



Grace Changes the Story



A N N U A L R E P O R T

*God is able to make all grace abound toward you,
so that you . . . may abound to every good work.*

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8 (MEV)



Letter From the Directors

Dear Friend:

In 2017, the ministry of World Renew was infused with God's grace—the grace we receive and the grace we give, to the glory of the Grace Giver. In a world that rewards winners and punishes losers, God calls His people to run to meet those who are poor, hungry, and beaten down—and lavish them with His grace. A full expression of God's grace compels us to tackle the broken relationships and systemic injustices that cause poverty in the first place. It takes a level of courage and love that risks, potentially, life itself.

Grace changes people. Threads of grace, woven through lives of faith, are expressed in the complexity of gifts you contribute to World Renew as communities, staff, congregations, volunteers, and partners of many kinds. It is a ministry made possible by your big-hearted support, involvement, and prayers.

Your grace-filled giving equipped World Renew to walk alongside Christian leaders from 63 churches and community organizations in some of the world's poorest countries last year. 250,946 people in 21 developing countries participated in World Renew's long-term community programs, making positive, permanent changes to their health, farming skills, literacy abilities, income, and leadership capacity.

World Renew assisted 349,054 people affected by disasters in 22 countries in 2017, including those affected by war in Syria, Lebanon, and South Sudan; thousands who experienced drought and famine in east and southern Africa; Haitian communities hit by Hurricane Matthew; families continuing to recover from the 2015 Nepal earthquake; and people still affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines in 2013.

- World Renew served people in 33 countries in 2017, responding to disasters, equipping churches to advocate for justice, and providing long-term, community-based programs that helped 600,000 individuals change their story.
- World Renew's ministry was supported by 3,072 volunteers who donated 256,404 hours—roughly equivalent to 128 full-time employees for one year.
- Through World Renew, 146 North American congregations engaged in biblical justice and advocacy action around such issues as the environment, immigration, and refugee policies.
- World Renew Disaster Response Services volunteers contacted 10,818 disaster-affected households to assess their needs, and repaired or rebuilt 316 damaged homes.
- World Renew's Refugee Program helped 261 people begin a new life in Canada last year.

God's grace provides the courage to try to change the story, ours and others, in ways that tackle injustice, and we are profoundly grateful. Our deep gratitude compels us to seek and serve more. Grace changes the story "so that [people will] seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him . . ."

(Acts 17:27 NIV)

Because of His amazing grace and for His glory alone, we provide this report with joy.

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Integral:



Stories of Church in Community



JUSTICE

HASSANA RESISTS AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE

World Renew has been providing health and rights training among young adults in Senegal and Nigeria for the last four years. The \$2.3 million project, funded by a grant and your donations to World Renew, is helping school dropouts increase their income, end risky behaviors, and fend off violence and sexual abuse. Since 2013, the project has changed the lives of nearly 10,000 young adults in 153 youth groups, as well as parents and other community members in 186 parent groups.

“I was promised in marriage when I was a baby,” said Hassana. “My fiancé approached my family to fulfill the agreement when I was 17. I was upset. I did not love the man. I talked

with my peer group about it, and they helped me approach my parents and our community leaders. We discussed the downfalls of early marriage. Thank God, I was released from the arrangement.”

Because Hassana spoke up, with the support of her group, the village council also started a process to ban forced marriage and adopt the idea that every girl has a say in what becomes of her life. Although a 4-year contribution for this program from Global Affairs Canada ended in 2017, World Renew is continuing to offer health and vocational education to out-of-school youth in Nigeria and Senegal in 2018.

LITERACY

BALANCING BOOKS WITH LEARNING

Managing a business is challenging if you are illiterate, but it is nearly impossible in Haiti where about 40 percent of the population cannot read, write, or count the value of coins to make change. World Renew in Haiti began to help young adult literacy students connect to business ownership last year.

Once the students, who live in remote parts of the country, successfully complete their literacy training, they also have an opportunity to put their new ability to work learning a vocational skill — cutting hair.

Learning barber skills is empowering adults in poor Haitian communities to generate more income for their families. The ability to integrate project goals in areas like literacy and business is a core strength of World Renew's whole-person approach to development; it creates

the flexibility to build on participants' strengths while they identify and address their challenges, building ownership and sustainability for the positive changes they make.

When World Renew offered advanced skill training to ten local barbers last year, the barbers also agreed in turn to train World Renew literacy students in basic barbering and business management. After the advanced workshop, the ten barbershop owners put their advanced skills to work in their own shops and began to teach World Renew literacy students business and barbering skills in their own communities.

The practical combination of barbering, literacy, and management skills is equipping adults who had few employment options in the past to run their own businesses and better support their families.

HEALTH

MOMS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MALAWI

In Malawi, nearly half of children under age five experience permanent stunting due to chronic hunger and malnutrition. World Renew works with local communities by collaborating with churches and outreach organizations that teach women to volunteer as "lead mothers" among their neighbors. The women identify malnourished children and train pregnant women and mothers to better care for their families.

