



2015 MINISTRY REPORT



INSPIRED HOPE

THANK YOU

WE ALWAYS THANK GOD FOR ALL OF YOU AND CONTINUALLY MENTION YOU IN OUR PRAYERS. WE REMEMBER BEFORE OUR GOD AND FATHER YOUR WORK PRODUCED BY FAITH, YOUR LABOR PROMPTED BY LOVE, AND YOUR ENDURANCE INSPIRED BY HOPE IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

— 1 THESSALONIANS 1:2-3 (NIV)

Dear Friends,

To inspire hope in communities where chronic poverty crushes the body and soul is nothing short of miraculous. And yet your prayers, involvement, and support for World Renew in 2015 inspired just such hope in 1,841 communities among 838,298 people who live in 40 countries.

Through your relentless compassion for the poor and your commitment to God's purposes, World Renew can reflect on 2015 with deep gratitude and look forward with endurance inspired by hope. It is our earnest prayer that in the days ahead the church worldwide will continue to grow in both the local and global communities, that justice for people living in extreme poverty will prevail, and that all who suffer hunger and want will have the opportunity to build on their resilience.

Incredible hope was visible in the places where World Renew worked in 2015.

- Through World Renew, 223 North American congregations engaged in justice and advocacy around such issues as poverty alleviation, environmental stewardship, and refugee policies.
- World Renew's ministry was supported by 3,211 volunteers who donated 254,569 hours, equivalent to the work of 122 full-time employees for one year.
- World Renew supported or provided emergency food, assistance, and medical care to 96,950 people affected by violence in Syria, Iraq, Jordan, and Lebanon.
- World Renew Disaster Response Services volunteers assessed the needs of 5,529 North American disaster survivors and repaired or rebuilt 697 homes.
- Through its membership in international alliances, World Renew leveraged the \$22 million in gifts it received from individuals and churches into \$34.8 million in ministry.

Not only did your involvement with World Renew birth astonishing hope among others, the hope you gave was already inspired because you gave out of love in faith: faith that World Renew would make the best use of your gift — but more profoundly, faith that God would reveal Himself in the giving.

Christ's light is shining in communities of poverty around the world because of your faith, love, and hope. Farmers in Mali now grow more crops to feed their families. Women and babies are surviving childbirth in Bangladesh. Families displaced by war and famine have food, water, and shelter. Tanzanian teens are learning job skills that equip them to leave the sex trade.

For the privilege of bearing witness to God's goodness in the lives of people who are hungry, thirsty, sick, abused, oppressed, and persecuted, we give thanks. This report provides an opportunity to share with you just a few of the ways you inspired hope through World Renew in 2015.

May God be praised in the doing and the telling,



Ida Kaastra-Mutoigo
Director, Canada



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Director, U.S.

YOU GREW
GOD'S
KINGDOM



**WHERE WORLD
RENEW WORKED
IN 2015**

ENVISION A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE EXPERIENCE AND
EXTEND CHRIST'S COMPASSION AND LIVE TOGETHER IN
HOPE AS GOD'S COMMUNITY.



**YOU MADE
A DIFFERENCE**



Country	Disaster Participants	Development Partners	Development Participants	Development Communities
Bangladesh	13,164	5	108,295****	61
Cambodia		5	15,306	94
Canada	54	1	**	
Dominican Republic		1	4,380	15
Ethiopia	20,500			
Gaza	400			
Guatemala	1,620	4	4905	20
Guinea	10,200			
Haiti	600	5	19,663	35
Honduras		5	11,104	76
India	1,200	3	31,841	6
Iraq	27,900			
Japan	4,918			
Jordan	36,000			
Kenya	10,600	4	3,137*	177
Laos	8,010	1	5,797	51
Lebanon	14,550			
Liberia	107,961			
Madagascar	29,200			
Malawi	3,892	1	162****	30
Mali	206	4	17,498*	182
Mexico		1	237	4
Mozambique	6,000	1	15,835	82
Myanmar	3,662			
Nepal	16,400			
Nicaragua	10,060	5	2,715	90
Niger	21,933	2	6,522	143
Nigeria	660	3	24,147	115
Pakistan	39,656			
Philippines	49,942			
Senegal		2	2,060	42
Sierra Leone	13,575	1	576	29
Somaliland	14,000			
South Sudan	26,080			
Sri Lanka	18,565			
Syria	18,500			
Tanzania		2	10,695	21
Uganda		7	2,987	105
United States	18,681****	1	***	279
Zambia		2	1,747	184
Subtotal	548,689	66	289,609	1,841
Combined Beneficiary Total			838,298	

* Number of beneficiaries or communities in development show significant variance due to changes in grant funding, security, or partner transition.

** World Renew supports the work of Diaconal Ministries Canada and is involved in the ministry of refugee sponsorship.

*** World Renew supports the work of Communities First Association in U.S. development programs.

**** World Renew DRS tracks its work by household. To record the total number of individuals receiving assistance, households are multiplied by three.

