



# CWRUPDATE

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## A Water Buffalo Provides New Hope

How a gift from the Covenant Cares catalog changed a family's future

My name is Shiv Chandra and I am from Bihar, India. Born in a low-caste family, I am reminded every day that I am poor, marginalized, and untouchable. Poverty wipes away any happiness my family has had. Because of my caste, I have not had an opportunity to

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go to school, to learn a trade, or even to read. It is a challenge to take care of my family members. Many times I have thought about fleeing my village, but I have not done so because of my small children.

Recently, I met Jitendra from the Hindustani Covenant Church who prayed with us about all our struggles and shared from Scripture. After a few meetings with him, he suggested that a water buffalo would bring change in our lives.

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The animal is like a new blessing for us. We are now taking proper care of it and the water buffalo is giving 14 liters of milk per day. We are selling milk in the market and earning some profit. Receiving this water buffalo is like an impossible dream coming true.

We are grateful to Jitendra and the organization for the



Shiv Chandra with his family and new water buffalo in India.

noble work done for my family and me. And now, when the buffalo gives birth to a calf, the new water buffalo will be passed along to another family.

**Learn how to make a Covenant Cares gift at [CovChurch.org/covcares](http://CovChurch.org/covcares).**

## Leave a Legacy with CWR

**A charitable bequest is one of the easiest ways you can leave a lasting impact on the ministries of the church. You may want to share this suggested language with your legal advisor: “The Evangelical Covenant Church, c/o Covenant Trust Company, 8303 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631-2903, designated for Covenant World Relief.” For more information, contact us at [cwr@covchurch.org](mailto:cwr@covchurch.org).**



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**“The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.” —ISAIAH 32:17**

# CWR Active Disaster Response Projects



Violence, Central African Republic



CAR Refugees, DR Congo



Violence, Kenya



Ebola Response, Liberia



Violence, South Sudan



Flooding, South Sudan



Flooding, India



Landslide, India



Flooding, Pakistan



Tsunami Relief, Japan



Typhoon Relief, Philippines



Syrian Refugees, Lebanon



Iraqi Refugees, Kurdistan



Tornadoes, Oklahoma



Oso Mudslide, Washington

AFRICA

ASIA

USA

## Standing against Exploitation in Mexico

A group of leaders from the Covenant Church of Mexico have formed an organization to fight abuse and exploitation. The leaders of Ministering to the Abused and Exploited in Mexico (MAEM) include Marisol Martinez, president of the Covenant Church of Mexico, Covenant missionary Janice Kelly, and ten other women and men ranging in age from young adults to retirees.



In its early stage MAEM is focusing on:

- raising awareness of domestic abuse and violence and their connection to human trafficking;
- providing relevant resources to pastors and other leaders;
- equipping pastors and other leaders to respond to instances of exploitation and abuse in their churches and communities;
- helping individuals and families heal from abuse;
- and equipping pastors and leaders to train others.

According to Janice Kelly, those being trained are “receiving biblical instruction that teaches that God’s image lies at the core of what it means to be human and that abuse is a perversion of the image of God.” CWR is grateful to be able to partner with MAEM as they carry out this vital ministry.

## Make a Gift That Matters

The new Covenant Cares catalog is now available. This holiday season and throughout the year, make a gift that matters. Several of the projects in this gift registry support Covenant World Relief ministries. Visit [CovChurch.org/covcares](http://CovChurch.org/covcares) for information.



**“If you want to do a 6-month project, plant rice. If you want to do a 10-year project, plant trees. If you want a project that will last forever, invest in people.”**

—Board chair of CWR partner organization in Goma, DR Congo-HOLD DRC