Catching childhood hunger early is crucial to life-long health and development. It means caring for expectant mothers and their newborns in the first thousand days of a child's life, from conception to two years old. To help them, lead mothers learn to organize cooking clubs to teach their neighbors to prepare more nutritious and diverse foods that support healthy growth.

Lead mothers work with local officials, visiting families at home to ensure that they eat nutritiously. They encourage women to

plant vegetable gardens so they can still feed their children and eat healthfully when there is no money to buy food.

"Lead mothers help their neighbors and reduce malnutrition," said World Renew's consultant in Malawi. "But Malawians are struggling, and many children are already suffering. Pray for World Renew's health programs to reduce the number of malnourished and stunted children in Malawi and around the world."





LEADERSHIP

JOBEDA BEGUM BREAKS BARRIERS

Women rarely take positions of leadership over men in rural Bangladesh. Cultural and religious norms require women to stay out of “men’s work.” However, Jobeda Begum found a way to improve her family’s life with a System of Rice Intensification, or SRI, that she learned through World Renew’s partner, PARI.

When Jobeda expressed interest in learning SRI, PARI welcomed her as the first woman to attend the training. Afterwards, Jobeda wanted to practice SRI on her small piece of land. According to custom, she could not do the planting herself—but she could teach her sons in her role as their mother.

Jobeda taught her boys to prepare dry seedbeds and plant the seeds. She told them how to transplant the seedlings. She was always there standing beside her sons, guiding them to plant, water, and use compost on the new rice crop.

“I received the SRI training, and I must teach it to my sons so that they can produce more rice with less cost,” Jobeda said. “It is my responsibility as a mother to teach them to do their best.”

Now Jobeda Begum is a leader in her community and an inspiration to her neighbors. She wisely chose when to break tradition and



when to stay within it in a culture where men often assume that women are satisfied with subservience. Jobeda proved that women have both the desire and ability to excel in roles equal to men.

Now other women want to learn SRI from her and become part of a World Renew group in their village, and Jobeda teaches SRI techniques in other communities across her region. She is changing the story of her own life, and she is a role model for women, men, and children in her community.

INCOME

PLANTING TREES MEANS SAVING MONEY

Helping farm families diversify their earnings is an important way to help people adapt to changes that affect their income, such as shifting weather patterns, poor soil, and saturated markets. In Tanzania, 80 percent of the population farms for their livelihood. To help them adapt, World Renew introduced new livelihood activities among hungry farm families through Christian church partner, AICT, in

Tanzania in 2017. The project was also a way for the church to promote values, like stewardship, in all areas of life.

The activities are part of a village savings and loan project that builds income and capital within communities through savings groups. In Ksaguti, the Walemo group decided to invest in tree nurseries. Caring for the environment in biblical ways is part of the curriculum. The



farmers learned from Genesis 2:15: “The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”

Through the training, the group members realized that their traditional practice of clearing trees without replanting them was putting their future at risk. They learned to tend the plants and trees, the soil, and the water supply so that their children could continue to benefit

from them. They were excited about the opportunities they would gain from managing trees as a renewable resource.

“Training in tree farming equipped us to restore nature and enjoy the environment while also ensuring our survival,” said Agnes Masaga. “In the past, we consumed trees without thinking about whether they would last into the future. Now we are changing that behavior with our new tree-farming business. If we plant a tree when a child attends primary school, it can be harvested when they are older and sold to pay for their secondary education.”

World Renew came alongside communities of poverty in ten countries in 2017 to help them create savings, grow their businesses, and create new income for their families. They were supported by \$100,000 in programming innovations such as tree nurseries, fish farming, and beekeeping. The programs helped nearly 5,350 people improve their lives and livelihoods by creating more diverse and sustainable sources of income.

AGRICULTURE

FROM SUBSISTENCE TO SECURITY

The Ramos family lives in Guacoca, Honduras. Anibal, Yadira, and their two children are actively involved in World Renew’s sustainable livelihoods program through the national diaconate of the Christian Reformed Church of Honduras in Olancho. The family is learning to raise vegetables and produce organic fertilizer, and they have successfully implemented what they learned in an impressive home garden where they are reaping good harvests.

The family sells the vegetables they do not eat to other families in their community. They also donate some of their produce to neighbors who cannot afford to purchase food. The Ramoses say that their family’s nutrition has improved, and they are proud that they are eating food that they grow themselves. They know that the eating vegetables will improve their health.

Today, the Ramos family is growing crops that better withstand the current climate conditions in their region, improve the soil, and vary their harvest times, helping them to eat year round. Diaconia Nacional provides technical assistance to them and other participants so that they can properly plant and maintain their new vegetable crops.

The extra income that the families earn from the sale of their vegetables is especially helpful for meeting expenses such as their children’s school tuition. “We are very happy and grateful to our God for giving us this opportunity to harvest vegetables from our garden,” the couple said. “Many thanks to everyone who supports this great project.”





TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS

STORIES OF GRACE OVERCOMING VIOLENCE



Community transformation is a long journey, and there are often bumps along the way. These moments of crisis are unfortunately part of the process of positive, permanent change. In many countries where World Renew is working in long-term development, natural disasters and conflict are disruptive. At these times, it is crucial that communities receive the support they need to survive.

