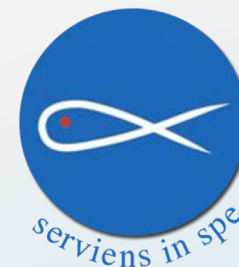


Migrant Workers: From Bikes to Rites:





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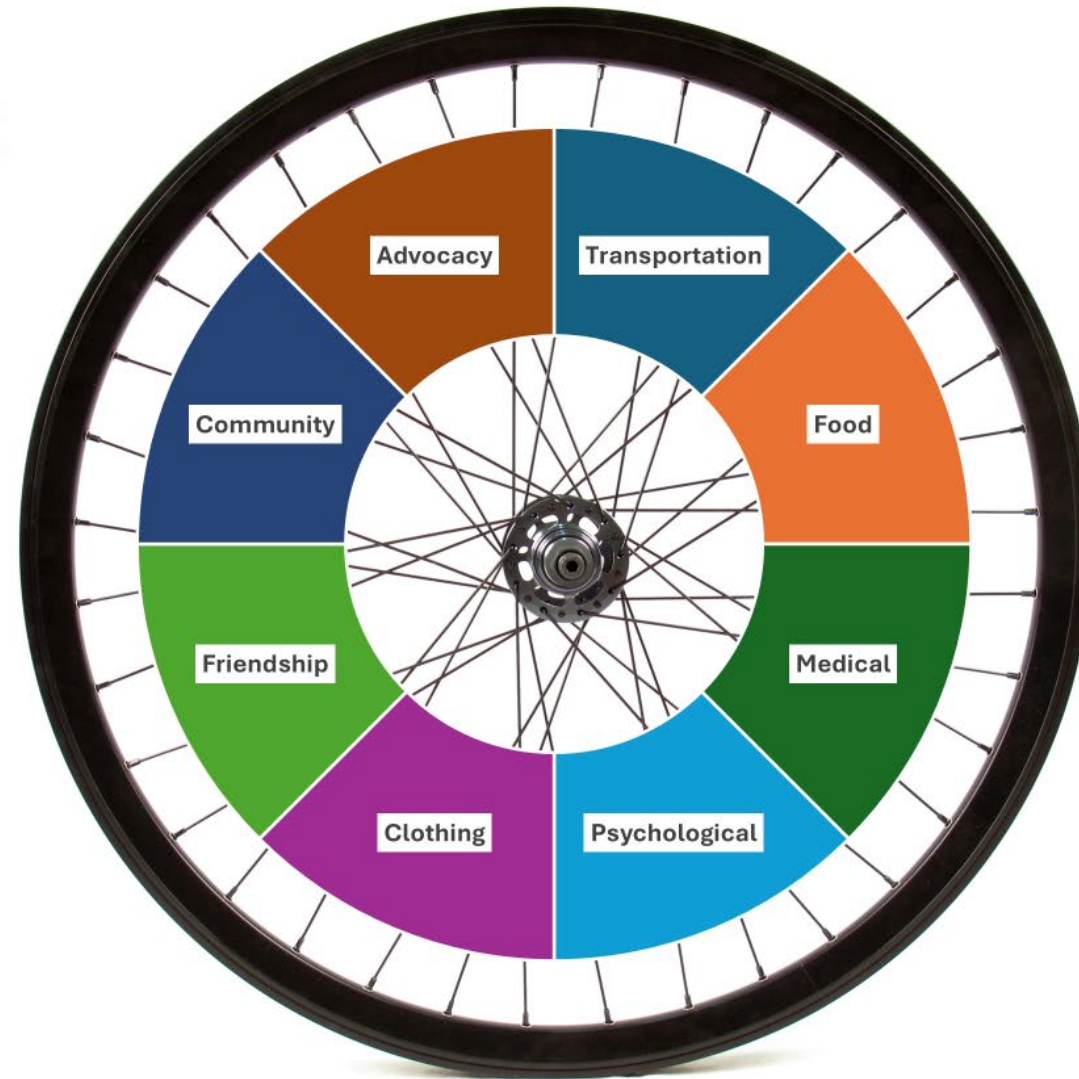
How did it all start

- Bike program with Dr. Page working with St Luke and St Pats parishes.
- Saint Lukes Conference has supported Migrant Farm Workers since 1997.
- Few bikes available as there was no bike mechanic
- Connected with Sr. Karina for farm visits.
- Steve Nicklen started in 2018
- Provided food & various sundry items
- In 2022 over 200 bikes delivered
Now average over 300 annually
- Vincentians Silvia Morales & Johanna Cross were instrumental in Rallying St Luke's Conference and higher council



