



# CWR UPDATE

## 2017 Disaster Responses: Immediate and Long Term

A year and a half after an earthquake devastated Ecuador on April 16, 2016, most of the world has turned its attention elsewhere. But La Victoria Covenant Church in Manta is committed to long-term recovery through the Good Samaritan Project funded by Covenant World Relief. The project is empowering residents to start small businesses in their community that was almost completely destroyed by the earthquake. CWR is committed to standing with La Victoria Church as they bring hope and transformation to many in the city of Manta.

In the past year many areas of the world have suffered in the wake of disasters, and CWR partners are stepping in to help. Flooding and mudslides from August monsoons in South Asia affected 45 million people, including 2,000 who lost their lives. CWR partners in India and Nepal have responded in five locations. Yemen is experiencing the worst cholera outbreak in modern history with about one million people affected, and CWR is partnering with World



Relief to address this crisis. CWR partners are responding to the Rohingya refugees from Myanmar as well as refugees from Syria, South Sudan, and the Central African Republic. And CWR is partnering with the Covenant Church of Mexico as they respond to two major earthquakes in September.

In the United States, CWR is collaborating

with Love Mercy Do Justice as they take the lead in responding to destructive hurricanes (Harvey, Irma, and Maria) as well as to fires in California. We are deeply grateful to Covenant churches and individuals who generously donate through the CWR emergency response fund, as well as those who designated their gifts to specific disaster responses this year.



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# Home of Hope: From Rescue to Lives of Dignity

Covenant World Relief has been partnering with the Hindustani Covenant Church and Covenant Social Service (CSS) in India since 2006 to bring hope and restore dignity to women who are rescued from human trafficking. CSS works to break the cycle of violence in human trafficking in three ways:

1. Rescue and rehabilitate women involved in commercial sex work.
2. Provide income generation support to former commercial sex workers.
3. Restore lost childhood to children of commercial sex workers.

Prisha\* is from the southern part of Maharashtra. After her father died, her family experienced a severe financial crisis, so Prisha decided to move to Pune to look for work. But her friend who claimed to be helping her deceived her, and Prisha ended up in the red light district for seven years. One man promised to marry her and take her out of the district but he broke his promise. Last



Women at Home of Hope make communion wafers as one way to generate income for themselves and their families.

February Prisha was rescued and brought to the Home of Hope. It is very difficult for her to trust anyone because of her past experiences of betrayal. CSS staff are providing counseling support as she works through past trauma and toward a future of hope. Now she is learning to make bread and earning a monthly income.

Covenant churches can partner with

CWR to support the continued work of CSS. This fall CWR committed to working with CSS through 2022 to rescue 50 women and their children from the red light district. If your church is interested in joining with CWR to support this ministry for one, two, or five years, please contact CWR at [covenantworldrelief@covchurch.org](mailto:covenantworldrelief@covchurch.org)

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## Fulani Fruit Exchange

By ROY DANFORTH

Ngambo is a Fulani refugee from the Central African Republic who fled from armed bandits into Cameroon more than 10 years ago. He learned from one of our agroforestry seminars how to raise fruit trees and vegetables. Once a cattle herder, Ngambo is now an avid gardener in his new home and a part of the co-op network in the town of Kentzou. Recently I visited Ngambo and we walked by his fruit trees. He asked me if I could identify one of the trees he'd planted years ago through Centre d'Expérimentation et de Formation Agricole (CEFA), the CWR agricultural project. I identified it as a *rollinia*, fruit that turns soft and yellow when ripe. I explained that you simply split it open to eat all the delicious, sweet flesh. In turn, I asked him what other fruit he was growing in his garden. He pointed to a fruit (*nzonzo*) that looked like an eggplant. I asked him how to eat it and he said, "Go ahead and take a



bite!" Wow, I thought, what a great exchange of fruit knowledge. We have both added new nutritious food to our diets!

Ngambo has created a model agroforestry garden with fruit trees, vegetables, starchy roots, and other staples like corn—all intermixed and composted in one plot—which is what CEFA calls a tree garden. Ngambo has now become the expert example for the other co-ops, not only demonstrating how to set up a tree garden but also as an example of how one can truly succeed in a new place by putting one's heart into it!

Roy Danforth is a Covenant missionary in the Central African Republic.

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