World Renew has implemented community development programs in Nigeria since 1969. Over the last 48 years, there have been breakthroughs, but there have also been times when external circumstances threatened otherwise successful communities.

In recent years, outbreaks of violence by Boko Haram have dramatically affected the lives of thousands of families in northern Nigeria. World Renew has longstanding community development programs in many areas where homes were burned down and livelihoods decimated. Families have gone through incredibly traumatic experiences and struggle to process the psychological stress.

To help people in crisis, World Renew increased programming in northern Nigeria to help rebuild homes, rehabilitate livelihoods, feed hungry families, and provide trauma-healing workshops for victims of violence. By addressing physical as well as emotional and spiritual needs, these communities are getting back on their feet and moving forward stronger than before. As conflict moves away from them, the journey toward lasting transformation can continue.

STORIES OF GRACE IN FAMINE AND DROUGHT

In 2017, famine and drought in east and southern Africa caused the largest humanitarian crisis since World War II. While drought has been a recurring issue, the sheer number of hungry families who struggled to survive this year was without parallel. Food shortages in countries like South Sudan and Nigeria were exacerbated by ongoing conflict that made it nearly impossible for families to safely work in their fields or go to the market.

World Renew responded through local partners in Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, South Sudan, Uganda, and Zambia. Thousands of families received lifesaving food assistance, ensuring that they had enough to eat until the next harvest when they could again sustain themselves.

“In the last year we had too little rain in Uganda, so we did not get any crops. All our



crops failed,” said Mary Yorem. “I have four children, three girls and one boy. This food donation from World Renew means my children can eat in the morning.”



REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

📌 GRACE CHANGES REFUGEE STORIES

In June 2016, Mohammad, Amal, and their two young children travelled to Canada. As Syrian refugees who sought asylum in Jordan, the family was matched with a Canadian sponsor, Drayton Reformed Church in southwestern Ontario, through World Renew's Refugee Sponsorship Program.

Amal and Mohammad's family has been blessed by, and has been a blessing to, the Drayton community. They have settled well, shown tremendous initiative, and formed deep and meaningful relationships with others in the community. Amal has a very close bond with a member of the sponsorship committee named Cori. "I don't think you are a human," Amal told Cori. "You are an angel."

Mohammad started a painting business with support and mentoring from Bill, another member of the church. Mohammad's business is named "The Man with the Brush." It is growing and well-recognized in the community. Mohammad and Bill are grateful for the deep friendship they have formed.

By God's grace, Drayton Reformed Church and World Renew have been able to walk alongside this family as their story continues to change and evolve. While the official sponsorship period ended in 2017, the relationships the family and the community formed continue to grow richer every day.





GLOBAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

DIG DEEPER INTO YOUR GIFTS



When faith is infused by grace, God can fuel our resolve to discover our roles in changing the story. World Renew's Global Volunteer Program offered several opportunities for people to act on their faith in 2017.

- **Dive In** to international opportunities for student and youth groups in a 1-week service-learning trip. EMBARK discipleship programs and short-term opportunities are for individuals and teams.
- **Dig Deeper** as a young adult by engaging in a college semester program or a three- to six-month immersion opportunity.
- **Dedicate Yourself** through a medium- or long-term placement, or internship opportunity in a community outside North America, or through professional development opportunities.
- **Develop Relationships** that build each other up, learning and sharing together.

By relating to those who live in poverty as God's fellow image bearers, we truly serve others. While serving, we grow together in Christ who changes our stories by His grace.

FREE A FAMILY®

FREEING FAMILIES FROM POVERTY

Many people around the world want a better future, free from poverty. World Renew's Free A Family® program involves mothers and fathers in integrated, community-based development programs in health, income, agriculture, literacy, and more. It helps people help themselves and each other as they work to break the poverty cycle. Free A Family® efforts are carried out through local Christian partners and encourage the integration of people's faith and development.

In 2017, more than 3,735 families had new opportunities to improve their health, develop in their skills, find solutions to financial challenges, and experience the love of Christ, thanks to Free A Family®. These positive steps were made possible through the 2,515 families in North



America who offered their prayers and financial support while joining with families as they changed their story on the journey out of poverty.

SEA TO SEA BIKE TOUR 2017

ENDING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY



In 2017, the Sea to Sea Bike Tour attracted 136 cyclists to a 9-week, transcontinental ride that raised funds to alleviate poverty through World Renew and Partners Worldwide. The riders cycled almost 5,000 miles (8,000 km) from Vancouver to Halifax. They raised over \$1.6 million (Cdn) with the event!

The ride was an athletic event and fundraising effort, but it was also a journey of

the heart. At every overnight location, people recognized the important history of indigenous people of the land. Many participants testified to changes in their own life story during their months on the road. They returned to their homes, jobs, and churches to continue to make an impact for people who live in poverty because of their experiences on Sea to Sea in 2017.

Many churches from all denominations along the cyclists' route supported the bikers by praying for safety, providing food and shelter, and acts of kindness that included haircuts, showers, and pie! Strangers along the route also stopped to learn more, and riders shared the mission and God's message of hope for them.