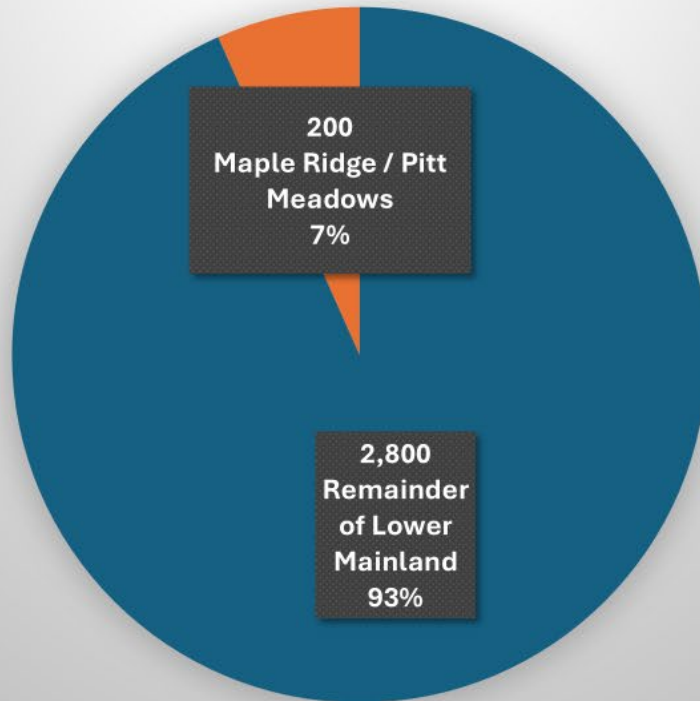
Wheel of Support

- 8 key areas where we can support migrant farm workers

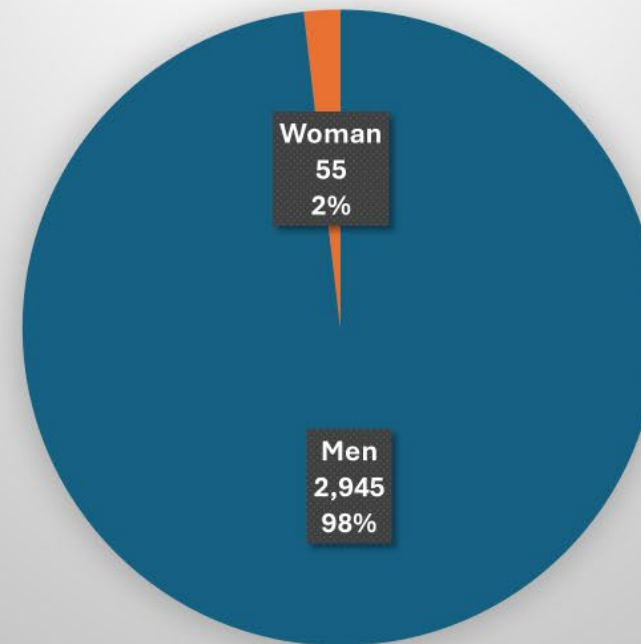


How many?

