



CWR UPDATE

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Building Each Other Up for the Kingdom

Audrey Matimelo, PhD, serves as executive director of the Zimele Wethu Foundation (ZWF) in South Africa. CWR has the privilege of partnering with ZWF as they work with Zulu women who, as they are transformed in mind and heart, are becoming agents of transformation in their own communities. Recently, Audrey visited two CWR partner organizations in Kenya that are both engaged in women's empowerment in their communities. Pastor Simon Kamau, the director of Covenant Connections in Development (CCD) and the president of the ECC of Kenya, commented after Audrey's visit, "Our time with Audrey

has been enriching. Not only has she empowered the CCD staff and women's self-help groups, we are now highly motivated and will never be the same again."

Audrey (photo, left) also visited CWR partner Jitokeze Wamama Wafrika and wrote on Facebook about Philipine (Pini) Kidulah (photo, right), the executive director of Jitokeze, "I am standing next to an amazing lady, Pini, who is passionate for the development of the socially and economically disadvantaged women in the rural communities of Kapenguria, Kenya. I was so humbled



with the great work her organization Jitokeze Wafrika is doing." We at CWR are grateful for the network of partnerships that God has built and how they are strengthening and encouraging each other as they participate in God's mission of transformation. Thanks for your support of CWR partners around the world!



Improving Livelihoods in Honduras

COCEPRADIL is a local organization in Honduras working with the poorest families in the southern district of Lempira to develop food security and improved nutrition. Currently, 156 families in 10 communities directly benefit from this work.

A primary goal of this program is to improve the livelihoods of families by increasing the availability of and access to food in a sustainable and stable manner. To do this, COCEPRADIL works through community leaders to teach sustainable and environmentally friendly agricultural technologies. Corn and bean plots were planted in each of the ten communities, as well as vegetative propagation crops such as pineapple, yucca (casava), and fruit trees. Corn and beans yield crops within three months, whereas fruit from the trees will be seen in the

long term and provide a diversity of nutritional options for years to come.

In addition, small-scale livestock including pigs, poultry, and fish were introduced to produce meat in healthy environments for consumption and sale. These livestock will not only satisfy the basic food needs of families but will also generate additional income when they are sold.

COCEPRADIL also focuses on improving the health of children under five years old and the elderly. One way of addressing this need is by cultivating non-traditional crops of medicinal and edible plants such as aloe, oregano, and ginger. With the food and nutrition project financed by CWR, these plants, which were nearly extinct, are recovering and promoting well-being.

Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor is not in vain. —1 CORINTHIANS 15:58B

Redwan's Story

The day the army came to Redwan's village in Burma his family heard gunshots and ran out of their house. The entire village of 700 people fled toward a lush hill to take cover. Redwan and his family stayed hidden throughout the night, watching to see if the military would leave. The next morning Redwan and a few others returned to the village to grab essentials. But while he was there, his father was shot up on the hill. Redwan's wife and two children escaped with his mother and ran toward the border.

Redwan went back to the hill and found his father, bleeding, but thankfully alive. Redwan carried his father for six days toward the border of Bangladesh. Along the way they were reunited with the rest of the family. Redwan spent his entire savings to get them on a boat across the Naf River.

By the time they reached the refugee camp, his two-year-old son, five-month-old daughter, and his father-in-law were sick. He brought them all to be treated at the clinic led by Covenant World Relief partner, Medical Teams International (MTI) and their local partner, Food for the Hungry.



Story and photograph provided by CWR partner, Medical Teams International.

Soon Redwan met the Community Health Worker supervisor in the camp and asked to join the program to teach others on hygiene and sanitation. He was intrigued by the opportunity to teach people about proper hygiene and learn how to spot diseases in the community.

Just ten days after the MTI team trained Community Health Workers on how to detect diphtheria, Redwan's two children started showing symptoms. He immediately took them to the clinic where they received the proper medication. He then went to each of his neighbors' homes and made sure everyone was healthy. Since his training, Redwan has referred nine positive diphtheria cases.

Redwan is one of forty-one Community Health Workers, all Rohingya refugees, who go from house to house in the camp teaching on hygiene and sanitation, delivering needed supplies, and referring patients who might otherwise go overlooked. Redwan's work as a Community Health Worker provides the opportunity to care for his people in an impactful way. "Sometimes I worry about all the things I had to leave behind, but then I look around and I'm happy to live in community with other refugees. I'm happier than I ever was in Burma because I get to be involved in such important work." This year CWR is responding significantly to the refugee crisis. Please join us in supporting families like Redwan's at CovChurch.org/cwr/give.

CWR Women's Empowerment Projects

AROUND THE WORLD

Economic Empowerment

COLOMBIA, MEXICO, CONGO, SOMALIA, CAMEROON, SOUTH AFRICA, KENYA, SOUTH SUDAN, INDIA

Refugee Care

SYRIANS, SOUTH SUDANESE, ROHINGYA, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CONGOLESE

Vocational Training

CONGO, LAOS, ETHIOPIA, KENYA, INDIA

Emotional/Relational Healing

MEXICO, COLOMBIA, INDIA

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