Sea to Sea cycles to help end poverty one community at a time, focusing on solutions by the community, for the community, through the community, and empowering people to break the cycle of poverty and change their story from surviving to thriving.

COMMUNITIES FIRST ASSOCIATION UNCOVERING GOD'S GRACE

World Renew partners with Communities First Association (CFA) in North America as they coach, consult, and train faith and church leaders. These leaders are passionate about engaging people in God's redemptive work where they live using Asset-Based Community Development or ABCD.

In 2017, CFA developed and then engaged more than 500 individuals in a "Poverty Simulation." The participants represented 30 churches, five denominations, and several faith-based, non-profit organizations. In addition, CFA began to partner with Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan, last year to

introduce seminarians to ABCD immersion. The partnership is expanding in 2018.

CFA is quickly becoming the place where community developers from across the U.S. receive nationally recognized experiences in ABCD. CFA is helping local churches and educational leaders in North American communities uncover the grace of God's gifts and presence where they are.





JOSEPH STEWARDS A LEGACY OF COMPASSION

Joseph Stewards are ministry supporters who have shared with World Renew that they intend to include a financial gift to World Renew in their will or estate plan. Based on the story of Joseph in Genesis 41, Joseph Stewards share their blessings with those who face hunger and poverty, creating opportunities for people to change their story for generations to come.

With careful planning and generous spirits, Joseph Stewards set an important example for others to follow, joining together to make

a greater impact for Christ around the world. More than 750 Joseph Stewards have shared that World Renew is included in their will or estate plan. Are you one of them? If so, please let us know; if not, please consider it.

To find out how you can become a Joseph Steward, go to worldrenew.net/josephstewards or call Willemiena McCarron at 800-552-7972 in the U.S. or Loise Githinji at 800-730-3490 in Canada.

ADVOCACY ADVOCATING FOR HOPE

Hana Clark was a student at Kings University in Edmonton, Alberta, in 2017 when she traveled to Ottawa for a conference organized by World Renew. The conference, which focused on global food security, the environment, and small-scale farming, included meeting with federal representatives on behalf of people who live in poverty worldwide.

“As a student of Political Science, I often left my classes wanting to throw up my hands and say, ‘Well, we are all doomed. There is nothing we can do,’” Clark said.

The World Renew conference provided information about ways to help those in need around the world, many of them small-scale farmers. One of the key takeaways was hope. By standing up for people in need and advocating for programs that provide more support to small-scale farmers, Christians can work towards a flourishing society. That includes being willing to voice opinions and concerns to government leaders by writing a letter, calling a representative, or learning more about government or hunger, poverty, and injustice worldwide.

“We need to be patient and persistent,” Clark said. “As Christian citizens, we need to



be willing to faithfully carry out small acts of advocacy for the common good over many years. It is through continuous advocacy over time that we will be able to see change implemented in government policy.”

Clark and other conference participants learned advocacy is not difficult, but it is important. “Advocacy has given me a glimpse of hope,” Clark said, “I have a renewed belief that change is possible.”



Grace Changes the Story

WORLD RENEW, THE DIACONAL AGENCY OF THE 200,000-PLUS MEMBER CRC IN NORTH AMERICA, **MINISTERED TO 600,000** PEOPLE WHO, BY **GOD'S GRACE,** CHANGED THEIR STORIES IN 2017.

DRS VOLUNTEERS REPRESENTED

34 DENOMINATIONS.

DRS PLACED **2,303** VOLUNTEERS ON DISASTER SITES IN THE U.S. AND CANADA.

753 GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS SERVED OTHERS IN NORTH AMERICA AND AROUND THE WORLD.

WORLD RENEW ENGAGED WITH **1,349** YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS FROM NORTH AMERICA.

IN TOTAL, **3,072** VOLUNTEERS IN TOTAL GAVE **256,404** HOURS OF THEIR TIME TO SERVE OTHERS THROUGH WORLD RENEW IN 2017—THE EQUIVALENT OF **128** FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.

1,447 INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES JOINED WORLD RENEW THROUGH A LOCAL CHURCH OR OUTREACH MINISTRY.



2,515 FREE A FAMILY® DONORS GAVE NEARLY \$1 MILLION FOR MINISTRY IN 2017, HELPING TO FREE **3,735** FAMILIES FROM POVERTY WORLDWIDE.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WORLD RENEW HELPED **261** REFUGEES RESETTLE IN CANADA.

WORLD RENEW PLACED INTERNATIONAL RELIEF MANAGERS WHO VOLUNTEERED IN ZAMBIA, UGANDA, KENYA, HAITI, MALAWI, AND NEPAL.

239 NORTH AMERICAN CONGREGATIONS WERE ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL CHURCH PARTNERSHIPS.

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WORLD RENEW HELPED **349,054** PEOPLE WORLDWIDE RECOVER FROM A DISASTER.

146 NORTH AMERICAN CHURCHES WERE INVOLVED IN JUSTICE ACTIVITIES WITH WORLD RENEW.

250,946 PEOPLE CHANGED THEIR STORY THROUGH WORLD RENEW'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.