***** World Renew ended a multi-year funding grant in Malawi and Bangladesh in 2015.

**COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

A photograph of a woman and three children in a rural setting. The woman, wearing a black headscarf and a colorful patterned top, is smiling and looking towards the children. One child, a young girl in a white sleeveless top, is sitting on a wooden bench and looking back at the camera. Another child, a young boy in a bright green shirt, is standing and looking towards the woman. A third child, a young girl in a patterned top, is standing between the woman and the boy. The background shows a simple building with a doorway. The ground is dirt, and there are some bowls and a large metal pot in the foreground.

**YOU MADE
US FEEL LIKE
FAMILY**

■ AGRICULTURE

Change Takes Root

Seventy-five percent of the world's poorest people are farmers. World Renew's agriculture programs equip farmers to increase production while better managing their soil and water resources so that farmers can diversify their crops for a more balanced diet and earn income to pay school fees.

James, a husband and father in Wabiroch, Uganda, struggled to feed his family before he joined a farmer field school through a World Renew partner, the

Church of Uganda. "I planted vegetables," James said; "now we eat nutritious food every day and sell the extra."

James and his neighbors learned to grow produce using cover crops that help control weeds, retain moisture, and improve the soil. They also started to save money in their group savings fund and to raise poultry and bees.

"By selling some produce, I earn money to deposit in my group

savings fund," James said. "I diversified my income by raising chickens, and now we also have meat to eat and to sell for income."

James took apiary management training and got a loan to buy two beehives. He and his wife then invested their profits in three more hives. Because James is part of a farmer's group, there is less risk in trying new techniques and lasting change can take root in their lives and community.

■ MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Hope for a Better Life

Anju Baroi lives in Dhaka, Bangladesh, in the crowded Ershad Nagar neighborhood. When World Renew partner SATHI began working there, Baroi joined and soon became a trained Community Health Volunteer (CHV).

Between 2011 and 2014, World Renew addressed the health and nutrition needs of mothers and babies in Bangladesh and Malawi through a program that equips and mobilizes health volunteers like Baroi. World Renew implemented \$1.15 million of health programming in this initiative, in part through your gifts and through *Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies* events.

In Malawi, World Renew focused on malnutrition and malaria.

Partner staff collaborated with officials and clinics to train 480 volunteers to conduct home visits, improve family health, and make referrals.

In Bangladesh, Anju Baroi was one of 200 trained CHVs. They provide at-home counseling to pregnant women about prenatal and newborn care, nutrition, family planning, safe delivery, and breastfeeding. The communities also set up health funds to help pay for transportation and treatment in emergencies.

World Renew again received recognition from government and public health networks in North America in 2015 for high-quality work in maternal and child health.



"I love it when my neighbors take responsibility for their well-being," Baroi said. "It gives me hope that life can be better here."

■ HEALTH AND HIV PREVENTION

From Embarrassment to Influence

For out-of-school youth in developing countries, good information about health is hard to come by. The lack of education and opportunity can result in high rates of sexually-transmitted disease, HIV, AIDS, transactional sex, abuse, early marriage, and pregnancy.

In 2013 World Renew and two partners in Senegal and Nigeria began working on *Protecting Adolescent Health and Rights*, a five-year program focusing on young people, their families, and local leaders. It provides youth with training in reproductive health, relationships, communication skills, their right

to security, and vocational skills. Parents, school administrators, and community leaders also engage in discussion and planning about protecting adolescents from abuse and supporting good choices.

Jane is a Nigerian teen who dropped out of school and became pregnant at age 16. Her boyfriend left town, and her parents tried to force Jane into an arranged marriage. She refused.

“I was a teenage mom with no experience and no income. I was an embarrassment and a burden to my family,” she said. Jane attended a youth group in her community where she met the

leader, a peer educator trained by World Renew’s Nigerian partner, Beacon of Hope. Jane took vocational training and received a grant to start a small business.

“Now I can support myself and my baby,” she said. “I have gone from being a burden to being a role model for others.”

The program is benefiting 5,000 young adults in 71 impoverished communities in Nigeria and Senegal. Their parents, guardians, and religious and community leaders are involved in creating policies and public events that address exploitation and abuse to bring about large-scale change.

■ LITERACY

Learning at Any Age



Forty percent of Haitian adults have little or no formal education. Because illiteracy is a huge barrier for people who live in poverty, World Renew’s five Haitian partners offer adults basic literacy classes in Creole. Josette, a

single parent who lives in Port-au-Prince, enrolled in the class because she was having difficulty supporting her daughter.

“People helped me find work,” she said, “but even selling items on the street was hard. Learning to read and write will help me find good work. Then I can take care of my business and my family.”

Today, Josette is an eager student, excited by learning and building the skills that will help improve her future. But there is one activity she is looking forward to even more: “I am most excited to help my 13-year-

old daughter study and do her homework,” she said.

World Renew’s partners in Haiti recently introduced an advanced literacy course in Creole to help adult students build their reading speed, vocabulary, and memorization skills. They also set goals for personal and vocational growth.

