



# CWR UPDATE

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## CWR Responds to Hunger & Famine



## South Sudan Famine Relief

South Sudan is impacted not only by multiple years of civil war, but also by a heartbreaking famine throughout the country. Hundreds of thousands of people face starvation. The tragedy is hard to imagine. In the midst of suffering, the Evangelical Covenant Church of South Sudan and Ethiopia (ECCSSE) stands as a beacon of hope. The ECCSSE is partnering with CWR and other local organizations to provide desperately needed food and nutrition supplements to those who are most vulnerable. Please give today to ensure that others are able to receive life-saving food. [CovChurch.org/cwr](http://CovChurch.org/cwr)

## Clean Water in Somaliland

Amran, 43, is the head of her household and an ethnic-minority community member living in Somaliland. Her husband's death five years ago left her widowed with eight children. Amran's eldest daughter, seventeen-year-old Ayaan, has two children of her own and lives with her mother. This community includes only two or three other families from this minority group. Unlike the rest of the community they don't have relatives or clan members to turn to when things get tough.

"Just three years ago," Amran says, "our herd of goats was nearly 200 in size. Now less than ten goats remain—and they are waiting to die in the corral without enough water or pasture. We don't have money to buy food and water for them."

After all the main water points in the community dried up, Amran had to survive by borrowing water from other residents.

"There were days when the sun set and

we didn't have a single drop to drink," she says. "One night one of my children woke up asking me for a drink of water—but when I checked there was none to give him."

Amran was relieved when the CWR-funded water delivery began. "I am glad we now have clean water to drink and for cooking. My children are now safe and no longer thirsty." She adds, "I am grateful to be a beneficiary of the water tank. I collect my forty-five liters each day, and I try hard not to waste it and to reserve it for drinking and cooking."

Amran's brother has also started participating in the cash for work initiative through CWR's local partner so that Amran's household will now be able to purchase food as well.

Thank you for your gifts to CWR's clean water initiatives so people like Amran have access to clean water.



**Rise up, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand; do not forget the oppressed.**

—PSALM 10:12



## Developing Partnership in an Indigenous Community in Colombia

At the northern tip of South America, in the Colombia department of Guajira, sits the Wayuu nation, an indigenous community. Much of Colombia has heard of the multifaceted crisis facing this region and various attempts to address and improve the situation and condition of life. The Atlantic Covenant Social Foundation (FUSPA), Covenant World Relief's local partner, decided to be a part of addressing this crisis, especially focusing on the malnutrition and education of the children in the Wayuu nation. In partnership with Covenant World Relief, and after a year of developing a relationship with one clan of the Wayuu nation, a new program is

addressing the lack of water, malnutrition of the children, educational needs, and building small businesses.

Just a couple of weeks ago in the Guajira, there was a two-day health and vision brigade to more than 400 people. led by FUSPA in partnership with Covenant missionaries and a mission team from Kingsburg, California. The team included two doctors and ten volunteers and our relationship with this clan was strengthened as the Wayuu guide this developing partnership.

—Gary Sander, Covenant missionary in Colombia.



## Family Transformation in East Asia

My name is Yangyuhua. I have known about the Evergreen Foundation, CWR's local partner, since I took my son to the library to check out a book in 2013. I like the environment of the Evergreen Community Center very much. When I sit in the library at the community center with my favorite book, I feel very peaceful and joyful. My son also likes to read books in the library, so going to the community center has become one of the most important things in my life. Evergreen parenting classes are the source of my happy relationship with my son. Because of the Evergreen Community Center, I can now see my little son growing up happily and healthily.

