



CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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Children's Time/Sermon/Chat

You may want to collect some garden tools, seed packets and different kinds of vegetables — and a donation jar marked CLWR with some money in it — to make a display at the front of the sanctuary.

Who here helped their mom or dad or maybe their grandparents plant a vegetable garden this summer?

What did you do to help? (Dig up the soil, plant the seeds, water the garden, pull out the weeds, pick the veggies, eat the veggies!, etc.)

We're fortunate to be able to go to a garden centre and buy the tools we need — maybe a spade to dig with or a small hand trowel or a rake or a hoe or a garden hose — and the seeds or maybe some small vegetable plants. What vegetables did you help plant?

We're also fortunate that we can turn on a tap and have water right away to water our garden. Maybe we fill a bucket with water from the tap or have a hose attached to the tap.

There are places in the world such as Uganda where the people can't grow their own vegetable gardens because they don't have the money to buy tools or seeds or they don't have a way to get water for their gardens. Just think

about it: if they can't grow vegetables to eat, moms and dads and children — the whole family — go hungry. If families can't grow vegetables to sell at a market, then they won't have money to buy tools, or seeds, or even get water.

God commands us to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. One way we can love our neighbours is to find ways to help them by sharing with them what we are fortunate to have.

Canadian Lutheran World Relief has found wonderful ways for us to share so that everyone has food and water. We can donate money to CLWR so that families who need gardening tools like rakes, spades and hoes can have them to grow gardens full of healthy food to eat and sell at the market. In countries where families are starting over after a time when there's been little rain, or a natural disaster like an earthquake, or war, seeds produce healthy food and help families to earn an income by selling some of the food they grow at a market. Where gardens and fields need water, farmers have hope because they can build irrigation canals that connect farmers' fields to a water source they can rely on.

When we love our neighbours by sharing through our donations, everyone benefits. Our neighbours around the world can get the tools and seeds and water they need to grow good food for themselves and to sell at market. We feel happy and joyful because we are able to share. And God's love and care for everyone is spread all around!

You may want to play this upbeat music video by the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda. They sing about God's unfailing love and care for everyone and what we are called to do and share. As worship leader and in preparation to use this music video, you may want to listen to it prior to worship, as some of the lyrics are difficult to catch: [We Will Go — Watoto Children's Choir \(Official Music Video\) — YouTube](#)

Dear God... (echo)

You tell us to love our neighbours... (echo)

As we love ourselves... (echo)

Help us to be good and generous neighbours... (echo)

Loving all your people around the world... (echo)

And sharing what you have given us with them... (echo)

Amen... (echo)