

# Living Matthew 25 MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR WORLD

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## SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT . . . YOU

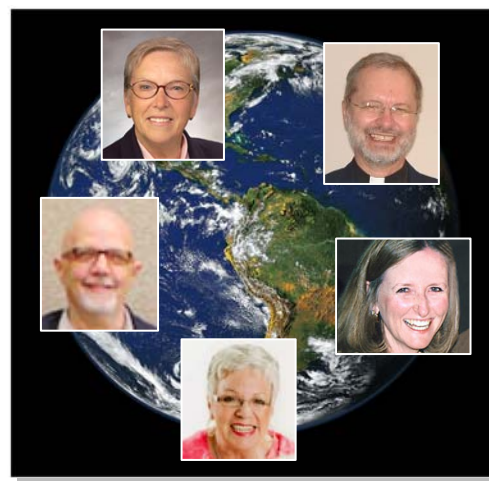
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How often do we look at people who have accomplished great feats or performed admirable deeds and say, “I couldn’t possibly do that . . . there must be something special about them!”? Perhaps we don’t say it consciously, but some part of our being puts these people on pedestals, which implicitly justifies not trying to do as they have done.

Well, I’ve got good news for you. There’s something special about YOU, too! Each one of us has been gifted in ways that can help the world immeasurably. Granted, we are also each flawed in some way. The only difference between one who does something extraordinary and one who does not, is that those who do such things decide to do so despite their shortcomings.

Just to prove it, this entire issue of *LM 25 – Meeting the Needs of OUR World* is devoted to taking a closer look at a handful of women and men who have done extraordinary things. You will see that they are real people with perspectives on the world just like you and me. More importantly, you will see that they have had embarrassing moments and professional troubles, but have learned from them and kept going.

In the pages that follow you will get to learn a little bit more about . . . a small town preacher who became bishop . . . a nurse turned executive director of an international relief and development agency . . . a little kid from Quebec who would eventually receive the Order of Canada . . . a man who can’t bear the



thought of hungry children and made it his problem . . . and a grandmother turned playwright and performer in order to help those suffering from mental illness.

Perhaps the thing that we can learn most from these special people is that they all have a passion. And, fueled by their passion, they did not let their flaws and weaknesses stand in their way. Quite to the contrary, despite embarrassing moments, failures and troubling times, they picked themselves up and persisted. The question then becomes, what is your passion and what are you going to do about it?

Yes, without a doubt, there is something special about each of these wonderful people. However, they would be the first to note that there is something special within each of us. I hope and pray that through hearing from them you will be inspired to help others in that way that only you can. The world needs you!!

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# SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT . . . DEREK HOSKIN

**Question - What accomplishment in which you have been involved pleases you the most, and why?**

**BISHOP DEREK:** Sometimes we hesitate to do the good that we can do because we do not think that what we have to offer is significant. I remember that I felt this way about answering God's call to enter into ordained ministry. Due to my poor results at University, I did not believe that I would be able to enter Seminary. So, in responding positively to God's call, I said that I would only be able to do it if God opened the seminary doors and assisted me in my studies. Much to my amazement, God did both. This experience helped me to grow closer to God and to put my whole trust in God's faithfulness. This has been the basis of my ministry ever since - living each day knowing that I am in the presence of the Lord who will guide and support me in the work that I am given to do.

**Question - What is one of your most embarrassing professional moments, and what did you learn?**

**BISHOP DEREK:** I remember that in one of my early parishes I decided, without consulting anyone, to move the font. I wanted it near the church entrance as a reminder that each of us enters into the family of God through Holy Baptism. So, I moved the font from the front to the back of the church. The next Sunday morning we had a bit of a traffic jam in the entrance way because there was not enough room for the choir and clergy to easily process around the font. Needless to say, I quietly moved the font back to its place at the front of the church in time for my first baptism. And, I discovered what everyone in the church knew; the font at the front enabled the whole congregation to participate more easily in the service. From this experience I learned to consult with parish leaders about parish traditions and discover why things were done they way they were done.