Grace Changes the Story

WHERE WORLD RENEW WORKED IN 2017



Compelled by God's deep passion for mercy and justice, World Renew joins communities around the world that are changing their story from poverty to restoring creation, from injustice to reconciling relationships, and from disaster to renewing hope.



Country	Development Partners	Development Participants	Development Communities	Disaster Participants
Bangladesh*	3	96,054	43	0
Cambodia	5	14,286	127	0
Canada**	1			3,612
Dominican Republic	1	311	15	0
Ecuador		0		2,325
Ethiopia		0		57,770
Guatemala	4	2,644	16	0
Haiti	4	4,794	44	35,300
Honduras*	5	5,546	71	850
India	2	9,099	11	0
Indonesia		0		0
Iraq		0		200
Kenya	5	7,282	44	21,740
Laos*	1	8,302	53	8,010
Lebanon		0		15,340
Malawi*	1	26,844	38	5,000
Mali	4	19,377	244	2,153
Mexico	1	251	3	0
Mozambique*	1	8,324	131	0
Nepal		0		3,893
Nicaragua	6	1,129	88	7,460
Niger	2	4,307	86	0
Nigeria	4	22,151	65	9,931
Peru		0		1,135
Philippines		0		9,600
Senegal	2	3,273	37	0
Sierra Leone	1	706	38	0
South Sudan		0		12,600
Syria		0		33,275
Tanzania	2	9,591	13	6,520
Uganda	5	4,528	83	48,800
United States***	1			29,790****
Zambia	2	2,147	197	33,750
Subtotals	63	250,946	1,447	349,054
Combined Participant Total				600,000

* The number of beneficiaries or communities in development changed significantly because of variations in grant funding, security, or partner transition from year to year.

** World Renew supports the work of Diaconal Ministries Canada.

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

**** World Renew Disaster Response Services tracks its work by household. To calculate the total number of individuals receiving assistance, the number of households is multiplied by three.

Note: In addition to 63 board-approved partners, World Renew worked with 14 national field partners in research and development in 2017.



ENDING EXTREME POVERTY WORLDWIDE BY 2030

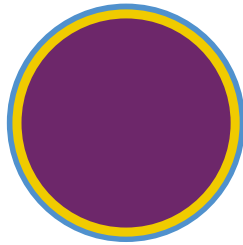
In 2015, leaders from 193 U.N. member states committed to working towards 17 common development objectives, or Sustainable Development Goals, over the next 15 years. World Renew's ministry with people who live in hunger, poverty, and disaster contributes to ten of the SDGs in transformative, Christ-centered ways in 2017 and beyond. Find out how at worldrenew.net/sdg.





FINANCIAL INFORMATION

World Renew is deeply committed to being trustworthy in carefully stewarding with absolute integrity your financial investment in people who are affected by poverty, disaster, and injustice.



- 87.7% Program
- 7.6% Fundraising
- 4.7% Administration

In 2017, nearly 88 percent of each gift you gave went directly to programs benefiting the people World Renew serves.

The other 12 percent supported World Renew's core mission through administration and fundraising. Just under 5 percent was used to administer our programs effectively, and 7 cents of each dollar provided you and other World Renew supporters with communication, transparency, and accountability about how we use your support to help people overcome poverty, disaster, and injustice.

At the end of the fiscal year 2016-2017, World Renew had an income balance of \$2.5 million (US). About \$1 million of this amount is designated for disasters. \$1.5 million is in undesignated program funds, and about \$17,000 was released from the Joseph Fund. These funds will be used responsibly and effectively in subsequent year(s), as designated, and to the benefit of people who are suffering daily from poverty, hunger, injustice, and disaster.

World Renew continues to meet or exceed the financial standards of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability in the U.S., the Canadian Council of Christian Charities in Canada, and other financial monitoring organizations. You can find the most recent detailed financial information at worldrenew.net/about.

WHERE OUR RESOURCES CAME FROM

Revenues	Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017				Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 (Restated)			
	USA - in USD	CAN - in CND	Combined in USD	Combined in CND	USA - in USD	CAN - in CND	Combined in USD	Combined in CND
Churches and Individuals	13,244,565	12,269,737	22,434,446	29,947,259	15,810,587	10,121,964	22,535,775	29,900,465
Government Grants	0	1,385,732	1,038,235	1,385,732	2,371	1,610,335	1,216,069	1,613,481
CFGB Grants	0	8,052,776	6,033,398	8,052,776	0	8,590,551	6,474,639	8,590,551
Other Grants	778,609	4,195,903	3,922,314	5,235,112	730,492	4,426,568	4,066,766	5,395,785
Investments and Other Income	606,379	2,630,047	2,576,894	3,439,381	170,804	186,527	311,388	413,150
Total Revenues	14,629,553	28,534,195	36,008,287	48,060,260	15,810,587	24,935,945	34,604,637	45,913,432

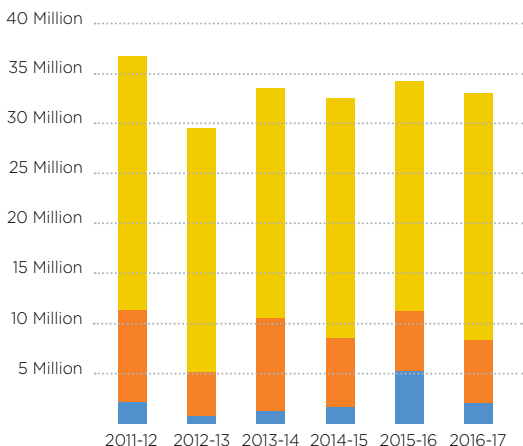
Note: These figures are derived from the combined financial statements for World Renew according to USA GAAP and as such may vary from those found in the World Renew Canada audited financial statement.