Since the 2010 earthquake in Port-au-Prince, more than 2,000 Haitian people have graduated from a World Renew-supported literacy program. Worldwide, World Renew is teaching adults to read and write in eleven developing countries.

■ EARNING INCOME

Ester's Hope for a Better Future

World Renew's sustainable livelihoods program combines two activities that help people access nutritious food and earn income to support their families.

Ester Enosi, a 19-year-old who lives with her parents in Misri, Tanzania, attended school through seventh grade but quit to help her parents on the family farm. Each day Ester saw her former classmates walk to school and knew that she was watching her hope for the future slip away.

World Renew, with the African Inland Church (AICT) in Misri,

is empowering Ester with new skills and better income. The project is part of a five-year sustainable livelihoods and food security program in Tanzania, Mali, Mozambique, Honduras, and Bangladesh. In Misri, AICT offers six-month classes in carpentry and tailoring. Ester eagerly joined the tailoring group.

"Learning to sew was a miracle in my life," Ester said. "I now earn income by selling the clothing I make." Her goal is to buy her own sewing machine



so that she can open a tailoring shop one day. "I am supporting myself and contributing to my community," Ester said. "Now I have hope for a better future."

■ VILLAGE SAVINGS AND LOAN FUNDS

Saving Is a Capital Idea

World Renew's Village Savings and Loan Funds (VSLs) generate income among participants who save their money and pool very small amounts into a group fund. World Renew is a catalyst in these projects around the world, encouraging groups to form, setting guidelines, and providing training.

VSL groups are important in communities where people don't have access to banks and have to use high-interest money lenders instead. They get bogged down in debt and

eventually pull their children out of school to help pay the bills. Some families lose their land and home.

In Takeo, Cambodia, Kim Sovann is a VSL leader who received training from World Renew through the Phal Dambong Church. "Our VSL group members are growing their capital little by little," Sovann said. "With more savings, we have more money to loan out. The loans help families expand their businesses and manage their expenses."

VSL groups provide several advantages to families living in poverty. The group members manage their own funds and can access loans quickly in an emergency. They also establish their loan repayment schedules and set interest rates that work with in the local economic cycles.

"VSL participants need each other to be successful. When they repay their loans, the money becomes available for a new round of lending," Sovann said. "This kind of accountability leads to very high repayment rates."

■ PEACE-BUILDING AND JUSTICE

Violence against Women



Each year World Renew makes grant funding available to address justice issues that are uncovered as our programs and partners develop on the field. In 2015, peace-building and justice projects that

received up to \$5,000 in grant money were located in the Dominican Republic, Philippines, India, and Guatemala. The projects addressed trafficking, discrimination, abuse, and corruption.

In rural indigenous communities in Guatemala, women are oppressed and are often mistreated. Hundreds of Guatemalan girls and women are killed by a family member each year. Many more experience physical, sexual, economic, and psychological violence. With a grant from the Peace-Building and Justice Fund, World Renew partner ADIP worked with

the Guatemalan Office for the Defense of Indigenous Women to train 150 people from five rural communities in human rights and gender justice.

The training, offered through local churches, included information about women's legal and human rights, confronting discrimination and abuse, healthy marriage and family relationships, and community conflict resolution. By building up local partners and congregations, the project confronted gender violence and helped save women's lives by building healthier relationships and communities.

■ CHURCH IN COMMUNITY

The Courage to Serve

Last year there were many opportunities in the communities where World Renew worked to find the courage to serve others during times of unrest. In 2015, extremist sympathizers and others made a well-planned attack in several communities where World Renew works. Property, buildings, schools, and homes were ransacked, looted, and burned. In all, dozens of churches, homes, schools, an orphanage, and a mission office were damaged or destroyed, including two World Renew partner churches.

"People fled for their lives with only the clothes on their backs," reports said. "But the heart of this event was not the violence. It was the response of some Muslim neighbors who came to the assistance of their Christian friends." In one town the attackers broke into an elderly couple's home, smashing and stealing their belongings as they watched.

"The attackers set the house on fire with the couple inside it. They surely would have died, but a muslim neighbor pried open a metal shutter and carried them to safety."

In the aftermath of this difficult situation, World Renew was instrumental in organizing an immediate response and in helping people begin the healing process by training facilitators and leading workshops with local partners and churches.

"Helping communities that have experienced violence find forgiveness and reconciliation is a mark of our faith," a World Renew facilitator said. "Living respectfully together with our neighbors gives us the courage and freedom to act with love and inspires the hope for peace in the future."

WORLD RENEW IS COMPELLED BY GOD'S DEEP PASSION FOR JUSTICE AND MERCY TO JOIN WITH COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD IN REBUILDING HOPE, RECONCILING LIVES, AND RESTORING CREATION.

2015
FAST FACTS



1,841 COMMUNITIES PARTNERED WITH WORLD RENEW. 91% MET THEIR DEVELOPMENT GOALS. 321 WERE NEW COMMUNITIES.

289,609

PEOPLE BENEFITED FROM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS THAT GAVE THEM HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE.

