



# World Neighbours Canada

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## STEP BEYOND GRATITUDE

Dear Abraham Household,

This fall, World Neighbours Canada had the great pleasure to host Lydia Tapsoba from Burkina Faso. You can read about her tour of southern B.C. in the enclosed newsletter. Lydia has been abroad before, but nonetheless she was struck by the abundance of water and food—and freedom from conflict—that Canadians enjoy. Millions of people in Burkina Faso do not have access to clean water, nor do they have enough food to eat—child malnutrition is widespread. To add to their problems, the rise of terrorist activities in recent years has caused many people to flee their homes and seek shelter in towns or cities or even other countries. The reality for most Canadians is very different. We have ready access to potable water, more food than we need and a peaceful life.

With Thanksgiving recently celebrated and Christmas not far off, many of us will be feeling grateful for the safe and bountiful life that we enjoy. At World Neighbours Canada, we urge you to think about people in other countries who live in much more difficult circumstances. Canadians can make a difference. The excellent video with which Lydia Tapsoba was touring describes a small project that allowed women farmers to achieve more financial stability and improve their standing in their households, through fattening of sheep and intensive training. In Honduras, World Neighbours Canada is supporting the work of a “facilitator of citizen participation” to support and strengthen grassroots organizations such as water management boards, environmental protection groups and parents’ associations to ensure these organizations can manage their affairs competently and transparently, and also advocate for support from local government or other authorities. In Nepal, the district of Ramechhap is close to achieving the goal of having piped water available for all hill villages, thanks in part to support from World Neighbours Canada.

All of this good work has been accomplished because a few hundred Canadians like you decided that they were not only grateful for the food, water and safety they enjoy—they were also determined to do what they could to help people who are less fortunate. Thank you for your support! It has made a huge difference to the lives of thousands of people. Please continue to support World Neighbours Canada and its partner organizations to the extent you are able. I urge you to give generously to help us continue our fight against poverty and injustice. Step beyond gratitude!

Sincerely,

Bruce Petch, Executive Director (volunteer)