WHERE OUR RESOURCES WENT

Expenses	Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017				Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016			
	USA - in USD	CAN - in CND	Combined in USD	Combined in CND	USA - in USD	CAN - in CND	Combined in USD	Combined in CND
International Development	5,714,269	8,124,845	11,801,663	15,751,680	5,816,756	6,980,416	11,077,847	14,698,088
Domestic Development	126,802	189,039	268,436	358,282	274,364	186,138	414,655	550,164
Disaster Response	4,576,787	14,762,884	15,637,613	20,871,522	3,281,736	14,642,294	14,317,531	18,996,500
Education	1,100,140	761,566	1,670,730	2,229,923	1,055,241	726,764	1,602,998	2,126,858
Management/General	633,636	1,249,016	1,569,439	2,094,730	1,016,198	829,249	1,641,197	2,177,539
Fundraising	1,359,237	1,580,279	2,543,233	3,394,453	1,392,810	1,592,521	2,593,083	3,440,502
Total Expenses	13,510,871	26,667,629	33,491,114*	44,700,590*	12,837,105	24,957,382	31,647,311	41,989,651

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

*World Renew had a remaining balance of US \$2.5 million in income in 2016-2017.



- Development & General
- Relief
- Unrestricted Estates

World Renew's net assets were US \$33,408,117 (\$43,353,714 Cdn) in the 2016-2017 fiscal year. You can find our most recent independently audited financial report at worldrenew.net/aboutus, or call us for more information.

World Renew is a registered charitable organization in Canada. (Registration Number 11885 7366 RR0001.) A charitable tax receipt will be issued for gifts received in Canada. World Renew is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization in the United States. Donations received in the U.S. are tax deductible. Spending of funds is confined to board-approved programs and projects. Designated gifts donated to specific programs or projects are used as indicated by the donor 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 designated contribution will be used for a program or project with a similar intent or location, or where people's needs are the greatest.



Stories of Resilience





INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE

EXTENDING GRACE TO DISASTER SURVIVORS

Humanitarian needs reached unprecedented levels in 2017. Multiple disasters and persistent conflicts left millions of people vulnerable. As a result, many families were unable to access the most essential necessities such as food, water, and a safe place to sleep. Women and children were disproportionately affected by these crises.

With your unwavering support, World Renew has been able to make God's grace visible among families in 20 countries who are living through war, drought, famine, or rebuilding after a natural disaster.

South Sudan: Civil war in South Sudan forced more than a million people to flee to Uganda as refugees. Many of those who remained in their own communities faced extreme food shortages due to severe drought worsened by violence. Children are particularly at risk of malnutrition and its debilitating effects. World Renew has

provided life-saving food assistance to families in South Sudan and built latrines in Uganda to help prevent the spread of disease.

Haiti: After years of recovering from the 2010 earthquake, Haitians were again devastated by disaster, this time by Hurricane Matthew in October 2016. Homes were destroyed, crops wiped out, livestock killed, and lives forever changed. World Renew worked with affected communities to begin the journey of recovery, providing food assistance and support to rebuild homes and livelihoods.

Nepal: Rebuilding takes time. After two major earthquakes in 2015, entire communities in Nepal were buried under rubble, and thousands were left homeless. Even months later, some of the most vulnerable people—women and children, people living with disabilities, and the

elderly—were still living in makeshift shelters. World Renew has helped many of the most vulnerable families rebuild their homes and regain an important sense of dignity and privacy.

Philippines: When a disaster happens, World Renew’s response ensures that communities are stronger and more resilient than before.

Four years after Typhoon Haiyan battered the Philippines many communities are experiencing economic growth, greater cohesion, and are better prepared for future storms. By committing to work with communities in the Philippines for the long term, World Renew is fostering change that will last.

STORIES OF GRACE: SYRIA AND LEBANON

“I left Syria because of the war and problems created by the war. I saw many things,” Amena said.



































Seven years of unrelenting war has left Syria in ruins. Half of all Syrians have been forced to flee their homes and millions, like Amena, have taken refuge in neighboring Lebanon. When the violence became too intense, parents risked everything to find a safe place to raise their children.

In this heartbreak and devastation, it is sometimes hard to see the threads of God’s grace. Nevertheless, World Renew has been able to work with local churches to provide food to Amena’s family and others. The local church is bearing witness to God’s grace and compassion, offering a tangible demonstration of Christ-like love.



“I received a box of food in the last month,” said Amena, “but I don’t have a favorite thing inside it. Everything inside the box is grace.”

