



CWR UPDATE

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Water from the Mountains of Thailand

On my recent trip to visit the Sustainable Development Research Foundation (SDRF), a CWR partner in Nan Province, Thailand, I was able to see the Sustainable Mountain Water Resource project in progress. Nam Khe is a village of about seventy families who are ethnically Lua. The village is located on the top of a mountain and we used a four-wheel drive vehicle to get up the steep mountainside. The village leader met us and showed us all that has been accomplished so far to bring clean drinking water to all parts of the village. Initially the villagers had to tap into a neighboring mountain spring four kilometers (2.4 miles) away. They then laid PVC pipe from the spring to the

village where there are several holding tanks. From there, the water is being distributed throughout the village to several water taps. Although pipe and other materials are being provided by SDRF, CWR, and the local government, all of the labor is being carried out by the villagers themselves. One of the reasons that this project will be sustainable is because the villagers own it. They take great pride in what they have accomplished with their hard labor. Thanks to all who have donated funds to Project Blue and the CWR general fund so that the villagers in Nam Khe and nearby Huay Kap villages will have access to clean water. —Dave Husby



Mosul Response: Living Amid Destruction

The villages surrounding the major Iraqi city of Mosul lie in ruins. The devastation caused by the fighting between Iraqi forces and fighters from the terrorist movement Islamic State is so severe that it reminds you of images of the aftermath of World War II.

It is devastating to see entire families fleeing—carrying everything they own. The inhabitants of the Christian village of Telasq recently returned to their looted houses after two years of displacement. Covenant World Relief through World Relief, along with local partners, have distributed blankets, mattresses, hygiene kits, kitchen utensils, and fuel to help the 1,800 returnees get through the winter.

“They are very grateful, as they have returned to nothing. Islamic State has destroyed everything,” a local staff member said. They were particularly grateful for the kerosene heaters and fuel which enable them to heat their houses. Their houses had been empty for two years, they have been looted, and there is widespread destruction. The houses of the nuns were looted and completely

destroyed, and at the cemetery all tombstones with crosses have been overturned.

In the village of Quri Khariban, about five kilometres from Mosul, World Relief distributed fuel for 144 families (more than 850 people) for the ovens that they use for heating their homes as well as cooking.

Many inhabitants first had to live through the occupation by Islamic State, then were forced to flee during heavy fighting between the terrorist movement and Iraqi forces. When they returned to their homes, the village was plundered, and now people need food, clean water, and electricity.

Many of the inhabitants of Quri Khariban belong to the minority Shabak people that have been trapped during the conflict in the area. They are now receiving help.

Additional relief items continue to be disbursed to more than 90,000 beneficiaries. These items include clean water, products for basic hygiene, and clothing and blankets to protect against the extreme heat and freezing conditions of the area.

“Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’” —JOHN 6:35



Project Blue UPDATE

CLEAN WATER IN 12 COUNTRIES

- Cameroon
- Kenya
- Colombia
- Nepal
- Ethiopia
- Somalia
- Haiti
- Thailand
- Honduras
- US
- India
- Yemen

- In at least 43 communities in 12 countries, at least **67,560 people** have received clean water, sanitation, and improved health because of Project Blue.
- In India alone, **24 new wells and 16 repaired wells** are providing clean water for 9 communities. More than 8,000 people have access to clean water for the first time.
- Project Blue has **raised more than \$400,000** including \$164,000 from churches and \$127,555 from CHIC 2015.
- There are more than **400 churches participating** in Project Blue.

Project Blue continues.
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HONDURAS
178 toilets built and access to clean water for 219 families

SOUTH SUDAN
Clean water provided to two Internally Displaced Peoples (IDPs) Camps

NEPAL & CAMEROON
Four schools now have clean water and latrines



Covenant World Relief Staff Transitions

Chrissy Palmerlee has served as a staff member of CWR for more than ten years. Recently Chrissy was asked to take the position of Director of Administration for Serve Globally. She will lead the operations for all of the entities of Serve Globally, including CWR. Chrissy will be just down the hall from CWR and she will also serve as a CWR board member.

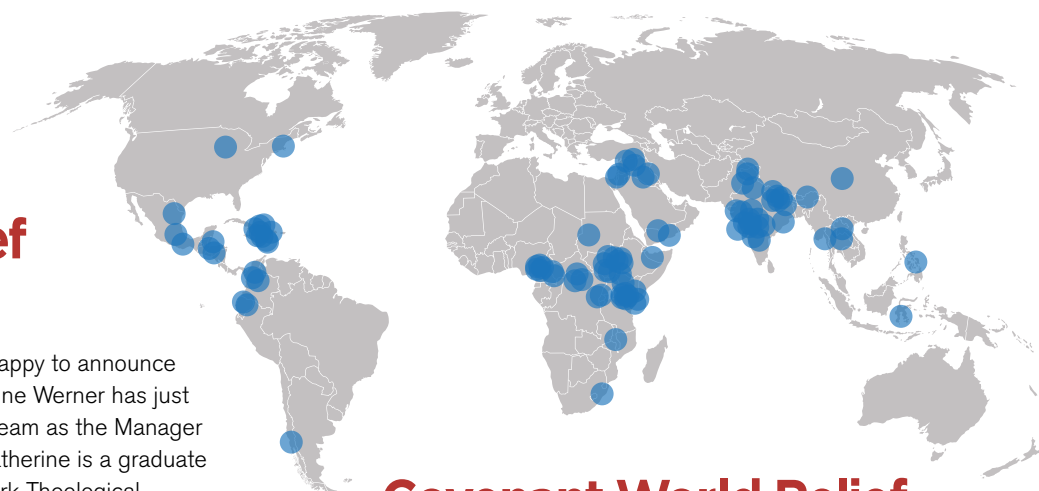
"I am incredibly grateful to continue to serve with CWR, even in a new capacity."