Approximately 3,000 Workers

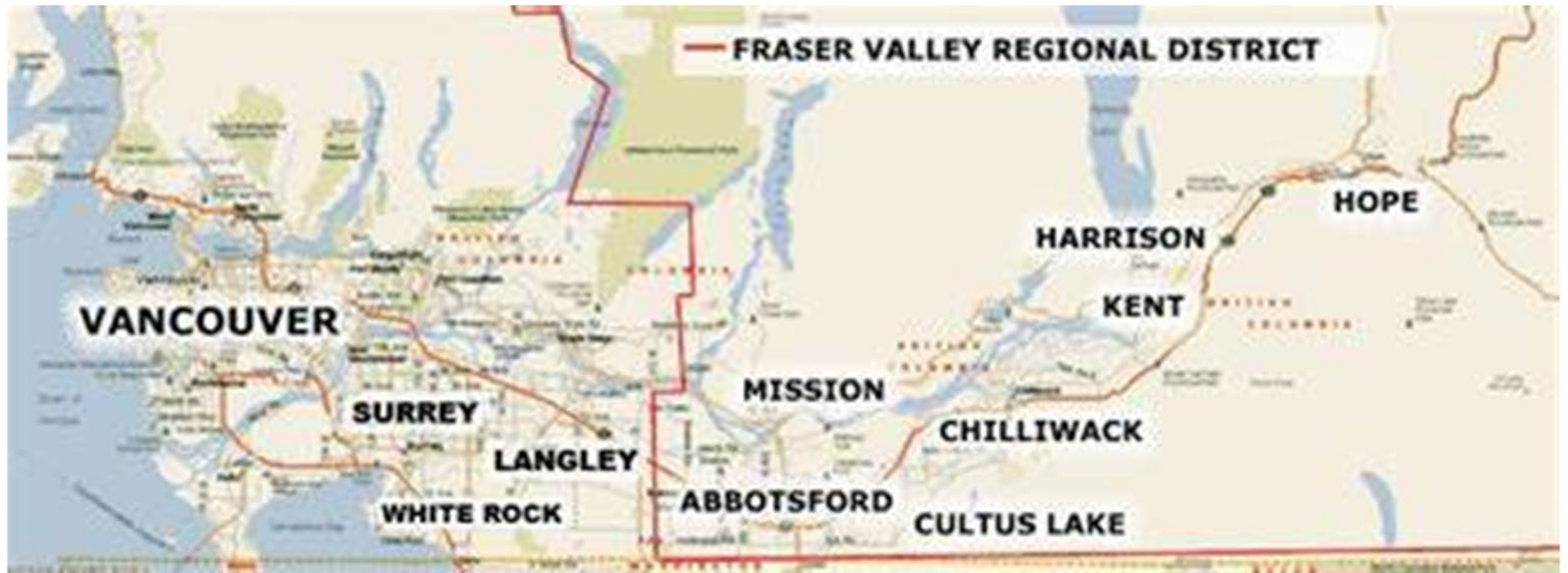


Approximately 50 - 60 are Women
most are Men



Area serviced by the bike program

Lower Mainland – Fraser Valley



What types of farms?

Most Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows migrants are working:

- blueberry and cranberry farms
- floral production
- garden trees
- greenhouse sweet pepper production





Cranberry worker



- Start at 3:00am
- Could be in the water up 12 hours
- Equipment is not always the best

Farm worker housing

- provided by the farm owner
- conditions vary widely between farms
- housing is often located many kilometers from the area of the farm they will be working



Who Supports the Bike program Partnerships



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Thank You – Mucho Gracias



- Thank you to Central Council Building Communities Transforming Lives and North Fraser Particular Council for the grant supporting the Migrant Farm Workers with Helmets, Locks and Spare Parts



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- Thank you, Social Justice Archdiocese of Vancouver for providing storage space

First shipment of Helmets



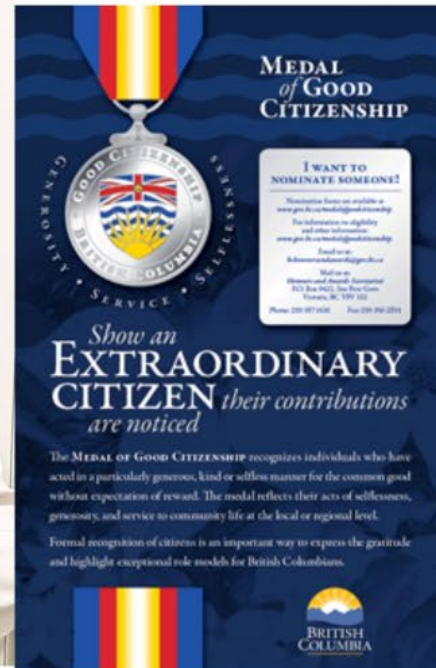


Who are our Advocates

- Saint Vincent de Paul
- Helmets, Locks, Repair Kits & Spare parts
- Archdiocese
- Storage for Helmets, clothing
- 10x10 unit
- Family Education and Support Centre
- Bike Storage 10x15
- Spare parts



Thelma Rodriguez



Advocate for workers

Visits local farms & Interfaces with Workers & Farmers.

