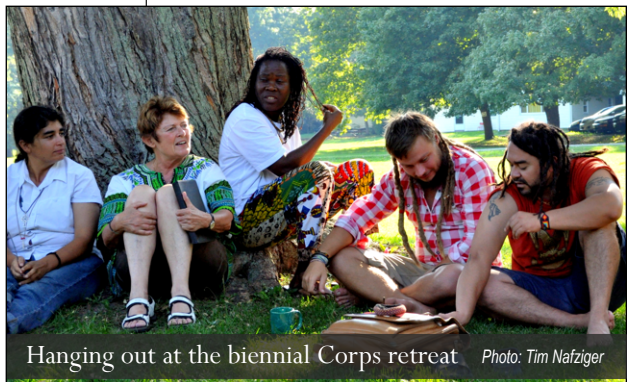
## Steering Committee

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) • 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 2012 were • Jason Boone, MC-USA • Tony Brown,

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Hanging out at the biennial Corps retreat Photo: Tim Nafziger

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