**The Rt. Rev. Derek Hoskin**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Calgary**  
Anglican Diocese of Calgary

*Ordained a priest in 1973, Bishop Hoskin previously served parishes in Lethbridge, Fort Macleod, and Brocket, Alta.*

*On being a pastor, he writes that "even though I usually wonder what I will say, I am most comfortable providing pastoral care to those who are suffering. I think that this is because I have been allowed to experience personal heartaches and failures during my life."*

**Question - What was a troubling professional moment, and what did you learn?**

**BISHOP DEREK:** Learning to consult with others was not always easy. People come to clergy with questions and they expect to receive immediate answers. It is my nature to think that I must give them an answer. Slowly I have learned to respond as Jesus did when he was asked by someone to settle a family inheritance question. It is not my responsibility to have an answer for all those good questions. A collaborative approach to leadership in the church is much healthier for everyone so that the gifts that God has given to others can be recognized and answers can be received through many different servants of God.

**Question - What is the message that you want to share with people, and why do you feel called to share it?**

**BISHOP DEREK:** Discerning and exercising the gifts which God has given

to us enables us to live a fuller life. Learning to live the abundant life that God offers to everyone prepares us to enter into the Kingdom of God of which Jesus speaks in *Matthew 25*. In practical terms it means that we learn to express our love for God and for our neighbour in all that we do, think, and say. This sounds simple but at times it is not. However, God is faithful and will honour our commitment to live life by following the way of Christ. As we become more conscious of God's presence, of God's faithfulness, we will experience the abundant life that Jesus has promised to all who follow him.

I pray that you will have this experience as you live *Matthew 25*.

*"My thanks for this opportunity to reflect upon the way in which my experiences have been woven together by God in the tapestry we call life."*

Bishop Derek Hoskin

# SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT . . . BEVERLEY CARRICK

**Question - What achievement or accomplishment pleases you the most, and why?**

**BEV** - Having just returned from a monitoring visit to Guatemala, my mind and heart immediately go back to the little village of Todos Santos where we began work over 30 years ago. About 15 years ago, Paul and I encouraged our Guatemalan staff to set up their own indigenous organization to carry on responsive community development programs in remote, poverty-stricken villages. We assisted them to legalize IMDI (Mam Integrated Development Association), set up a Board of Directors, and then helped them secure funding from several international and national funders. Within five years the Guatemalan government gave them an award for being the most effective social service agency in the country! They currently provide preventive health and nutritional services to 25,000 mothers and children annually.

**Question - What is one of your most embarrassing professional moments, and what did you learn?**

**BEV** - One of the most challenging tasks



**Beverley Carrick**  
Executive Director of CAUSE Canada

*Bev began working overseas 35 years ago as a famine relief nurse in Ethiopia and has development experience in both Latin America and Africa.*

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13*

*Throughout her life she has relied on Christ and His strength to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles. She seeks to reflect his compassion and integrity through her work at CAUSE Canada.*

we have at CAUSE is to fill chairs at the various fundraising events we organize in Canada. People are so very busy these days and there are many demands on their time. Several years ago we invited a well known CBC journalist to speak on our behalf at a fundraising event in Red Deer where the turnout was much less than expected - this was both embarrassing and disappointing! We also organized a similar event in Calgary that went well. What I learned was that it is too difficult to organize two events at the same time in two different cities. It is better to focus, and do one thing well!

**Question - What is most troubling to you professionally, and what can you learn from it?**

**BEV** - CAUSE Canada has always focused its attention on high quality overseas programming that meets the real needs of the people we serve, as well as the efficient use of donors' resources. However, we still have limited public recognition in Canada despite a 26 year history of excellent programming. This is due to not paying more attention to marketing, and not allocating more resources to it. Our approach to marketing was short-sighted!

Spending more money on marketing could have increased both the number of CAUSE donors as well as the number of people assisted overseas.