269

NORTH AMERICAN CONGREGATIONS WERE ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WORLD RENEW HELPED

156

PEOPLE RESETTLE IN CANADA IN 2015, INCLUDING 71 IRAQI AND 40 SYRIAN REFUGEES.

WORLD RENEW RAISED

99%

OF ITS INCOME GOAL IN 2015 AND INCREASED GIVING FOR DEVELOPMENT AND DISASTER PROGRAMS BY 3 PERCENT.

WORLD RENEW HELPED

548,689

PEOPLE RECOVER FROM A DISASTER AND RESTART THEIR LIVES.

223

NORTH AMERICAN CHURCHES WERE INVOLVED IN JUSTICE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS IMMIGRATION, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND REFUGEE POLICIES.



838,298

LIVES WERE TRANSFORMED BY WORLD RENEW'S DEVELOPMENT, DISASTER, AND JUSTICE PROGRAMS.



DRS VOLUNTEERS REPRESENT

27

DENOMINATIONS.



14

VOLUNTEER RELIEF MANAGERS WERE PLACED IN CRITICAL INTERNATIONAL DISASTER AREAS LAST YEAR IN MADAGASCAR, PHILIPPINES, ZAMBIA, INDONESIA, LIBERIA, AND NEPAL.

YOU CARED
ABOUT
YOUR
COMMUNITY

2,778

FREE A FAMILY® DONORS GAVE \$1.1 MILLION FOR MINISTRY IN 2015, HELPING TO FREE 4,289

FAMILIES FROM POVERTY. THE PROGRAM COST IS LESS THAN 2 CENTS PER DOLLAR RAISED.

THE GLOBAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM PLACED

335

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS, INCLUDING

253

NEW VOLUNTEERS AND

196

YOUNG PEOPLE.

WORLD RENEW ENGAGED WITH **4,262** YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS, OVER FOUR TIMES THE 2015 GOAL.



TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS



■ FOOD SECURITY

Hope for a Harvest

A third of the farmable land in eastern Africa is so degraded that it is difficult or impossible for subsistence farmers to feed their families from it. In addition, the size of the harvests the farmers can reap from the land shrinks each year.

In 2015, World Renew worked alongside our partners to expand agriculture programs in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Tanzania with a five-year, \$14 million grant from the Canadian government. The project involves 14 local organizations and 120,000 subsistence farmers who are now better able to rely on the land to support their families.

The farmers address soil infertility and the need to adapt to the changing climate. New agriculture techniques help them increase their harvests and food security at the household level. Their goal is to improve their profitability so that they can rely on the soil to withstand more frequent droughts.

“World Renew is embarking on an exciting new partnership in conservation agriculture in East Africa,” said Regional Program Manager Jacqueline Koster. “We are building on the success of our agricultural programs in the region and ensuring that many more families are food secure in the future.”

■ DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Preparing for Disasters in Uganda

World Renew is working to reduce loss in floods and drought in Ugandan communities through conservation agriculture techniques and risk reduction measures. In conservation agriculture, the projects include using cover crops, crop rotation, and minimum soil tillage. These techniques help subsistence farmers suppress weeds, add nutrients, retain moisture, and reduce erosion.

The Akore community also built structures called *apama* for shelter and storage during floods. The buildings are raised off the ground to provide families with safety and to decrease food loss. “World Renew engaged us in discussions about hazards that affect our community, helping us see that flooding has been a problem for decades,” Bwai Barnabas said.

“After talking about how to prepare for floods using our own resources, we wondered how our ancestors handled it. Our elders said that *apama houses* used to be common here. *Apama* not only save lives during a flood; they also have space to hold household assets like grain.”

The Akore villagers also dug water-harvesting pits for use in dry season agriculture. World Renew worked in Uganda, as well as in Niger and Sierra Leone in 2015, to reduce risk in communities that experience chronic disasters.

A photograph of a man and a young girl walking on a rocky, dirt path in a rural, hilly area. The man, wearing a red cap and a plaid shirt, carries several large bags of 'MAJAN' rice on his back. The young girl, wearing a pink and white striped shirt and a red headband, also carries a large white bag on her back. The background shows lush green vegetation and a hazy mountain range.

DISASTER
RESPONSE

YOU WERE
THERE
FOR US



■ INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE

Inspiring Hope in Crisis

Among the humanitarian crises that threatened many lives in 2015, World Renew's Disaster Response Team made Christ's love visible. "Thanks to your generosity, World Renew inspired hope with immediate assistance and by building resilience for the future," said Kenneth Kim, team director. In turmoil and conflict, your faithful, generous support for World Renew inspired hope.

The Middle East

Syria Conflict

After witnessing horror in Syria, Rania's family fled to Lebanon, where her husband Yousef

found low-wage work. They received food vouchers from World Renew to help meet their basic needs. Since 2012, families displaced by conflict have received food assistance, hygiene and kitchen kits, and heaters from World Renew in Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon.

Iraq Unrest

World Renew provided food, medical, and rent assistance to Iraqis displaced by ISIS. Through funding from the Canadian government, World Renew helped provide medical care in the Sharya displacement camp.