2017 INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE

Asia	East and Southern Africa	West Africa	Latin America and the Caribbean	Middle East	South America
Bangladesh  	Ethiopia 	Mali 	Haiti 	Syria 	Ecuador 
Nepal 	Kenya  	Nigeria  	Honduras 	Lebanon 	Peru 
Philippines 	Malawi 		Nicaragua  		
Laos  	South Sudan 				
	Tanzania  				
	Uganda  				
	Zambia 				
 Conflict  Cronic Drought  Drought  Earthquake  Disease  Flood  Storm					





DISASTER RESPONSE SERVICES

HOLDING ON TO GRACE

“I held on all night. I was afraid I would be swept away,” said David, a survivor of an August 2016 flood in Denham Springs, Louisiana.

David is a 53-year-old man with disabilities who was recovering from back surgery when floodwater from a nearby river swept through his home. As the water rose, a couple of men stopped to help David and one of his dogs get to dry land. They said they would return, but they never made it back to get him.

As the water crept higher, David managed to grab a narrow porch railing of a house nearby. He knew that if he slipped, he would drown. As the house filled with water, David pushed his dog onto the roof, but he was not able to pull himself out. He held on, bracing himself against the current. He spent the night treading water and pushing away snakes that tried to climb over him to get onto the roof.

In the morning, rescuers who came by boat found David and took him to an emergency shelter.

Five months later, David accidentally entered a World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) walk-in center while looking for a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) office. DRS volunteers at the center were helping flood survivors connect with their local recovery group, Rebuild Livingston. DRS volunteer Evelyn Knetsch asked David if he would like to fill out an assessment survey. He said no at first, but as they talked, he changed his mind.

David told Evelyn that he had ongoing nightmares about snakes and that he was sleeping on an air mattress on the floor of a friend’s home because his house was gutted and unlivable. The sleeping arrangement was not good for David’s back, but he could not

afford a new bed. Evelyn connected David with a caseworker in his community who made it a priority to get him a suitable bed.










































At the end of the survey process, Evelyn and David prayed together. “When I came here, I was sure there was no God,” David said. “Now I think there may be a God after all.”

David and most of the residents in Denham Springs, about 40,000 households, experienced the worst U.S. disaster since Super-Storm Sandy in 2012. Rebuild Livingston asked World Renew to conduct a needs assessment in January 2017. DRS volunteers interviewed more than 1,400 individuals and families there. This was a record for a countywide World Renew DRS needs assessment: it involved more participants than any assessment taken after Hurricane Katrina or Super-Storm Sandy.

“Most people who have been through a disaster do not know where to turn for assistance,” said Bob Laarman, director for World Renew DRS. “It is also difficult for local recovery groups to figure out who in their community needs help and what those needs are. This is where World Renew DRS comes in. We can act as a bridge between local recovery organizations and survivors who are at great risk of falling through the cracks if they don’t receive additional help.”

“Even through their difficult experiences, many flood survivors in Louisiana expressed faith and confidence that God would provide for them,” said DRS volunteer, Barb Bracko. “Their faith is an inspiration to us and to other survivors who don’t yet recognize God’s provision. Although their earthly possessions were lost, their eternal treasure has multiplied.”

2017 NORTH AMERICAN DISASTER RESPONSE

State/Prov	City	Disaster	State/Prov	City	Disaster
AB,	Fort McMurray		MO,	St. Louis	
CA,	Yosemite		MS,	Hattiesburg	
CA,	Calaveras County		MS,	Coahoma County	
FL,	Citrus County		MS,	Holly Springs	
FL,	Century/Ferry Pass		MS,	Washington County	
GA,	Albany		NC,	Tarboro	
IL	Various Counties		NC,	Windsor	
IL,	Brookport		NJ,	Monmouth County	
IN,	South Bend		NJ,	Union Beach	
LA,	Lafayette		Saipan		
LA,	Livingston Parish		SC,	Multiple Counties	
LA,	Franklinton		SC,	Manning	
LA,	Robert		TX,	Jasper, Newton, Orange Counties	
LA,	St. Tammany Parish		TX,	Waller County	
LA,	Tangipahoa Parish		TX,	Rio Grande Valley	
MI,	Detroit		TX,	San Marcos	
MI,	Kent County		WA,	Okanogan County	
MO,	Various Counties		WV,	Caldwell	
MN,	Southwest Area		WV,	Greenbrier, Monroe, Pocahontas	
MO,	Joplin		WV,	Webster County	
MO,	Springfield				

Fire  Flood  Hurricane  Tornado  Typhoon 





STORIES OF GRACE AND GRATITUDE

Action by Churches Together—ACT is a global alliance of 146 churches and faith-based organizations working together in advocacy, development, and humanitarian aid in more than 100 countries. World Renew is grateful for the coordination, representation, and financial support provided by ACT in 2017.

Baker Family Funds—World Renew is grateful for the estate gifts that began the Baker Agriculture, Village Savings and Loan, Maternal and Child Health, and Community Justice funds. The funds support ministry and innovation over a 10- to 15-year period. The legacy created by these gifts is an 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 World Renew's supporters in financial stewardship, estate planning, and planned giving.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank—CFGB is a partnership of 15 churches and church-based agencies that work together to end global hunger. In 2017, World Renew committed a total of \$10,062,371 (Cdn) in resources to food-related programming in 14 countries through CFGB.