Advises Steve how many bikes are required for each farm

Brings food to workers



Presentation to the Spanish students at Westview high school



St Luke Conference – Mass & Dinners

April thru November

- There are seven parishes involved with the Migrant Farm Workers Program headed up by Fr. Rosemond
- Setup 6-8 tables with clothing sorted by size, shoes, towels, toiletries, rosaries etc.
- The dinners are organized by various groups headed up by SSVP member Cleo Favis. Includes – Filipino and Korean communities, St Luke, Knights of Columbus and ladies from St Claire of Assisi.
- Entertainment: Mexican dancers, Mariachis, Korean drummers and others

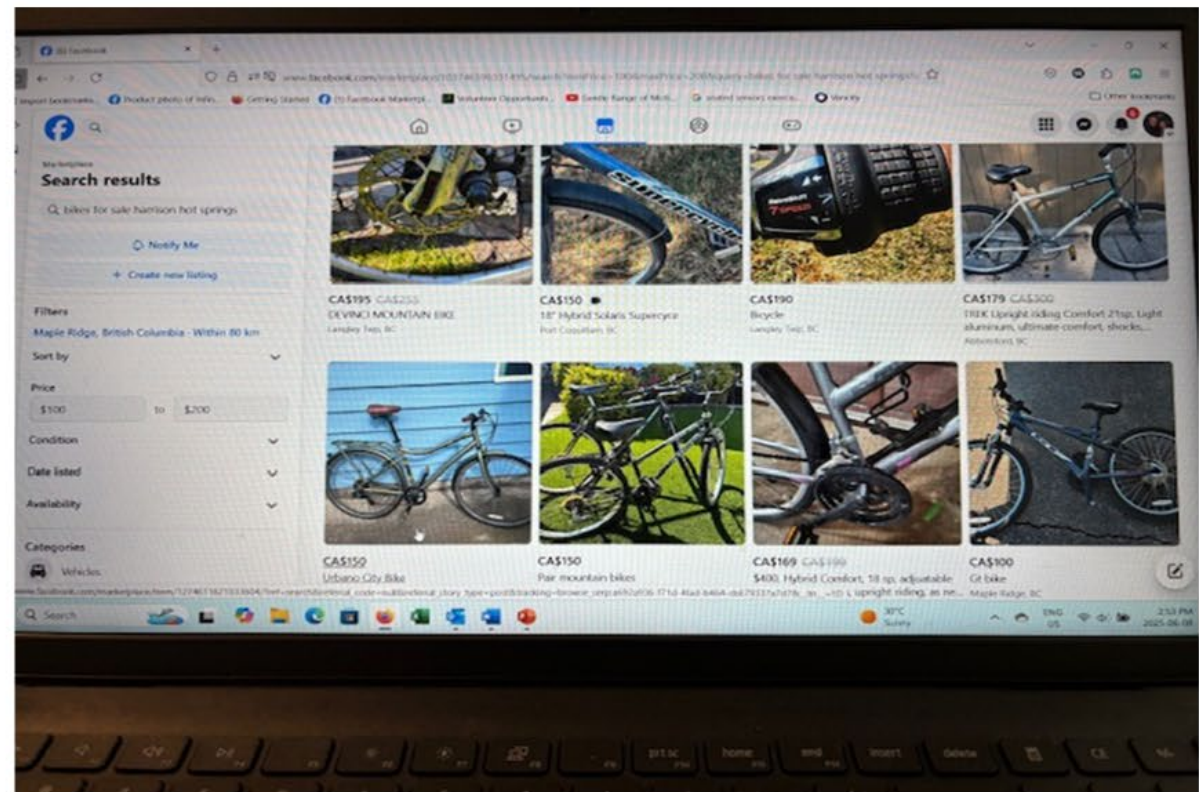




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How do I find bikes



What I send out to request a bike

Good morning, John Doe. In the event you are unable to sell your bike, would you consider donating to the Maple Ridge-Fraser Valley Migrant Farm Workers bike program. Please see us on Facebook at [bikesforfarmworkersbc](https://www.facebook.com/bikesforfarmworkersbc). Wayne (I pick up)



What are the common responses

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| • In talks | NO |
| • Thanks for letting know | Sorry not available |
| • Yes, when can you pick it up? | Other |
| • Thanks for doing this. | |





Migrant Farm Workers – St Luke Conference, Maple Ridge, BC

Bicycle collection.

2024 Collected 240 bikes 319 delivered to farms

2025 Collected 210 bikes 304 delivered to farms

Ninety-eight percent donated from Facebook.