Asia

Nepal Earthquake

When a major earthquake struck Nepal in April 2015, 12-year-old Dawa was playing outside. His home collapsed, but his family was safe. Through World Renew, many families like Dawa's received food, tarps, and hygiene kits and continue to receive assistance in 2016.

Typhoon Haiyan

In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan affected 14 million people. With funding from individual supporters, the Canadian government, and other

IN 2015 YOU CONTRIBUTED TO 12 DISASTER RESPONSE PROJECTS THROUGH WORLDRENEW'S SUPPORT FOR PARTNER DENOMINATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THESE FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS TOTALED MORE THAN US \$795,000, PROVIDING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN CONFLICTS, STORMS, EARTHQUAKES, DROUGHTS, AND CHRONIC POVERTY IN BANGLADESH, KENYA, NEPAL, PHILIPPINES, SOUTH SUDAN, UKRAINE, AND VANUATU. THANK YOU!

institutions, World Renew helped Philippine families rebuild their lives with shelter, livelihood, and psychosocial support throughout 2015. A livelihoods program is in place until 2019.

Africa Ebola Response

In 2015 the threat of Ebola made simple human contact a life or death interaction in West Africa. Despite the risk, local health workers responded courageously. World Renew trained these

heroic volunteers in Ebola prevention and supplied medicine, protective equipment, and hygiene kits.

“There was no hope left here until World Renew helped us with equipment and training,” said one chief. In Sierra Leone, families released from treatment centers received food and supplies to restart their lives. World Renew continues to provide food assistance to families who foster children orphaned by Ebola.

Elsewhere in Africa

After a cyclone in Madagascar, World Renew assisted farmers who are now harvesting bumper crops. World Renew also provided agricultural assistance through farmers' fairs in South Sudan.

Disaster Response Program Expenses

**INTERNATIONAL
DISASTER PROGRAMS
\$14,254,712**

**NORTH AMERICAN
DISASTER PROGRAMS
\$3,334,460**

**TOTAL 2015 DISASTER
PROGRAM EXPENSES
\$17,589,172**

2015 International Disaster Response

Asia	
Bangladesh	
Nepal	
Laos	
India	
Indonesia	
Japan	
Myanmar	
Pakistan	
Philippines	
Sri Lanka	
East and Southern Africa	
Malawi	
Ethiopia	
Kenya	
Madagascar	
Mozambique	
South Sudan	
Uganda	
Zambia	
Somaliland	
Latin America and the Caribbean	
Haiti	
Guatemala	
Nicaragua	
Middle East	
Gaza	
Jordan	
Lebanon	
Iraq	
Syria	
West Africa	
Guinea	
Liberia	
Mali	
Niger	
Nigeria	
Sierra Leone	

- Conflict
- Displacement
- Chronic Drought
- Drought
- Earthquake
- Ebola
- Flood
- Landslide
- Storm



**YOU
WORKED
ALONGSIDE US**

■ DISASTER RESPONSE SERVICES

In Disaster, Help. In Friendship, Hope.

World Renew’s disaster volunteers not only repair houses; their help inspires homeowners like Becky to hope again. “I enjoyed the chatter and laughter of World Renew’s volunteers while they worked on the basement of my house,” she said. “The noise and busyness of their presence was a welcome change.”

Becky’s husband passed away not long after massive flooding in southern Alberta damaged their home in 2013. She is one of the residents who received

assistance from World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) to help her rebuild.

“World Renew DRS made all the difference for homeowners like Becky who experienced the most flood damage,” said Sarah Bruinsma, a case manager for the project. “Many people would not have been able to return home, and some would have had to sell their property or walk away from it. Our help allowed homeowners to recover with less hardship.”

World Renew DRS completed a two-year commitment to recovery in High River, Alberta, in 2015. It provided residents with US\$1 million in services and materials, including clean-up, mold treatment, needs assessment, case management, long-term recovery assistance, construction coordination, and reconstruction services.

The work was backed by donations from individuals, churches, businesses, and local and provincial support as well



as a grant from the Canadian Red Cross.

In 2015, the township also built an extensive system of dikes to prevent a similar disaster in the future. “The dikes and berms are built above the crest of the 2013 flood,” Bruinsma said, “so the system assures that the residents are safe.”

World Renew DRS Director Ronald Willett noted that volunteers were essential to the recovery process in High River. “DRS volunteers are an amazing testimony to the

homeowners they work with,” he said. “They give three weeks of their time and skills to repair homes as a ministry of the love of Christ to people they don’t know. Their impact on the whole town of High River is an example of God’s love.”

In her restored home, Becky displays a plaque that World Renew DRS presents to each homeowner when the repairs are complete. It simply says *Hope*. “World Renew DRS volunteers not only repaired my home,” Becky said; “their joy and friendship helped restore my spirit.”