Christian Reformed Church agencies—World Renew is thankful for collaborations with other Christian Reformed agencies including Resonate Global Mission, Back to God Ministries International, the Office of Race Relations, the Office of Social Justice, and others. These collaborations strengthen our ministry, the witness of the church, the communities and congregations we serve, and the cause of Christ.

Communities First Association—As a strategic partner in community development in North America, CFA received a grant of more than \$122,000 (USD) from World Renew for ministry in 2017. We are blessed by CFA's diligence in Asset-

Based Community Development in Christian Reformed churches and many other Kingdom-building ministries last year.

Deacons and Champions—World Renew is rooted in the diaconates of Christian Reformed churches across North America. We deeply appreciate our deacons, deacon's conferences, ambassadors, volunteers, and others who represent World Renew in local congregations, encouraging prayer, involvement, and support for people who live with poverty, hunger, disaster, and injustice.

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

- ADRA Canada
- Blanco River Regional Recovery Team
- Calaveras Recovers Long-Term Recovery Group
- Canadian Baptist Ministries
- Canadian Reformed World Relief Fund
- Canadian Lutheran World Relief
- Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts, Saipan
- Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians
- Escambia Long-Term Recovery Group
- Faith Community Disaster Recovery for the Rio Grande
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- International Organization for Migration
- Mennonite Central Committee
- Mennonite Disaster Service
- Methodist Relief and Development Fund U.K., All We Can
- Mideast Initiative
- National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
- NGOs Supporting Uninsured and Underinsured Residents
- Ocean County Long-Term Recovery Group
- Presbyterian World Service and Development
- Reformed Church in America

- Reformed Church of the Netherlands, Board of Special Needs
- Samaritan's Purse
- Tear Australia
- Tear Netherlands
- Tearfund Switzerland
- Tearfund UK
- The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
- Transform Aid International
- Tricounty Long-Term Recovery Group
- United Church of Canada
- Woord en Daad
- World Relief Canada
- World Relief USA
- World Transform, Christian Reformed Church of Australia
- ZOA International

Foods Resource Bank—World Renew is thankful for FRB's partnership and contributions from local growing projects. FRB programs engage subsistence farmers in the world's poorest regions. In 2017, FRB supported World Renew with \$569,000 (US) in food security programs in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Nicaragua, Niger, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Global Affairs Canada—World Renew gratefully acknowledges the ongoing consultation and program support of GAC, which provided \$7,221,299 (Cdn) for projects in 18 countries. This included \$1,385,732 in funding from GAC for community development projects, with additional funding from GAC through CFGB totaling \$5,835,567.

Integral Alliance—World Renew is grateful to Integral, a global alliance of 23 Christian relief and development agencies that work in 90 countries, responding holistically to poverty worldwide through disaster management and collaboration and innovation.

Joseph Fund Contributors—World Renew is grateful to all those who contributed to the Joseph Fund in 2017. These gifts have a 7-year term: 10 percent is used the first year, the remainder is

invested, and a percentage is directed to the ministry throughout the term. Last year, US \$2,218,000 (\$2,960,000 Cdn) was released to World Renew's ministry through the Joseph Fund.

Joseph Stewards—World Renew is grateful to Joseph Stewards, who have included care for those who are poor, hungry, and displaced in their wills and estate plans. These gifts transform lives and communities, providing resources far into the future for 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 more than 550 Christian relief and development organizations with programs in over 80 countries. The Micah Network motivates and equips the global Christian community to embrace and practice integral mission.

Partners Worldwide—World Renew is grateful to Partners Worldwide and their Christian business networks for uniting with World Renew to help people improve their lives through business development and job creation by building relationships between entrepreneurs.

Refugee Resettlement—World Renew thanks each church and individual who assisted in refugee sponsorship through World Renew. Because of your support, World Renew's refugee program helped 261 people, who originated from countries such as Syria, Eritrea, and Iraq, find a homeland in 2017.

YOU—World Renew gratefully recognizes that this ministry of justice and mercy would not be possible without generous churches and individuals like you. God's grace and hope in Christ undergirds this work, and its faithful undertaking is changing the story of life on earth and the life to come. We are grateful that in receiving God's grace, your response is generosity among those who have the least.

THANK YOU!





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THROUGH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

As a ministry partner, have you considered making a gift to World Renew in your will? Your ultimate gift will provide resources for programs that will change stories of hunger, poverty, and injustice into testimonies of hope. It is a wonderful way to express your values. If you have already included World Renew in your will or estate plan, please let us know so we can welcome you to Joseph Stewards, World Renew's legacy giving group.

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If you have retirement assets or securities that have appreciated in value, you can donate them to World Renew and reduce your taxes. You can also name World Renew as a beneficiary on your retirement savings plan or life insurance policy. Real estate can be donated to World Renew while you continue to use the property for the rest of your life. World Renew is adept at receiving stocks, bonds, retirement assets, real estate, and other assets. Please contact us about these giving options.

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