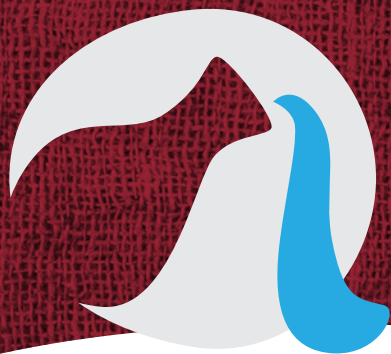




COVENANT WORLD RELIEF

Ministry Update

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Recovery phase begins in Haiti...

Dave Husby, CWR director, reflects on the work ahead

The earthquake in Haiti on January 12 was one of the worst disasters of our time. ECC churches and individuals have donated over one million dollars to Covenant World Relief for relief, recovery, and long-term development in the most affected areas. We are thankful for your generous support. Nearly half of the donated funds have been disbursed for immediate medical, water, food, and shelter needs through our primary partners in Haiti—World Relief (WR) and Medical Teams International (MTI). These two partners have strong Covenant connections and are recognized as highly

effective organizations. The remaining funds will be used for ongoing relief needs, recovery and long-term development as we work together with Haitians and our partners in the coming years.

During a recent trip to Haiti, we saw the devastation of the earthquake first-hand. Many of the World Relief workers lost family members and their homes, but they continue to serve thousands of other survivors. The collaboration of the Haitian government, the UN, and the major relief



Covenant World Relief partner Medical Teams International has immunized thousands of earthquake victims in Haiti.

agencies was impressive and apparent during our visit. CWR and our partners are committed to collaborating with others, which has increased effectiveness, helped avoid duplication, and allowed us to significantly leverage CWR funds. Millions of dollars of food and medicine have been donated to our partners through the UN.

The transition from emergency relief to recovery has started in some areas. The recovery phase will likely last at least two years and will be followed by long-term development. CWR will be involved in Haiti for the long haul, working together with our partners.

For more information and to stay connected, visit blogs.covchurch.org/haiti. We appreciate your ongoing prayers and support.

How have CWR Haiti Earthquake Response Funds been used?

In cooperation with our partners in Haiti, your donations to Covenant World Relief have provided the following:

- 560,000 gallons of water
- 6 wells with plans for 5 more
- 2,700 hygiene kits along with basic hygiene training
- Temporary shelter for 30,000 people
- Meals for approximately 10,000 people each day
- Medical treatment to nearly 15,000 patients
- Nearly 100 mobile medical clinics

Long-term development plans through our partners:

- Develop work for food or work for cash programs
- Provide sustainable water and sanitation
- Collaborate with the UN in the construction of houses and public buildings
- Agricultural and urban livelihood restoration programs
- Community health programs

Covenant World Relief needs your support year-round.

Make your donation online, by check, or by automated electronic funds transfer. You can even designate your gift to a special project or area of interest. Learn more at www.covchurch.org/cwr.

Transforming families in India...

Parthi Bhai is a 40 year old laborer from India. The sugar refinery where he worked to earn his living was closed and he found himself without a job. He returned to his village where his wife Parobhen and six children live. The stress of caring for his family with no source of income drove him to depression. Soon Parthi Bhai became an alcoholic like other men in the village.

His wife, Parobhen, joined the women's self help group funded by Covenant World Relief where she received training in making bamboo handicrafts. Now Parobhen is able to provide for her family's needs singlehandedly. The women's group is working with Parthi Bhai on a loan from their savings so that he can start a new business. Their assurance of help gave Parthi Bhai hope for the future. Gradually his bouts of drinking reduced and he now helps his wife to earn to feed their family. The women's group has helped to make an important change in this family and community.



Small business loans made possible by your contributions are empowering Indian women to change their lives.

CWR: Much more than relief...

Covenant World Relief is about far more than relief. Actually, year-in and year-out the vast majority of CWR funds go to support long-term transformational community development.

Our mission is to "love, serve, and work together with the poor, the powerless, and the marginalized." This mission is best carried out through long-term relationships and involvement with partners throughout the world.

We are grateful for the large number of ECC churches and individuals who faithfully support the ongoing community development work of CWR throughout the year. If you are interested in a CWR staff person or advocate coming to your church or would like to learn more, please contact us.

GWR projects around the world...

Covenant World Relief supports a wide range of community development projects. The following is a sample of some of the work you are supporting through us. For more information, visit the Covenant World Relief website at www.covchurch.org/cwr.

HEALTH & NUTRITION

- Mobile medical clinics for civil war refugees (Burma)
- Mother/child nutrition (Central African Republic)
- HIV/AIDS awareness (India)
- Health training (Armenia)
- Disease prevention (Malawi)
- Nutrition for handicapped children (Uganda)

WATER

- Well construction (Afghanistan)
- Water conservation (East Asia)
- Water systems (Ethiopia)
- Irrigation (North Korea)

MICRO-ENTERPRISE

- Various small businesses (India)
- Small food business (Colombia)
- Poultry business (Kenya)

AGRICULTURE & FOOD SECURITY

- Kitchen gardens (East Asia)
- Ag coops (Central African Republic)
- Ag input techniques (Congo)
- Crop diversification (Dominican Republic)
- Soil and water management, reforestation (Guatemala)
- Crop storage and conservation (Mozambique)
- Animal husbandry (Palestine)
- Cash crops (Zambia)

EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT

- Job skills training for those leaving the commercial sex industry (Colombia)
- Women's self help groups (India)
- Village schools (Laos)
- Education for poor and at-risk children (Sudan)

OTHER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Housing for rural poor (Haiti)
- Human rights advocacy for tribal groups (India)
- Community center (Mexico)
- Training center (Thailand)



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