**Question - What is the passion you most want to share with others?**

**BEV** - I strongly believe that Jesus calls all of His people to love Him and to serve others. He promises to give us all the resources, including skills, finances, wisdom and even the strength we need to accomplish the tasks He gives us. This leaves us no possible excuse to ignore His commands. Christians are called to be salt and light in this world. There are so many needs and we must roll up our sleeves in faith and make a difference in Jesus' name!



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## Since you asked . . .

- (i) **There is no requirement that organizations featured in *LM 25 – Meeting the Needs of OUR World* provide any financial support to the publication.**

Some featured organizations are able to provide a portion of the support needed by *Living Matthew 25* (which is extremely appreciated!). However, there's truly only one requirement of organizations featured in the publication (as chosen by the editor) . . . doing good work with respect to meeting needs in our world.

- (ii) **YES, individuals can make charitable donations to support the work of *LM 25 – Meeting the Needs of OUR World*.**

This publication is an initiative based upon faith . . . faithfully creating awareness of needs in the world . . . and trusting that this ministry will be supported.

If you would like to make a donation to support *Living Matthew 25*, you may do so by sending a cheque made payable to “St. Michael’s Anglican Church” with the memo section clearly stating “re Living Matthew 25”. Cheques can be mailed to *Living Matthew 25* at:

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# THANKS!

## 10 EASY THINGS YOU CAN DO TO IMPROVE OUR WORLD

Each month a list of 10 relatively easy-to-do things is provided for your consideration. Over the past few months, the focus has been on things we can easily do in the summer to meet the needs of OUR world.

- **Spend time with your family.** It’s important to take time throughout the year to nourish yourself, and to spend quality time with the people you love. It makes you better, makes them better . . . a better WE . . . which is great for OUR world.
- **Grow your own food or buy local produce.** Even a small garden can be enjoyable – both on the pallet and in your wallet. Eating locally grown foods is also good for our Earth.
- **Take a “Volunteer-cation”.** If you’re going to travel, why not explore ways that you can help out wherever you go. It’s a great way to meet people and explore new cultures. The internet can provide some ideas.
- **Vacation at home.** Do those things that people would do in your community if they came to visit you. You can enjoy great food, a comfy bed, and have lots of fun right at home. And, maybe the money you save can help someone in need?
- **Surf the Internet instead of TV (Rainy Day Activity).** Take a little time to learn about other cultures and people in other parts of the world.
- **Exercise.** Get outside and enjoy the summer. Physical movement rids the body of stress, helps you relax, and actually increases your energy for other activities.
- **Earth-wise yard care.** There are ways to care for our grass, trees, and flowers that are environmentally friendly and effective. Your local landscaper or garden shop will have everything you need to make your yard enjoyable without the unnecessary use of chemicals.
- **Walk and bike more.** Not only is it great exercise, but driving less also cuts down on fuel costs and air pollution.
- **Theme dinners from different cultures.** It’s a lot of fun to decide on a theme, and then have each member of the family find something to cook as part of the theme. One person could do an appetizer, another the entree, and another a dessert. If you want to go the extra mile then maybe also incorporate music or games from that culture. Not only can this be delicious and fun, but it also helps us understand other cultures better.
- **Participate in a neighbourhood clean-up.** In a very short period of time, garbage can be picked up for the enjoyment of all.

# SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT . . . IRENE PFEIFFER

**Question - What achievement or accomplishment pleases you the most, and why?**

**IRENE** - Receiving the Order of Canada has to be a highlight of my life for a couple of reasons. Firstly, it was a new Canadian who nominated me and it reinforces to me that in this great democracy of Canada everyone can make a difference. Secondly, for a little kid who grew up in Quebec I never thought that I would be a recipient of something like this. My wish had been that my husband and parents were there to see me receive it. I am so very proud to serve as a role model for others and I am humbled by the honour.

**Question - What is one of your most embarrassing professional moments, and what did you learn?**

**IRENE** - I call this story my purple pant suit story.

When I was a consultant in a large organization I was asked to go to Montreal and present before a Board of Directors of a large transportation company. The contract we wanted was very lucrative. We prepared the usual supporting documentation, and I flew to Montreal on a Sunday night. Since it was the weekend I chose to fly comfortably in my purple pant suit. My navy blue corporate suit was safely in my luggage to be brought out the next morning. There was only one problem . . . the airline lost my luggage and I arrived in Montreal with nothing except what I had on. I was absolutely sick. I could have cancelled the meeting (and probably got fired) or I could just suit up and show up, which is what I did.

