

## Money from Manitoba Helps Typhoon Victims in The Philippines



The Manitoba Government's \$100,000 grant to the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC) is helping thousands of victims of Typhoon Ketsana get their lives back on track by providing them with shelter, food and basic necessities.

On September 29, former Premier Gary Doer announced that the provincial government would be providing \$100,000 to the Philippines. These funds were given to MCIC to distribute to its member organizations doing work in the affected regions.

"MCIC has a number of members working on the ground in the Philippines who are able to assess the situation and respond quickly to what is going on," says Janice Hamilton, MCIC Executive Director.

Over 900 lives were lost as a result of Typhoon Ketsana, which hit the Philippines on September 26. It is estimated that well over 3 million people were impacted by loss of properties, livelihoods or family members.

One of the organizations to receive funding through the Government of Manitoba was Canadian Churches in Action (CCA) (led by Primates World Relief and Development Fund), a group of Canadian church-based relief and development organizations. The group includes four other MCIC members including Canadian Lutheran World Relief, Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, Mennonite Central Committee Canada and the United Church of Canada. CCA was given \$31,000 to provide immediate relief to 400 households through the purchase of materials to repair damaged homes or construction of temporary shelters. This project involves the use of local labour and locally purchased materials.

Other recipients include: PLAN International Canada, which received \$24,000; HOPE International Development Agency, which received \$25,000; and Co-operative Development Foundation, which received \$20,000. These organizations are helping to provide food, clothing, medication, water and sanitation services to flood victims.

## Upcoming Events

### Amnesty International Meeting

**Thursday, November 12**

7:00 am - 9:00 pm

Location: Welcome Place, 397 Carlton St. Winnipeg.

Guillermo Vodniza, a teacher and human rights activist from Colombia will speak on Indigenous Human Rights in Columbia: Testimony of Our Roots. Contact [amnesty19@excite.com](mailto:amnesty19@excite.com).

### CCIC Open Forum Workshops

**Friday, November 13**

**Details: TBA**

CCIC is organizing a series of preparatory workshops across Canada to introduce participants to the Global Open Forum process. This workshop aims to explain to Canadian CSOs the importance of the Open Forum and what Canadian CSOs are doing to improve their effectiveness and accountability to make a real difference for development. Visit the CCIC homepage at [www.ccic.ca](http://www.ccic.ca) for information and to register.

### Public Lecture: Francisco Machado

**Friday, November 13**

8:00 pm

Location: Canadian Mennonite University, 500 Shaftesbury. Winnipeg

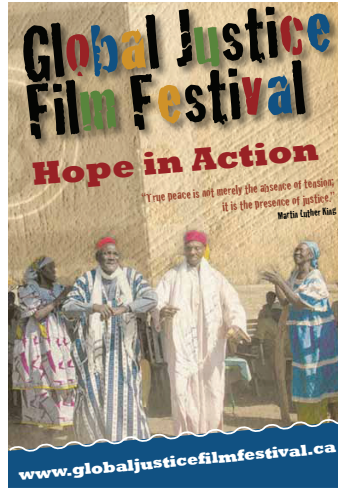
Francisco Machado is a pastor from Honduras who has worked in advocacy around mining issues in Central America. His presentation will highlight the impact of Canadian mining companies and their effect on local and indigenous peoples. This event is sponsored by the Mennonite Central Committee.

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# Global Justice Film Festival

Check out the 2009 Global Justice Film Festival, November 6 and 7, featuring films on global issues from around the world. Register online at [www.globaljusticefilmfestival.ca](http://www.globaljusticefilmfestival.ca) to secure your spot.

On Friday, November 6 the film "Playing for Change: Peace Through Music" with special guest speaker Jonathan Walls (co-director of the film) will be showing at the Winnipeg Art Gallery. Registration will begin at 6:00 PM. The film starts at 7:00 PM. The film will be shown again on Saturday November 7 at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Road United Church, 613 St. Mary's Rd.



All other showings will take place on November 7 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the University of Winnipeg, 515 Portage Ave. Registration on this day will begin at 8:30 AM.

For more information, contact MCIC at (204) 987 6420, or email [youth@mcic.ca](mailto:youth@mcic.ca). All details are online at [www.globaljusticefilmfestival.ca](http://www.globaljusticefilmfestival.ca).

## Minister Oda Unveils Food Security Strategy at U of M

While visiting the University of Manitoba's Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences on World Food Day October 16, the Honourable Beverley J. Oda, Minister of International Cooperation, unveiled CIDA's Food Security Strategy, one of CIDA's three thematic priorities.

"Building on Canada's strengths, CIDA's new Food Security Strategy will respond to the impacts of the food crisis, climate change and the global economic recession that has now moved over a billion of the world's most vulnerable peoples into extreme hunger and starvation by supporting strategic, sustainable, and effective initiatives," said Minister Oda. "CIDA will follow three paths - food aid including nutrition, agriculture, and research."

