



Momentum

SPECIAL APPEAL



Not that long ago, Medellín (pr. Med.ay.zheen), Colombia was a very dark and dangerous place. One of the most powerful drug cartels in the world ruled the city through brutal force, controlling the general population and political landscape through violence. Decades of living under the threat (and reality) of physical harm has left the majority of the population in physical, emotional, and spiritual poverty. Although the gang influence has lessened, government corruption is ongoing, and families and society continue to be harmed through worldly agendas. Hopelessness for now and the future is the norm. How does such a city change? How does it transform from darkness to light? The answer is simple: through the God-led actions of the faithful.

Today, a group of Colombian churches are bringing hope and healing to the city of Medellín in the name of Christ. The name of this network of churches and church plants is El Redil, which means “the sheepfold”. This name accurately reflects the mission of these churches – to gather together and minister to the vulnerable, the hurt, and the lost, caring for them much like the Good Shepherd cares for His sheep. The El Redil churches do this through Christ-centred holistic ministries that meet physical, emotional, spiritual, and social needs.

As the lost sheep experience provision, healing, and freedom through the Spirit-led actions of the Church, there has been a great revival in Medellín. Many leaders are being built up, and this city, once ministered to by Fellowship missionaries, is now sending missionaries of its own to reach the unreached in Québec.

But Medellín still needs our help. El Redil churches are being planted in barrios that are the poorest of the poor, and some are still influenced significantly by gang control. The battle to save the lost is

current and very real. For the churches in the poorest neighbourhoods, there is a significant need for care, but the financial resources to meet those needs are not available.

In partnership with the El Redil church network, FAIR’s **Momentum** Winter 2025 special appeal is seeking to raise \$200,000 to help meet the needs of the most vulnerable in Medellín. This infusion of funds will assist holistic ministries that provide things like food and other essential resources to families in need, counselling and women’s ministry for abused women, opportunities for children and youth to learn skills and increase confidence through sports ministries and community drop-in programs, and a safe place for girls rescued from life on the streets.

With your help, the local church in Medellín will be able to continue to provide Christ-centered holistic care to those in greatest need.

Would you consider how the Lord is calling you to respond to the **Momentum** special appeal? Visit fellowship.ca/Momentum to learn more or donate today.

Your gift of any size can make a difference!

- \$25 will send a care package for a woman recovering from abuse
- \$50 will provide a food and essentials package to a single-parent family
- \$100 will send a kid to sports camp
- \$500 will provide a year of care for a vulnerable girl
- \$1,000 will host a women’s healing retreat
- \$2,000 will provide community centre facility repairs and upgrades

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I want to partner with FAIR through the **Momentum** special appeal and have prayerfully decided the following:

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Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Code: _____

Email: _____ Ph. (____) _____

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