



CWR UPDATE

The Covenant World Relief Quarterly Newsletter

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Project Blue Provides Access to Clean Water

THIS IS A YEAR of special emphasis on the clean water work of Covenant World Relief through Project Blue. In this year, we have created new resources like Kids Helping Kids: Clean Water and the Walk for Water to help you and your church engage in the work of providing access to this precious resource. All gifts to Project Blue go to

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CWR water projects. Updates on what is happening because of your gifts include:

- **In Haiti**—providing a source of water for one community for the first time and a second community whose water source is unreliable.

- **In India**—drilling 8 new open wells, increasing the water availability of 6 existing wells, conserving 60,000 liters of rain

water each year, repairing 8 broken hand pumps, and drilling 12 new bore wells.

- **In Cameroon**—constructing 3 new wells, providing 40 bio sand filters, and 30 drip irrigation kits

- **In Honduras**—a water system is being constructed that will provide access to water for the first time for 106 households and 4 community centers. Each household will also build a toilet



and receive hygiene education.

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Stay updated on the progress of these projects by following CWR on facebook, twitter, and Instagram.

Hope for Women

TOGETHER with partner ACT for Congo in Goma, CWR is helping to bring hope for teen mothers. This program provides a variety of levels of care, training, and advocacy for these young women. The recent cohort of ninety-two women just completed six months of training, internships in local businesses, and final exams. Ninety women passed and received a state-issued certificate in their vocation (culinary arts, tailoring, and cosmetology).

The next cohort is just beginning. There were 656 women who came to apply for the available spaces. The cohort was selected based on their vulnerability, age, and desire to change.

Advocacy and policy change are also an important part of this partnership. Traditionally in Goma when a high-school student becomes pregnant she is automatically expelled from school. Through advocacy work by ACT for Congo, this policy has been changed in twenty schools. As well, the principals of twelve of these schools have joined with this program to help teach these vulnerable women.



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” —LUKE 4:17-19

Refugees Around the Globe...

IN THE JEWI REFUGEE CAMP in Ethiopia, sixty widows and thirty-four children from South Sudan have benefited from a recent garden project implemented by the Evangelical Covenant Church of South Sudan and funded by Covenant World Relief. This garden project helped undernourished women and children grow their own food—tomatoes, okra, onions, cabbage, and carrots. One of the coordinators of this program is Priscilla, a widow who bore twins while fleeing from the violence in South Sudan to Ethiopia.



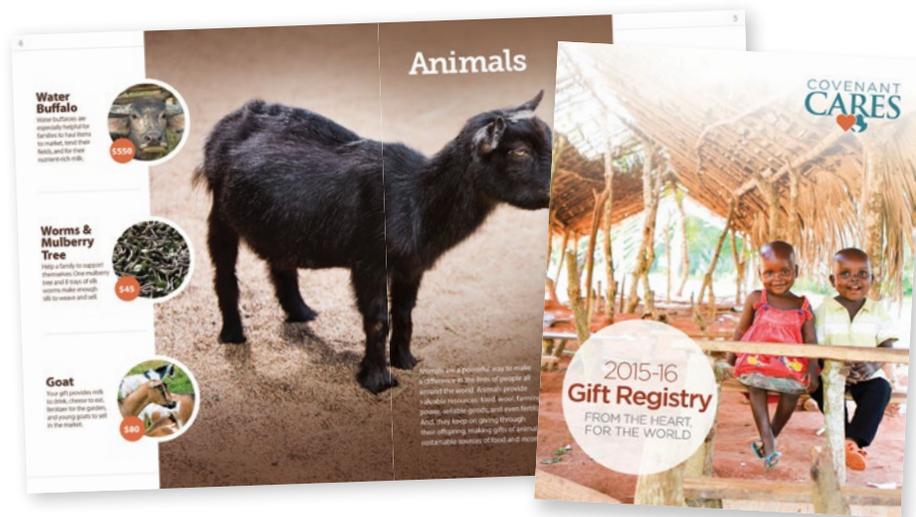
South Sudanese refugees lead a CWR program in Ethiopia.

Today there are more refugees in the world than ever previously recorded, and more than half of them are children. Because of generous donations from individuals and Covenant churches, Covenant World Relief has been able to engage with partners in caring for Syrian refugees in Lebanon and Greece, South Sudanese refugees in Ethiopia and Kenya Central African Republic refugees in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and internally displaced people in Iraq, South Sudan, and the Central African Republic. You can send designated donations to any of the above mentioned refugee projects or send a donation designated to "CWR Refugees."

You can also give online. Thank you for your partnership!

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 to make a gift today.



CWR at Work with Refugees

Refugees from South Sudan	<p>SOUTH SUDAN</p> <p>ETHIOPIA</p> <p>KENYA</p>
Refugees from CAR	<p>DR CONGO</p>
Refugees from Congo	<p>KENYA</p>
Refugees from Syria	<p>LEBANON</p> <p>GREECE</p>
Refugees from Iraq	<p>IRAQ</p>
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