



Anniversary celebration aids CLWR

“A celebration of a century of commitment” is how the *Brantford Expositor* described events in June that marked the 50th anniversary of an ordination and a wedding. On June 14, friends of Rev. Cal and Mrs. Betty Diegel gathered at Faith Lutheran Church to help mark 50 years of dedicated ministry and marriage with worship and fellowship. Later in August, the anniversaries were celebrated again in conjunction with the 45th anniversary of Christ the King Lutheran chapel at Sauble Beach, Ontario.

So what is the Canadian Lutheran World Relief connection? In lieu of giving personal gifts, guests were asked to contribute to a fund that would purchase pairs of goats for CLWR’s overseas development projects. And so they did. Just under \$5,000 was raised. In her note to us, Betty wrote that many contributors noted how appropriate it was to give a gift of goats to “two old goats.” “Baa to you” was her standard reply.

CLWR extends its congratulations and appreciation to the Diegels for involving the organization in their celebrations. They have demonstrated aptly how the *Gifts from the Heart* program can be used to honour friends and family members throughout the year.

Lutherans contribute \$500K in designated gifts to the Foodgrains Bank

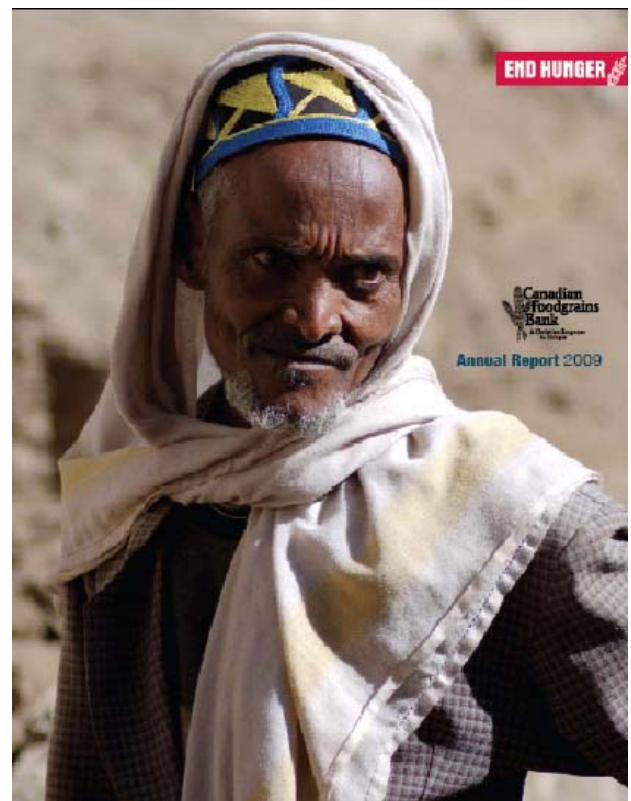
The Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) has released its 2008-09 Annual Report. During the year, CFGB responded to hunger in 31

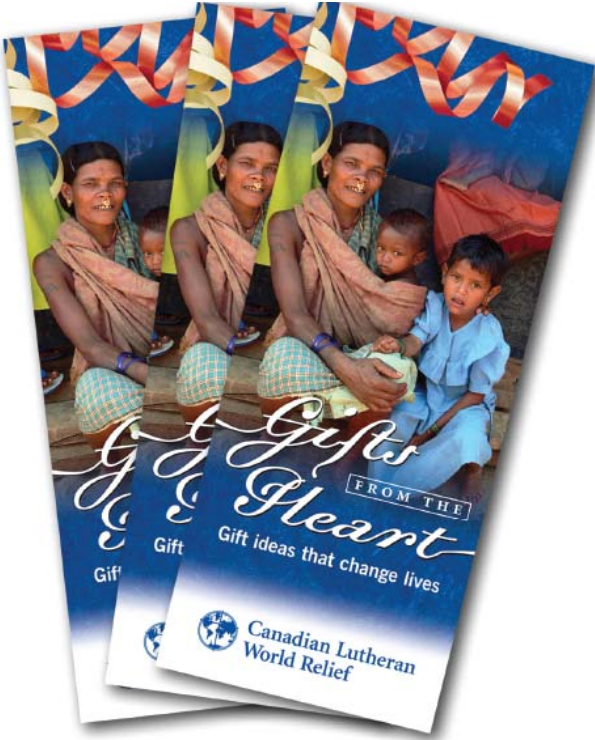
countries, delivering over 40,000 tonnes of food and seed that benefited 2.1 million people.

Cash and grain donations to the Foodgrains Bank reached a record \$12.5 million, of which just over \$500,000 was designated by donors to the Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) account at CFGB.

CLWR is one of 15 Canadian church and church-based organizations that form the membership of the Foodgrains Bank. Through its CFGB partnership, CLWR currently operates development programs in Ethiopia and Zambia.

For a link to the entire CFGB Annual Report, visit the CLWR website (www.clwr.org).





Gifts from the Heart catalogues coming soon

Over the past week, we have received several phone calls inquiring about availability of the 2009 Gifts from Heart Catalogue. Good news! The catalogues are printed.

Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC) members will be receiving their catalogues with the October issue of *The Canadian Lutheran*. Be sure to pick up your copy at your church.

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) congregations, as well as individual Canadian Lutheran World Relief donors, should begin receiving their catalogues soon after Thanksgiving as they will be mailed on or before October 7.

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