I entered a large Board room full of men in three-piece suits and there I was in my purple pant suit. Running and hiding was not an option, so I got on with the presentation and did the best job that I could do. I knew in my heart that I and the project were dead in the water, and it was true. They thanked me kindly



*Irene Pfeiffer*

*A past President of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce and The Alberta Chamber, Irene is also a Vice Chair of the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta and a Board Member of the Rural Physicians Action Plan.*

*She serves on the Social Sciences Advisory Committee of the University of Calgary and on the board of The Ranchmen's Club.*

*She is co-founder of the Pearls of Wisdom Scholarship Fund for*

*Mount Royal College and is on the Advisory Council for Teen Challenge as well as The Banff Centre Leadership Development Team.*

*Irene's many honours include the Order of Canada, the YWCA Women of Distinction Award for Business and the Professions and the Alberta Centennial Medal for Community Service. She is a licensed lay minister with the Anglican Church and is active with the Mustard Seed Street Ministry.*



for the presentation and told me they would get back to me. I came back to Calgary went straight to my boss and told them what happened and what I did and said. I was ready to take the fall for it. My boss killed himself laughing although he was sorry that we didn't get the job. I went on to become Vice President of that organization.

From this experience I learnt at least 3 things – God has a great sense of humour; take a carry on onto the plane; and, last but not least, know who you are because no one can take that away from you.

Incidentally, I have never bought another purple suit in my life!

**Question - What is your biggest professional failure?**

**IRENE** - At the time of being laid off from a large oil and gas firm I felt that I was a failure. I knew I was a role model for

others (the only female on the senior management team), and I felt that I had let down a lot of people. After getting over the shock, the anger, and the anxiety, I picked up my socks and went on to bigger and better things. I don't look at it as a failure anymore but as the opportunity it was to go on to other things. When the Lord closes one door He opens another.

**Question - What is the message or passion you most want to share with others?**

**IRENE** - God gives us a wonderful life but it is up to us as to what choices we make. If we want to be the victim we can be, but if we want to be successful by sharing and caring for others we can do that, too.

I want to be remembered for the good things that I have done - not whether I drove a Mercedes or had three houses. Life is what we make of it.



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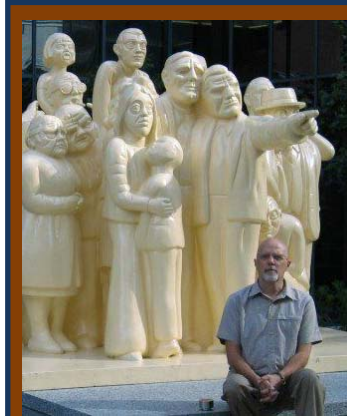
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## SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT . . . BOB McINNIS



**Bob McInnis**

*Bob is Executive Director of Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids, and is passionate about feeding hungry kids.*

*He describes himself as an activist, conservative communitarian, and grandfather.*

**Question - What achievement in which you have been involved pleases you the most, and why?**

**BOB** – Most folks ran away from us when BB4CK started encouraging others to make child hunger their problem by coming alongside and taking immediate, relevant and concrete action that helps ensure that kids get fed. With perseverance and patience we now have individuals, churches, groups, and businesses running towards us saying - "How can we help make a difference?"

**Question - What is one of your most embarrassing professional moments, and what did you learn?**

**BOB** - I have a trusting nature and a serious action bias so I was surprised that after months of negotiations a high school backed out of a community partnership. I had misread their intentions completely - they were really only looking for us to subsidize an elitist lunch service with profits going to exclusive extracurricular programs. I am still trusting and action biased but maybe a bit more discerning.

