

COVENANT WORLD RELIEF

Ministry Update

Loving, Serving, and Working Together with the Poor, the Powerless, and the Marginalized.



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FROM RELIEF TO DEVELOPMENT

Natural and human caused disasters are continually occurring around the world. Most receive little if any media attention. At the writing of this article, CWR is responding through our partners to recent disasters in Libya (conflict), Japan (earthquake/tsunami), Alabama (tornados), Ivory Coast (conflict), Kenya (drought), and Sri Lanka (flooding).

Response to disasters requires immediate relief— food, clothing, shelter, and medical treatment—followed by a period of recovery in which efforts are made to restore the community to the condition it was before the disaster. After a disaster relief is necessary to keep people alive and restore their communities. However, relief rarely brings about significant long-term change in the lives of people.

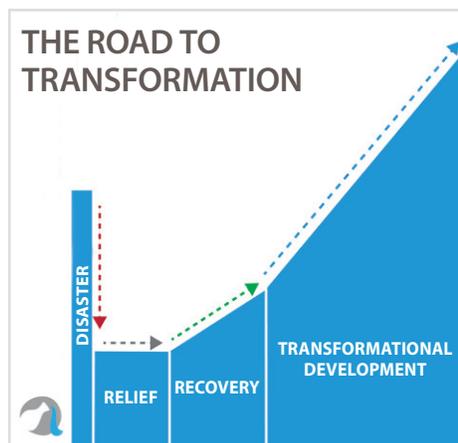
Whenever possible CWR and its partners seek to remain and participate with local people in long-term transformational community development long after the disaster is over. Long-term community development seeks to empower people to bring about transformation in themselves, their families, and the community.

CWR is still working with partners doing community development in areas devastated by the 2004 tsunami in south Asia. Work with recovery and development after Hurricane Katrina in 2005 was recently completed.

Although there is little media attention, the work of recovery and long-term development continues in Haiti. CWR has recently entered into partnership with Habitat for Humanity to work with Haitians in building houses. Nearly one million Haitians are still living in tents and other temporary housing. Also in Haiti, CWR is working with Medical Teams International to improve medical delivery systems and with World Relief in agricultural development.

We are extremely grateful to the individuals and ECC churches who make it possible for CWR to respond to disasters. In order to make it possible to respond immediately after a disaster occurs, please consider giving to our disaster relief fund.

“Do not oppress the widow, the orphan, the alien, or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.” ZECHARIAH 7:10



BACK TO SCHOOL: A NEW START FOR CONGOLESE REFUGEES

This year's Children's Service Project will provide real hope for children living in Kenya. This project benefits war refugees from Congo who have been forced to flee to Kenya. Through this project, children will be able to return to school and have a new start on their life in Kenya. The Children's Service Project provides the children in your church the opportunities to serve God and others, develop a larger view of God's Kingdom, connect with children from around the world through their stories and to help meet some of the basic needs of children living in poverty. The materials for this project will be sent to each church in July. As you think of going back to school, please consider helping these vulnerable children go back to school as well.



Congolese refugees go back to school in Kenya.



Job training provides hope for a new future in Vietnam.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING IN VIETNAM

Tran is 16 and is studying motorcycle repair in Vietnam. He left school in the sixth grade because he needed to begin making money to help support his family. His parents are day-laborers and the family is materially poor. Through the CWR vocational training project, Tran has learned the skills to help him get a safe and reliable job that will allow him to escape the cycle of extreme poverty. Even better, Tran has gained the confidence and hope that one day he could own his own motorcycle repair shop. The vocational training that Tran and 20 others in Vietnam are receiving only costs approximately \$10 per month. Would you make a designated gift to support this life-changing ministry in Vietnam?

THE COVENANT PUMP: CLEAN WATER FOR MILLIONS

As I travel around the world I am amazed at how often I find the "Covenant Pump" providing water to those who have had limited or no access to water in the past. In 1968 the Solapur Hand Pump was designed by a Swedish Covenant missionary and his Hindustani Covenant Church co-workers in Solapur, India. This pump was modified and became known as the Mark 2 Hand Pump. Through its



The Covenant Pump at work in Sudan.

mission business, Solapur Water Services, the Hindustani Covenant Church has manufactured and installed tens of thousands of the Mark 2 pumps and the newer Mark 3 models all over India. In 1975 after several improvements to the pump had been made, the design was given to UNICEF which began installing

the pumps all over the world. Today it is the largest selling hand pump in the world and there are now several million Mark 2 and Mark 3 pumps in operation. Hundreds of millions of people have access to clean water because of the Hindustani Covenant Church and the Covenant Pump.

FALL MATERIALS COMING TO YOUR CHURCH IN OCTOBER

The fall campaign materials will be available in early October and one sample set of materials will be automatically sent to your church at that time. You can expect to receive materials like a poster, brochure, extended update and a DVD. Additional free copies of these materials can be ordered from our website. These materials are designed to facilitate a CWR emphasis Sunday in your church at a time that fits your church calendar best. Many churches choose to do a CWR emphasis around Thanksgiving, but we encourage you to emphasize the ministry of CWR whenever is best for your church. If your church doesn't do an emphasis on CWR and you'd like ideas on how to share the stories and ministry of CWR with your congregation, please call us.



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