(Taken from a press release by CIDA. More information at [www.cida.ca](http://www.cida.ca).)



### Workshops on Ethical Practice in CSOs

**Saturday, November 14**

9:00 am - 12:00 pm: *Guiding Daily Practice*

1:00 pm - 4:30 pm: *Ethical images*

Location: Menno Simons College, 520 Portage Ave. Winnipeg.

MCIC and Menno Simons College are pleased to present two half-day workshops on ethical practice for community service organizations delivered by the Canadian Council for International Cooperation. The cost is \$30 (\$15 for MSC students) for one session and \$50 (\$25 for MSC students) for both. To register, contact Bequie Lake at (204) 987 6420 or [pe@mcic.ca](mailto:pe@mcic.ca).

### Fair Trade Wine Tasting Fundraiser

**Thursday, November 19**

7:00 pm

Location: Champa Bistro, 696 Osborne St. (at Rathgar) Winnipeg.

This event, hosted by Engineers Without Borders, will feature the tasting of six fair trade wines available at your local MLCC. The program will include Mr. Jono Borden of the Prestige Wine Group who will be on hand to discuss the quality of the wines. There will also be a discussion on the benefits of fair trade wine. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. The cost is \$25 per person. RSVP to [winnipeg@ewb.ca](mailto:winnipeg@ewb.ca).

### World Vision Volunteers Night Out

**Thursday, November 19**

7:00 pm

Location: TBA

World Vision invites you to attend their volunteer appreciation night which will also feature updates, guest speakers and information on how you can get involved with World Vision. RSVP to [colleen\\_moran@worldvision.ca](mailto:colleen_moran@worldvision.ca) or call 1 888 676 2648.

### Working for Peace and Reconciliation

**Monday, November 30**

5:30 pm

Location: Wolseley Family Place, 691 Wolseley Ave. Winnipeg.

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# Christmas Shopping with UNICEF

This holiday season give the gifts that give back. UNICEF Prairie Region invites you to join us for our holiday shopping weekend! A wide range of UNICEF Cards & Gifts available for purchase. It's a wonderful opportunity to spend time with friends and show your support for the world's children. All proceeds from cards & gift sales and Gifts of Magic will help children living in areas affected by poverty, conflict and natural disasters.

This event is happening Friday, November 13 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday, November 14 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at the UNICEF Office at 323-112 Market Avenue, Winnipeg, MB.

You can also check out the UNICEF booth at Kildonan Place Shopping Centre from November 23 to December 24. There will be a range of UNICEF Cards & Gifts available for your holiday shopping. In addition, UNICEF will be decorating a tree with ornaments. Each \$10 donation puts

an ornament on the tree and buys a malaria bed net to help save a child's life.

Also, December 1st is World AIDS Day and UNICEF will be featuring a full-length documentary "The Day My God Died" at the Park Theatre, 698 Osborne St. Doors open at 7:00pm. Tickets are just \$10. Filmed in Nepal and India, this documentary presents the stories of young girls whose lives have been shattered by the child sex trade. The film includes footage from inside the brothels of Bombay. The documentary also introduces the heroes of movement who are working to abolish child sex slavery.

For information on these events please contact the UNICEF office at **(204) 477 4600**.

## Opportunities

### Malawi Study Tour with CPAR

The Canadian Physicians for Aid & Relief annual Study Tour takes interested Canadians off the beaten path to see development projects in action, The cost of this year's Study Tour is \$5500 which includes all travel, accommodation, meals and scheduled activities (including the Safari). Contact Claire, CPAR's Public Engagement Manager at [chwadhvani@cpar.ca](mailto:chwadhvani@cpar.ca) or **1-800-263-2727 x30**.

### CUSO-VSO Overseas Placements

This fall, CUSO-VSO is launching a special volunteer recruitment drive for placements in 9 countries in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. We're looking for experienced professionals to start placements in early 2010.

All volunteers are eligible for CUSO-VSO's comprehensive training and support package, which covers the costs of volunteering overseas. The application deadline is Friday, November 13. Visit [www.CUSO-VSO.org](http://www.CUSO-VSO.org) for more information.

Jessie Howell, hosted by MATCH International, will be speaking about the road to Peace and Reconciliation. Contact Stella at **(204) 489 3531**.

### HIV/AIDS Commemorative Service

**Tuesday, December 1**

**7:30 pm**

Location: St. Luke's Church, Nassau at Stradbroom, Winnipeg.

Primates World Relief and Development Fund (Rupert's Land) will hold an HIV/AIDS Commemorative Service. Participants will take time for reflection and consideration of those struggling with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones. All are invited to join.

### Voluntary Sector Fund Training Session December 8 - 10

Location: Radisson Hotel, 288 Portage Ave. Winnipeg

This session, hosted in partnership with CIDA, will focus primarily on the requirements of the Voluntary Sector Fund and the application process. Visit [www.mcic.ca/opportunities](http://www.mcic.ca/opportunities) for details and eligibility criteria or call **(204) 987 6420**.



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