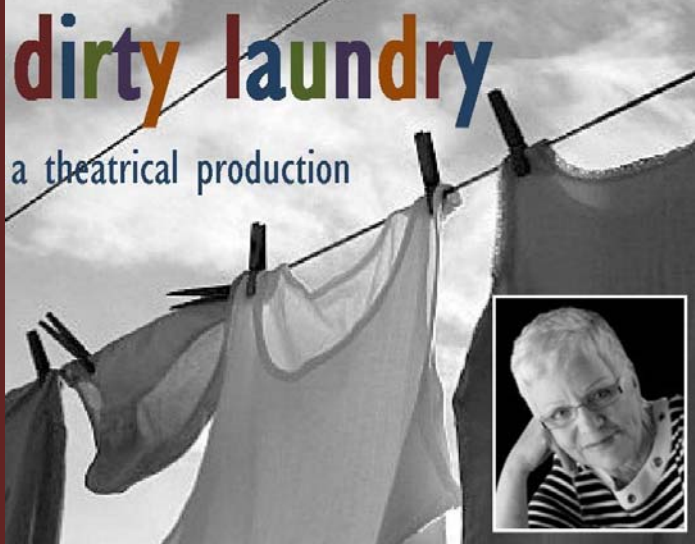
**Question - What was your most troubling professional moment, and what did you learn?**

**BOB** - After meeting with a large energy company whose foundation supposedly preferred community solutions, I was troubled and confused to hear the CEO say - "Isn't feeding kids a government problem?" I didn't respond generously or use the opportunity as a teaching moment about the real responsibility of community, but rather was overbearing and rude. The company didn't fund BB4CK and the CEO likely didn't learn anything because I reacted badly.

**Question - What is the message or the passion you most want to share with people, and why do you feel called to share it?**

**BOB** - My paraphrase of Matthew 25:40 is - "What you have done for the least of my children, you have done as my hands and feet and I am mightily pleased." This passage keeps me going every day and my grandchildren are the constant reminder of His children.

*The call isn't to the miraculous but to the everyday, where we can all make a difference in someone's life.*



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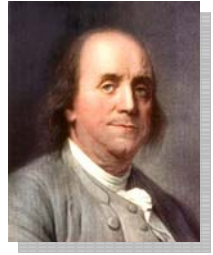
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## QUOTABLE QUOTES

*“Well done is better than well said.”*

**Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)**  
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*“Empathy is not merely the basic principle of artistic creation. It is also the only path by which one can reach the truth about life and society.”*

**Nagai Kafū (1879 – 1959)**  
Japanese Author



*“No one can make you feel inferior without your permission.”*

**Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)**  
Former First Lady of the USA  
Chair of UN Commission on Human Rights  
(authors of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*)



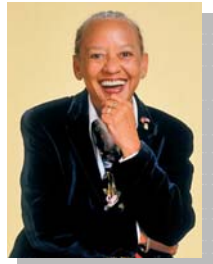
*“There is more in us than we know. If we can be made to see it perhaps for the rest of our lives we will be unwilling to settle for less.”*

**Kurt Hahn (1886 – 1974)**  
German Educator



*“I really don't think life is about the I-could-have-beens. Life is only about the I-tried-to-do. I don't mind the failure but I can't imagine that I'd forgive myself if I didn't try.”*

**Nikki Giovanni (1943 – Present)**  
American Poet



*“Now that you know better, you must do better.”*

**Oprah Winfrey (1954 – Present)**  
American Talk Show Host



# SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT . . . MARILYN AVIENT

**Question - What achievement, accomplishment, or event in which you have been involved pleases you the most, and why?**

**MARILYN** - I have heard it said that a bumble bee is not built to fly, but the bee doesn't know that, so it goes on flying anyway. I had no acting experience; no idea how to write a screenplay; I had spent many years battling mental illness; I had always been a quitter; I was 60 years old and my memorization abilities were next to nil. Considering all those factors, I shouldn't have been able to write, let alone perform, a two hour one-woman stage play, but I didn't know that so I went ahead and I did it anyway.