North American Disaster Response Facts

4 LONG-TERM RECOVERY GROUPS PARTNERED WITH DRS IN HOUSING RECONSTRUCTION.



30 COMMUNITIES PARTNERED WITH DRS IN EARLY ASSESSMENTS, UNMET NEEDS ASSESSMENTS, RAPID RESPONSE, ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING, AND ESTIMATING.

18 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS PARTNERED WITH THE DRS GROUPS PROGRAM.

2015 North American Disaster Response

Alberta, High River	
Arkansas, Faulkner County	
Arkansas, Mayflower and Vilonia	
California, Napa and Fairfield	
California, Yosemite	
Colorado, Boulder County	
Colorado, Weld County	
Colorado, Larimer County, Estes Park	
Florida, Escambia County (Pensacola)	
Florida, Okaloosa and Walton Counties	
Iowa, Rock Rapids	
Iowa, Rock River Valley	
Illinois, Brookport	
Illinois, DeKalb and Ogle Counties	
Illinois, Kankakee County and Coal City	
Louisiana, Franklinton	
Michigan, Detroit Area	
Michigan, Kentwood/Wyoming	
Missouri, Joplin	
Mississippi, Columbia	
Mississippi, Hattiesburg	
Mississippi, Louisville	
No. Carolina, Hyde County	
No. Carolina, Washington	
Nebraska, Northeastern	
New Jersey, Ocean County	
New Jersey, Union Beach	
New York, Schoharie	
Oklahoma, Bridge Creek	
Oklahoma, Moore	
Oklahoma, Oklahoma City	
Oklahoma, Tulsa	
Ontario, Burlington	
Ontario, Tweed	
Pennsylvania, Susquehanna	
South Dakota, Canton	
Texas, San Marcos	
Texas, West	
Washington, Okanogan, Twisp, Pateros	
West Virginia, Logan County	

- Earthquake
- Explosion
- Fire
- Flood
- Hurricane
- Tornado

ENGAGEMENT
PROGRAMS



YOU GAVE
US YOUR
TIME

■ GLOBAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Serve With A Purpose: SWAP

World Renew's Global Volunteer Program provides North Americans with opportunities to learn and grow together — to learn what it means to be part of God's work in the world and to grow in our response to His Spirit's invitation to be deeply and truly changed. Serve With A Purpose, or SWAP, is an opportunity specifically for high school and college age students.

SWAP is a comprehensive, discovery-focused program for teens and young adults who are searching to understand their

identity in Christ and how Christ may be calling them to serve Him locally and internationally. SWAP participants plan and prepare for experiences with World Renew that will help them take steps in personal growth and faith formation as they seek God's direction for their lives.

"The Global Volunteer Program's SWAP initiative gets teens and young adults into a place where they can ask questions and listen for God's nudge or affirmation," said program coordinators Mary Dykstra



and Iona Buisman. "A glimpse of something different in a young adult's future can be life changing."

■ FREE A FAMILY®

Marta's Leadership Changes Lives

World Renew's Free A Family® program is a great way to help people who live in poverty. A Free A Family gift of just \$22 a month can be multiplied to create a lifetime of change for a family in need through nutrition and sanitation training, growth monitoring for young children, adult literacy training, agricultural training, and small business loans.

Marta Meija Avila in Honduras is a great example of how Free A Family works. Marta and her family have received training in agriculture, nutrition, health, and sanitation. Marta then took extra training to become a community health promoter. Each month she weighs and measures the young children in her community and teaches mothers to make simple medicines. Not only has the Meija

Avila family improved their way of life, they are also using their skills to benefit the community.

World Renew is grateful to the 2,778 North America families who supported Free A Family last year. Your prayers, involvement, and financial gifts gave opportunities to 4,289 families like the Meija Avilas to improve their lives through World Renew.

■ JOSEPH STEWARDS

A Legacy of Compassion

Joseph Stewards are ministry supporters who notify World Renew about leaving a life gift to the organization in their estate. These thoughtful supporters

have made arrangements to carry forward their generosity beyond their lifetime through charitable giving.

The name *Joseph Stewards* is from Genesis 41, when God told Joseph about seven years of prosperity in Egypt followed by seven years of famine. The

Egyptians stored the grain that they grew during the seven good years for use during the seven lean years. As a result, they were able to meet their own needs as well as feed the hungry around them.

In a similar way, Joseph Stewards choose to share the blessings from their “years of prosperity” with those who experience “years of famine,” making it possible for people who live in hunger and poverty

to realize God’s blessings for generations to come. Joseph Stewards also set an important example for others to follow, joining together to make a greater impact for Christ around the world.

■ SEA TO SEA

East and West Tours 2015



In 2015, World Renew sponsored two bicycling tours in Canada with 84 riders from around North America. The East and West events were organized

with this year’s cosponsors and Sea to Sea, a World Renew partner organization. The six-day East Tour took place in July, with riders peddling through southern Ontario. The second trip, the 10-day West Tour, brought riders through the Canadian Rockies in August. The participants raised a quarter million dollars for poverty alleviation. World Renew received a third of the money raised after expenses.