Steve Nicklen



Pitt Cycle Rob Lulak

Partnership at Work



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CELEBRATING 1000 BIKES FOR MIGRANT WORKERS



Since 2018, we've helped migrant workers who feed us and do the hardest jobs. Thanks to you, we've reached 1,000 bikes donated, fixed, and gifted.

Thank you for 1,000 lives made better.

Thank you for every donation, every effort, every act of kindness.
Every bit counts.



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THE BIKE TEAM

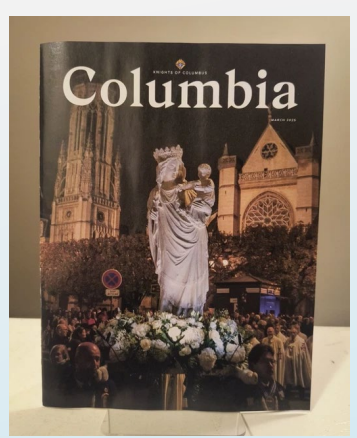


Winter coats – Knights of Columbus and Archdiocese of Vancouver 432 coats shared with the seven Parishes





Knights of Columbus – Council 10889



- Monthly magazine
- Faith
- Building the Domestic Church
- Circulation 1.7million Knights in North America
- JUNE 2026 EDITION
- WILL HAVE BIKES FOR FARM WORKERS



WELLNESS FAIR

JORNADA DE BIENESTAR +

Para Trabajadores temporales de las granjas



DOMINGO - MARZO 29, 2026
12PM - 4 PM

Estas invitado! MAPLE RIDGE

Greg Moore Youth centre
11925 Haney Pl Maple Ridge
BC V2X 6G2



MAPLE RIDGE PITT MEADOWS KATZIE

Maple Ridge Local Immigration Partnership

Water UNDELLING & SUPPORT SERVICE

Roots Community Health Centre

Archdiocese of Vancouver

matra construction inc.

Health & Safety Centre

Community Savings credit union

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HARVESTING WELLNESS +

for Temporary foreign farm workers

- Doctors
- Bike repairs
- Hair Cut
- Prizes
- Healthy Food
- Information Tables

SUNDAY, MARCH 29
12PM - 4 PM
GREG MOORE YOUTH CENTRE
MAPLE RIDGE



Maple Ridge Community Savings credit union

YMCA Newcomer Services

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Wellness Event

Entertainment, Haircuts, Prizes, Dinner, Music, WorkSafeBC, Banking info



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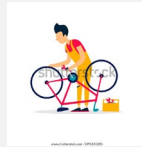
Facebook – videos Wayne & Thelma bikesforfarmworkersbc



Take Aways #1

Start bike program

- Find volunteers to do repairs
- Partner with a bike shop
- Search out other non-profits & Other SSVP Councils, Social Justice Dept of Archdiocese
- Visit farms Find an Advocate
- Find a THELMA



Take Away #2

Start Pastoral Hispanic Ministry

- Monthly Spanish Mass
- Monthly Dinner
- Check Latino community & others
- Be a supporting member