On January 12, 2009 I nervously began to write my play called *Dirty Laundry* and exactly 9 months later . . . on Sept 12<sup>th</sup> . . . I gave birth to my "baby" by performing it on stage in front of a hundred people. And to a standing ovation, no less! After a lifetime of playing it safe . . . I finally stared fear in the face and I wasn't the first to blink.



**Question - What is one of your most embarrassing professional moments, and what did you learn?**

**MARILYN** - The audience was waiting . . . the entrance music was playing . . . I counted to 16 . . . I went out and stood on my mark and I waited. I waited for the music to stop . . . but it played on. I looked at the audience nervously and they looked back at me expectantly. Finally, the producer's voice from the booth said, "The music doesn't want to stop." The audience laughed. I laughed. Then I waved and said "See you later" and I left the stage.

The problem got fixed . . . the music began to play . . . I counted to 16



*Marilyn Avient*

*Through most of her life, Marilyn has battled with mental illness and has finally arrived at a place of healing and happiness.*

*Now, in her sixties, Marilyn has courageously set out to help others who have suffered as she had. She has written her autobiography entitled 'Free At Last! My Journey Into, Through, and Out of Depression' as well as written and performed a one-woman play called 'Dirty Laundry'.*

. . . I went and took my mark . . . and, thankfully, the music stopped and I began to speak my lines. Afterwards, audience members said that that incident made the show better because I became human . . . and consequently my play became even more believable.

From that embarrassing moment, I learned that audiences are no different than the people I meet every day—the more natural I am; the more of an impact I make.

**Question - What was your most troubling professional moment, and what did you learn?**

**MARILYN** - April 18, 2010 . . . *Dirty Laundry* was booked for April 24<sup>th</sup>. And what did I do? I had a heart attack . . . that really troubled me!

I had severe symptoms for many days before that, but I wouldn't give into them because I had to get through this performance first. However, God had other plans and I couldn't argue with Him. In the ambulance I nervously reasoned that it would be better to actually die so that the client wouldn't be angry with me (death being a legitimate deal breaker and all). But, thankfully, I didn't die and neither did the client.

That was when I realized that my life had not been balanced, and that I had been putting ALL my thoughts and energy into my play, saving very little for the

other important facets of my life.

I am now learning to listen to my body. I am learning (sort of) to relax. I am learning to just BE. No matter what I am doing . . . spending time with my family, cleaning house, putting in the garden, or standing in front of an audience . . . I will just BE.

**Question - What is the message that you most want to share with people, and why do you feel called to share it?**

**MARILYN** - Mental illness is silently running rampant in Canada, and in the world. The majority of people who suffer from mental and emotional conditions simply accept the unhappiness and anger that most often accompany these disorders. Most feel that they have to keep their negative feelings secret for fear of job demotions or loss of friends and family. Many have felt unhappy for so long that they think it is normal.

My passion is to help change this thinking. My message is that no one needs to go through this alone because there are many other people out there feeling the same way. Believe me, I used to be one of them! By being willing to tell my story with honesty, humour, and a whole lot of heart, I pray that others will be willing to tell theirs as well.

**Editor's Note** – To find out more about *Dirty Laundry* see Page 8.

## PAKISTAN FLOODS HIT 14 MILLION PEOPLE

6 August 2010 - The worst floods in Pakistan's history have hit at least 14 million people, officials say. Twelve million are affected in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab provinces, while a further two million are affected in Sindh. In Indian-administered Kashmir, at least 113 people died in mudslides. Meanwhile, it has emerged that a charity connected to a group with alleged al-Qaeda links has been providing flood relief.

Flooding has submerged whole villages in the past week, killing at least 1,600 people, according to the UN. And the worst floods to hit the region in 80 years could get worse, as it is only midway through monsoon season. According to the federal flood commission, 1.4m acres (557,000 hectares) of crop land has been flooded across the country and more than 10,000 cows have perished.

*Read more . . . [www.bbc.co.uk/news/world](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world)*

## A NEW LOOK AT DRY AREAS

JOHANNESBURG, 5 August 2010 (IRIN) - Countries in the Middle East, North Africa and elsewhere, with vast dry tracts threatened by increasingly frequent droughts as the climate becomes more capricious, will have to rethink food production. Growing food will be about "more crop per drop", rather than getting the most out of every bit of land.