World Renew has sponsored Sea to Sea events since 2005, and riders have raised \$3.6 million in that time. In 2016 Sea to Sea will participate in RAGBRAI, an annual eight-day, cross-Iowa event that is also cosponsored by World Renew. Some dedicated riders will make the 2016 Iowa event a warm-up for the nine-week, cross-country Sea to Sea Bicycle Tour planned for summer 2017.

■ COMMUNITIES FIRST ASSOCIATION

Servant Leaders, Local Churches

Communities First Association (CFA) holds biannual gatherings that draw a diverse group of practitioners, coaches, and Christian community development enthusiasts from across North America. What connects them is the passion to engage in God’s redemptive work in their contexts using Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD).

This year’s Fall Gathering featured the first intake process for the Community Advancement

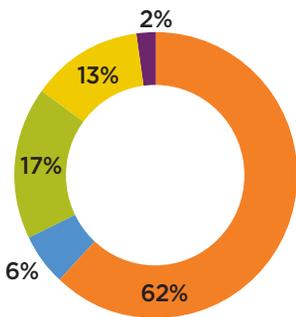
Coaches (CAC) Fast Track Process. Four new CACs began their journey with CFA, and the organization plans to walk side by side with eight more new coaches this spring. CFA has a rigorous vetting process for candidates who are skilled practitioners in the work of faith-based ABCD and are eager to become a part of this professional development network.

CFA is quickly becoming the place where community developers from across the U.S.

come to receive a nationally recognized ABCD certification. The training is designed not only for the experienced developer but also for those who are newer to ABCD concepts and principals. It focuses on the holistic development of servant leaders who have been called to work with local churches, and on education leaders in North American communities to help them uncover God’s gifts and presence there.

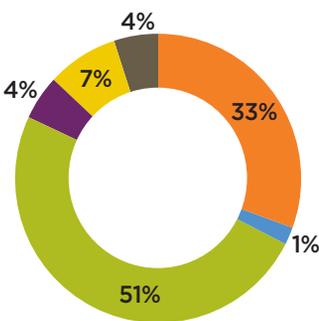
WORLD RENEW'S MISSION IS TO ENGAGE GOD'S PEOPLE IN REDEEMING RESOURCES AND DEVELOPING GIFTS IN COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES OF LOVE, MERCY, JUSTICE, AND COMPASSION BY SERVING WORLDWIDE AS THE DEVELOPMENT, DISASTER RESPONSE, AND JUSTICE ARM OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA.

FINANCIAL INS AND OUTS



Where Our Resources Came From July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015

Revenue & Other Support	U.S. in US\$	Canada in CDN\$	Combined In US\$	Combined In CDN\$
Churches & Individuals	12,732,058	10,897,019	22,040,292	25,801,167
Government Grants	130,544	2,580,009	2,334,388	2,732,824
CFGB Grants	0	7,238,385	6,183,029	7,238,385
Other Grants	633,744	4,644,939	4,601,450	5,386,799
Investments & Other income	458,727	218,884	645,698	755,870
Total	13,955,073	25,579,236	35,804,857	41,915,045



Where Our Resources Went July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015

Program Ministries	U.S. in US\$	Canada in CDN\$	Combined In US\$	Combined In CDN\$
International Development	4,809,087	7,683,484	11,372,318	13,313,000
Domestic Development	300,000	108,482	392,665	459,662
Disaster Response	4,112,463	15,776,996	17,589,173	20,591,045
Education	949,164	601,773	1,463,199	1,712,865
Support Ministries				
Fundraising	1,321,794	1,462,184	2,570,792	3,009,476
Management/General	525,658	991,789	1,438,381	1,607,125
Total Expenses	12,018,166	26,624,708	34,826,528	40,693,173

**YOU GAVE
GENEROUSLY**

World Renew's net assets were US \$24,933,647 in the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Audited financial reports are available on request and at worldrenew.net.

Note: These figures are derived from the combined financial statements for World Renew according to USA GAAP and as such may vary from those found in the World Renew Canada audited financial statement.

Note: The income received from CFGB each year may vary slightly from the project amount committed.

World Renew is a registered charitable organization in Canada and a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization in the United States. All donations are tax deductible. Spending of funds is confined to board-approved programs and projects. Each restricted contribution donated to a board-approved program or project is used as designated with the understanding that when the need for the program or project has been met, or if it cannot be completed for any reason determined by the board, the remaining restricted contribution designated for a program or project will be used where needed most.

SPECIAL THANKS

YOU—World Renew fully recognizes that this ministry of justice and mercy would not be possible without the faithful support and prayers of many generous churches and individuals like you. Hope in Christ undergirds this work, and its faithful undertaking points others to inspired hope in their own lives.

Action by Churches Together—ACT is a network of 140 Christian organizations that work together to mobilize \$1.5 billion annually toward sustainable change among those living in poverty in 140 countries. World Renew is grateful for coordination and financial support provided by ACT in 2015.

Baker Family Funds—World Renew is grateful for the estate gifts that began the Baker Agriculture, Village Savings and Loan, and Maternal and Child Health funds. These funds distribute money over 10 or 15 years to support ministry and innovation. The legacy of support created by these gifts is a great encouragement to many.