— CHRISSEY PALMERLEE

We are happy to announce that Catherine Werner has just joined our team as the Manager of CWR. Catherine is a graduate of North Park Theological Seminary and has been working with a non-profit organization for several years. She brings to CWR valuable expertise and experience.

"I'm excited to join in what God is doing in the world through CWR."

— CATHERINE WERNER



Covenant World Relief Projects 2016-17

Because of your generous support, CWR has supported 104 projects in 32 countries. Our work includes disaster response, education, agriculture, health, clean water, women's empowerment, microenterprise, advocacy, refugee care, human trafficking prevention and care, abuse intervention and prevention, peacemaking, and reconciliation.

Thank you for your generous support and partnership with Covenant World Relief. Here is a glimpse of your support of CWR this year!

CWR YEAR IN REVIEW

JUNE 2016-JUNE 2017



\$2.1M SENT TO
PROJECTS

104 PROJECTS
32 COUNTRIES
5 CONTINENTS

100% of every gift to CWR goes to the ministry of CWR.
90% of every gift goes directly to ministry programs.

25 **PROJECT BLUE** PROGRAMS PROVIDING CLEAN WATER IN 12 COUNTRIES

CHURCH PARTNERS

277

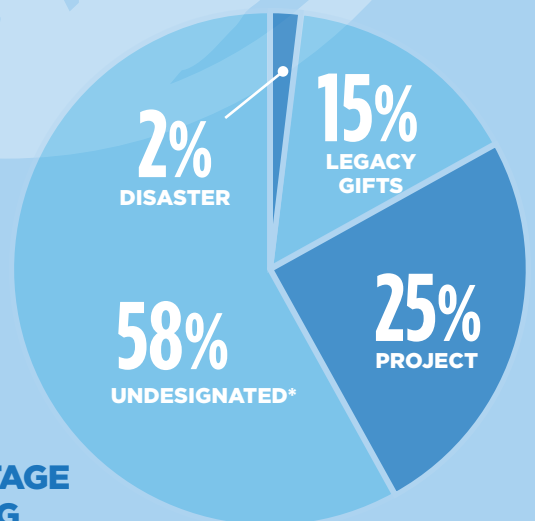
NEW DONORS

586

42 **DISASTER RESPONSE** PROGRAMS IN 19 COUNTRIES, PROVIDING MUCH-NEEDED FOOD, SHELTER, AND MEDICAL CARE

28 PROGRAMS EXCLUSIVELY SERVING **REFUGEES** AROUND THE WORLD

15 PROGRAMS FOCUSING ON **PEACEMAKING** IN THE MIDST OF FAMILY, POLITICAL, TRIBAL, AND ETHNIC CONFLICT



PERCENTAGE OF GIVING TO SPECIFIC AREAS

*Undesignated giving allows for the greatest flexibility to respond to disasters and community development

The Good News Brings Transformation in Mexico

Grecia is a faithful part of the Fuentes Libres kids club program in Oaxaca, Mexico. While she used to be intolerant of her fellow students, she now reflects biblical values learned from the Fuentes Libres staff.

Grecia was raised by her grandmother and has a lot of self-confidence. She confides in her Kids Club teachers often and even asks for prayer for her own fears and anxieties, as well as for her mother.

One day, Grecia surprised everyone when she arrived at the Kids Club with craft materials for her fellow students. She became the teacher, leading the class in making a delicious dessert.

Now Grecia is about to enter adolescence. Our deepest desire is to see her continue to grow and become a young woman who is dedicated to her education and the good news of the kingdom.



In a traditional tug-of-war two groups of people are pitted against each other. It is a competition of strength to see which group can defeat the other by pulling them over the line. Although tug-of-war is often done as a game for fun, CWR has a partner in Kenya that prefers doing an activity that they call a "tug-of-peace". Jitokeze Wamama Afrika works among poor rural farmers in West Pokot County in the areas of food security and income generation. There are several tribes and clans that have a history of being in conflict with each other, so Jitokeze seeks to build peace among these groups. Philipine Kidulah, the executive director of Jitokeze says, "In a tug-of-war people pull to protect themselves, benefit themselves, and defeat the other side; but in a 'tug-of-peace' the emphasis is on working together so that everyone's needs are met. In a 'tug-of-peace' everyone works for the benefit of the group and mutual trust is built among the participants." Jitokeze and their "tug-of-peace" is a wonderful example for us and for Jesus followers in the US, Canada, and around the world who seek to be peacemakers in their communities.

Kids Helping Kids
after
a disaster

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12-part Resource
Encouraging
Children to Serve
God & Others

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