Agricultural policies need to shift from a focus on "land productivity" to "water productivity", writes Theib Oweis, of the Syria-based International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), in a compilation of abstracts of new research presented at a conference organised by the centre.

. . . Drylands cover more than 40 percent of the global land area, and are home to nearly a third of the world's population, 90 percent of which live in developing countries, noted Awni Taimeh, professor of Land Use at the University of Jordan.

*Read more . . . [www.irinnews.org](http://www.irinnews.org)*

*More "Around the World" on page 11 . . .*



*The Mustard Seed is a non-profit Christian humanitarian organization that has been caring for Calgary's homeless for over 25 years. Through its three ministry centres across Alberta, it cares for the essential needs of the less fortunate through food, clothing, and shelter provisions, along with education and employment programs, supported housing, health and wellness services, and personalized mentoring.*

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**THREE DIFFERENT TAKES ON AID PRIORITIES IN GAZA**

GAZA CITY, 5 August 2010 (IRIN) - The quality of life, the economy and food security for Palestinians living in Gaza have been severely impaired by Israel's strict four-year blockade, according to the UN.

... IRIN asked three senior officials in the region - from the UN, the Israeli government and Hamas - what they considered to be the top five humanitarian needs of the 1.5 million Palestinians living in the Strip.

... **UN View:** (1) Food Security, (2) Unemployment and Poverty, (3) Shelter, (4) Water, Sanitation, and Health Care, and (5) Education

... **Hamas View:** (1) Freedom of Movement, (2) Health Services, (3) Water and Sanitation, (4) Fuel and Electricity Supplies, and (5) Education

... **Israeli View:** ... "there is no humanitarian crisis in Gaza and there never has been, even during Operation Cast Lead [2009 Israeli military operation in Gaza]."

*Read more ... [www.irinnews.org](http://www.irinnews.org)*

**UN OFFICIAL STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN OVERCOMING POVERTY**

4 August 2010 – The economic empowerment of the world's poorest people will not happen unless their human rights are also considered, a senior United Nations official said today, urging governments around the world not to separate development and basic rights when devising policy.

Navi Pillay, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, warned that "the interrelation between freedom from want and freedom from fear" must be central to the discussions of world leaders on how to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by their target date of 2015.

*Read more ... [www.un.org](http://www.un.org)*

**PILOTING A NEW AND IMPROVED 'FLYING TOILET'**

DAKAR, 30 July 2010 (IRIN) - "Flying toilets" are common in slums worldwide: Residents unable to reach a latrine due to crowding, distance or insecurity, defecate in a plastic bag and then sling it over the rooftops. But in Haiti, aid teams are testing a specially treated bag designed to turn human faeces into compost within weeks.

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# DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

## THE FOOD WASTE CHAIN

Millions and millions of tonnes of food are thrown away annually.



The hunger of 1.5 BILLION people could be alleviated from the food waste in the UK and USA alone.



The irrigation water used by farmers to grow wasted food would satisfy the domestic water needs of 9 BILLION people.

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## THE FOOD WASTE CHAIN (cont'd)



Producing and distributing food that is wasted increases CO<sub>2</sub>. For example, producing and distributing the 6.7 million tonnes of wasted food in the UK results in 18 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Source: [www.guardian.co.uk](http://www.guardian.co.uk) Sept 8, 2009 quoting statistics by food waste expert, Tristram Stuart



## ENVIRONMENTAL FACTS, FIGURES, and FASCINATING STUFF

### Say when?

How long does it take for an aluminum can to decompose? 100 Years. Decomposition is even slower in landfills because there is little air and moisture to help the process.

### Say which?

Which of will NOT naturally decompose in nature - a leather shoe, steel door, wood table or plastic bottle? The plastic bottle does not decompose naturally.