Barnabas Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services—World Renew is grateful to Barnabas Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services for advancing stewardship as an expression of faith. Barnabas

and CSS guide our supporters in financial stewardship, estate planning, and planned giving.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank—CFGB is a partnership of 15 churches and parachurch organizations working together to end global hunger. Last year, World Renew committed a total of \$6,974,658 (Cdn) in resources to food-related programming in 12 countries. Of this, \$750,515 (or 11%) came from World Renew's equity at CFGB, and \$3,956,531 (57%) came from Global Affairs Canada.

Christian Reformed Church agencies—World Renew is thankful for collaborations with Christian Reformed agencies: Home Missions, World Missions, Back to God Ministries International, ServiceLink, Office of Race Relations, Office of Social Justice, and others. These collaborations strengthen our ministry, the witness of the church universal, and the communities and congregations we serve.

Communities First Association—CFA is World Renew's strategic partner in community development in North America, granting \$300,000 to this ministry in 2015. We are blessed by CFA's diligence in Asset-Based Community Development in 279 low-income neighborhoods in the US, including 96 CRCs, and in training 386 local leaders, including 91 from Christian Reformed congregations.

Deacons and Champions—World Renew is an integral extension of the diaconate of Christian

Reformed churches across North America. We deeply appreciate the commitment of our deacons, diaconal conferences, ambassadors, volunteers, and others who represent World Renew to local congregations and encourage continued prayer, involvement, and support.

Disaster Response Support—World Renew is grateful to those entities that contributed to international or domestic disaster interventions last year.

- Adventist Development and Relief Agency, Seventh Day Adventist Church
- All We Can, Methodist Relief and Development Fund UK
- Baptist World Aid
- Bijzondere Noden, Reformed Churches of the Netherlands
- Canadian Baptist Ministries
- Christian Blind Mission Canada
- Canadian Lutheran World Relief
- Canadian Red Cross
- Canadian Reformed World Relief Fund
- Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada
- Dorcas Aid
- Emergency Relief and Development Overseas, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
- Habitat for Humanity, Pensacola, Florida
- International Christian Concern
- Manitoba Council for International Cooperation
- Mennonite Disaster Services
- Mideast Initiative
- Nazarene Compassionate Ministries
- Niamey English Worship Service
- Presbyterian World Service and Development, Presbyterian Church of Canada

- Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, Anglican Church of Canada
- Reformed Church in America
- Reformed Church of Japan
- Reformed Churches of New Zealand
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- World Concern USA
- World Relief Canada
- World Transform, CRC Australia
- ZOA International

Foods Resource Bank—World Renew is thankful for FRB's partnership and contributions from local growing projects. FRB programs engage small-holder farmers in the world's poorest regions. Last year, FRB supported World Renew with \$350,200 in food security programs in Cambodia, Guatemala, Kenya, Nicaragua, Niger, and Tanzania.

Global Affairs Canada—World Renew gratefully acknowledges the ongoing consultation and program support of Global Affairs Canada, which provided World Renew with \$2,580,009 (Cdn) for Sustainable Livelihoods in five countries, Adolescent Health and Rights in Senegal and Nigeria, and healthcare with internally displaced people in Iraq.

Integral Alliance—World Renew is grateful to Integral, a network of 23 Christian relief and development agencies based in the UK. Integral responds holistically to global poverty through collaboration, innovation, and disaster management. World Renew participates in seven bilateral projects with Integral members.

Joseph Fund—World Renew is grateful to all who contributed to the Joseph Fund. Gifts to the Joseph Fund have a seven-year term: ten percent is used in World Renew programs in the first year, the remainder is invested, and a percentage is directed to the ministry throughout the term. Last year, US\$1,445,100 was released to World Renew's ministry through the Joseph Fund.

Joseph Stewards—World Renew is grateful to Joseph Stewards, who have remembered those who are poor, hungry, and displaced in their estate plan. Their legacy will transform lives and communities into the future, providing resources to churches and Christian organizations that reach out through World Renew to those who are in need.

Micah Network—World Renew is proud to be part of the Micah Network, a group of 581 Christian relief and development organizations with programs in 84 countries. The Micah Network motivates and equips the global Christian community to embrace and practice integral mission by focusing on biblical understanding, challenging world leaders, and strengthening the local church.

Partners Worldwide—World Renew thanks Partners Worldwide and their Christian business networks for using their gifts, knowledge, and experience to make an impact on poverty around the world. Partners Worldwide unites with World Renew to help people improve their lives through business development and job creation by building relationships between entrepreneurs and farmers.

Refugee Resettlement—World Renew thanks each church and individual who assisted in refugee sponsorship through World Renew. Because of your support World Renew helped 156 people resettle in Canada in 2015, including 71 Iraqi and 40 Syrian refugees.

USAID—World Renew gratefully acknowledges the United States Agency for International Development, which supported World Renew this past year with US\$130,500 in support of a maternal and newborn care program in Bangladesh.



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