Migrant Worker Rights in Canada

Stacey Gomez

Executive Director

Centre for Migrant Worker Rights NS



Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

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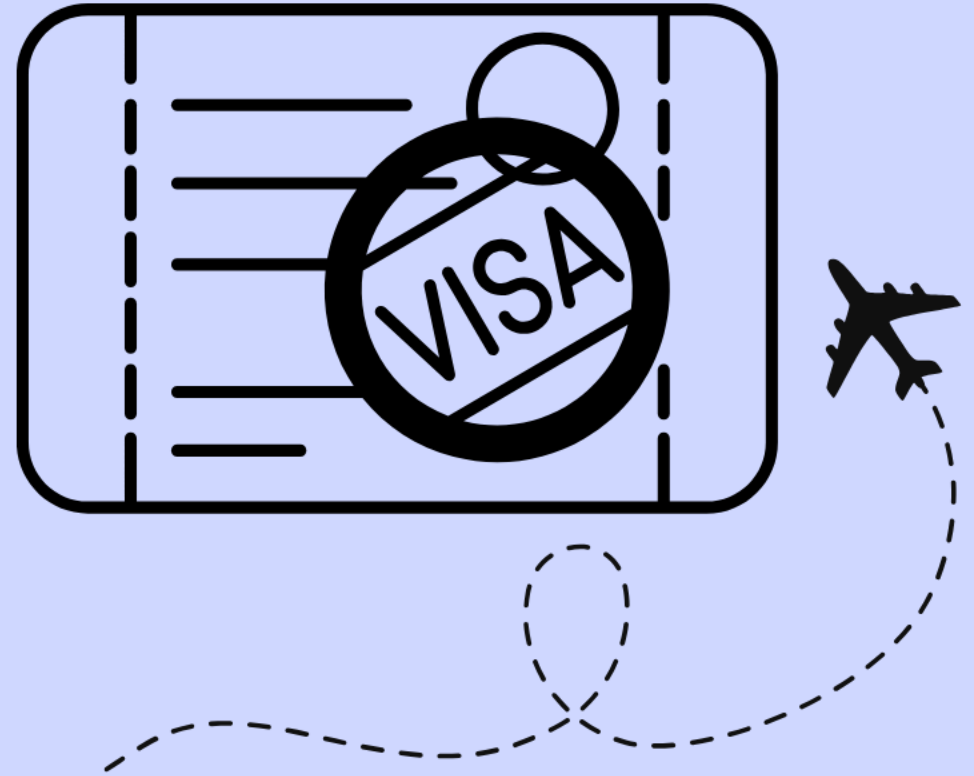
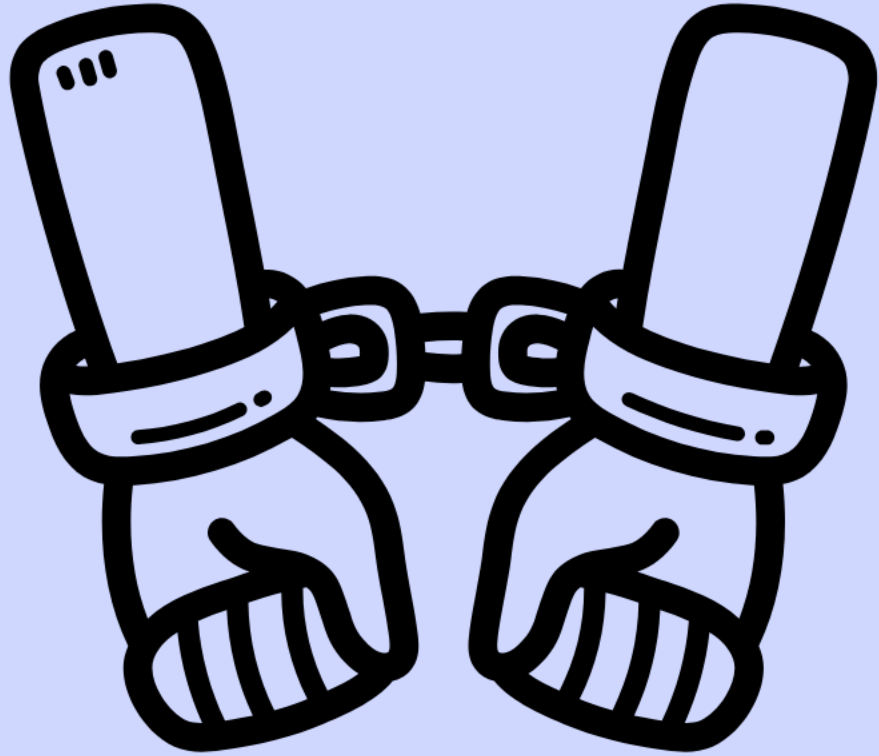
- In 2021, 1 in 5 employees in the agriculture, forestry, fishing & hunting sector were migrant workers



“...the Temporary Foreign Worker Program serves as a breeding ground for contemporary forms of slavery, as it institutionalizes asymmetries of power that favour employers and prevent workers from exercising their rights”

Tomoya Obokata, United Nations Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery





Closed work permits + Temporary immigration status = limits on ability to exercise rights



For migrant workers, housing & healthcare are also tied to employment

'I just need a chance to live again': Jamaican migrant worker with cancer begs to stay in N.S.

Kerian Burnett has a treatment plan for chemotherapy, but she is legally required to leave on Dec. 15

[Anam Khan](#) · CBC News · Posted: Nov 04, 2022 6:00 AM ADT | Last Updated: January 27, 2023



Kerian Burnett has six children, a fiancé and two grandchildren in Jamaica. She says she wants to live for them. She is currently in Halifax awaiting chemotherapy for cervical cancer following two surgeries. (Patrick Callaghan/CBC)



WIN FOR KERIAN BURNETT



WAYS TO SUPPORT

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