### SAY WHAT?!?

How much water is used to produce 1 kg of paper? 300 litres!!! Use both sides of a sheet of paper before recycling it, and buy products that are labelled "post-consumer" recycled material (which means it is made from things that you put into your blue box).

Source – [www.earthday.ca](http://www.earthday.ca)

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## AUGUST 2010

**18 – An Evening with CAUSE Kids.** 7:30 PM. St. Michael's Anglican Church Hall, Canmore AB. After dinner sweets and the latest updates from Sierra Leone, West Africa. RSVP – [amanda@cause.ca](mailto:amanda@cause.ca).

**23 - An Evening with CAUSE Kids.** 7:30 PM. River Park Church, Calgary AB. After dinner sweets and the latest updates from Sierra Leone, West Africa. RSVP – [amanda@cause.ca](mailto:amanda@cause.ca).

## SEPTEMBER 2010

**8 - International Literacy Day.** UNESCO reminds the international community of the status of literacy and adult learning globally. Despite many and varied efforts, literacy remains an elusive target: some 759 million adults lack minimum literacy skills which means that one in five adults are still not literate; 72 million children are out-of-school and many more attend irregularly or drop out.

**12 – CAUSE Canada Rocky Mountain Half-Marathon.** Funds raised will support women's empowerment and environmental sustainability. CAUSE Canada and the Canmore Rocky Mountain Half Marathon are committed to putting on the greenest race possible. Limited to 2,500 runners! To register, click on the following link – <http://www.cause.ca/2010halfmarathon>.

**17 – 19 – Stand-Up. Take Action. Make Poverty History.** Three days of global action where millions of people around the world “Stand Up and Take Action” to show their support for the fight against poverty at home and abroad. Last year over 173 million people took part in the three days of global action. For info – [www.makepovertyhistory.ca/standup](http://www.makepovertyhistory.ca/standup).

**21 – International Day of Peace** ("Peace Day") provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date. It was established by a United Nations resolution in 1981 to coincide with the opening of the General Assembly. The first Peace Day was celebrated in September 1982.

**24 – 10,000 Kids Project.** Fundraising event to feed 10,000 hungry Calgary kids. Sirocco Golf Club, Calgary AB. For details – [www.10000kidsproject.com](http://www.10000kidsproject.com).



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## A SPECIAL WORLD

by Sean D. Krausert

**Little Boy:** Momma, is everyone in the world special?

**Momma:** Yes, sweetie. Everyone everywhere is special.

**Little Boy:** But how can everyone be special? If everyone is special doesn't that make special normal? Hmmm . . . normal doesn't seem very special.

**Momma:** Everyone is special but not in the same way. You have special qualities, I have special qualities, and Daddy has special qualities . . . but we're all different . . . so we are each special in our own way.

**Little Boy:** So I am special in a special way?

**Momma:** That's right. Now you be a good boy for your Daddy, because I have to run to the store. There's a special on right now.

**Little Boy:** Who is it?

**Momma:** Who is what?

**Little Boy:** Who is special at the store?

**Momma:** Everyone is special at the store.

**Little Boy:** Is everyone at the store special every day?

**Momma:** Yes.

**Little Boy:** Then why do you have to go today to get a special if special is there every day?

**Momma:** Oh, that's what you're getting at! No, today there is a special on tuna and I want to buy it while it is on special.

**Little Boy:** So tuna is not special every day?

**Momma:** Yes, tuna and everything in the world is special every day, but the store has it on at a special price today. So that is why I have to go today.

**Little Boy:** Why do you need special tuna at a special price?

**Momma:** Because your Daddy likes it, and tomorrow is a special day.

**Little Boy:** Who's coming?

**Momma:** Who's coming when?

**Little Boy:** Who's coming tomorrow that makes it special?

**Momma:** No one's coming.

**Little Boy:** Then how can it be a special day if no special people are coming to eat the special tuna that's on special???

**Momma:** No, it's a special day because it's your Daddy's birthday, and he is special.

**Little Boy:** But, Momma, if everyone is special and there are birthdays everyday shouldn't there be special tuna every day?

**Momma:** (sigh) Go talk to Daddy.

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