



# CWR UPDATE

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## The Covenant Pump

Those who travel with me as we drive through the countryside around the world probably get tired of hearing me say, "There's another Covenant Pump!" The India Mark 2 Deep Well Hand Pump aka, The Covenant Pump, was designed in Solapur, India in 1986 by Swedish Covenant missionary, Oscar Carlsson, along with his colleagues from the Hindustani Covenant Church. The Mark 2 is the most widely used hand pump in the world. There are now millions of these Covenant Pumps in many countries. We give thanks to God that hundreds of millions of

people in the world now have access to water because of the Covenant Pump.

Providing access to clean water has been the primary focus of Project Blue since its kickoff at CHIC last July. More than \$200,000 has been raised. Water projects are being funded from Project Blue in Cameroon, Ethiopia, Kenya, Yemen, Nepal, India, Honduras, and Haiti. We give thanks to God and to all who have generously given so that others can be blessed with the precious resource of water.

—Dave Husby



## Meet Desange in DR Congo

Desange gave birth to her son at age 17 in Goma, Congo. She dropped out of high school for a year but then went back and completed her diploma. She struggled to provide for her son and eventually joined the tailoring class with CWR partner HOLD (Holistic Organization for Lasting Development). After passing the certification test in tailoring, Desange became a peer educator for HOLD, sharing what she has learned about women's rights, health, and care for the environment with her community. With her

small income, she saved and purchased a sewing machine. She now has a successful tailoring business. Two years ago Desange was elected as president of the association of HOLD's women's support groups. Last April she started the Friends of Nature kids club. Desange recently enrolled at a local university in a five-year community development degree program and is paying her own tuition. This April Desange got married. She made her wedding dress and her husband's suit. She also made



the dress she is wearing in this photo. She is a delightful person filled with confidence and hope and she desires to help other young single mothers who are struggling like she did in the past.

## Planned Giving to CWR

Gifts to Covenant World Relief usually come from current funds (cash, appreciated stock, or a qualified IRA distribution) but deferred gifts are vital to the ongoing ministry of CWR. You can make a planned gift by naming CWR a beneficiary of a trust, will, IRA, or life income agreement. These important gifts enable us to partner in life transforming work around the globe.

For more than 25 years, Covenant Trust Company has supported CWR by facilitating and managing current and deferred gifts. As you consider giving to CWR today or making a deferred gift, contact CWR or Covenant Trust Company to learn more about your charitable giving options.

**I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.** —EZEKIEL 34:16

# Organic Farming Taking Root in Laos

One hundred and fifty-seven families in rural Laos are now benefiting from a long-term, holistic program in organic farming. Farmers are raising soy beans, mulberries, and other cash crops. They are also producing silk from the silkworms that feed on the mulberries that can be sold in market. Through this program, 600 families will have stable livelihoods within 5 years.



# Partnering with Covenant Hispanic Pastors

Recently, Danny Martinez, the president of MHIPE, the association of Hispanic pastors and leaders in the ECC, had the opportunity to travel with CWR to Mexico and visit several CWR partners. Here is what he had to say:

*We were blown away by the incredible work that our denomination is doing with the poorest of the poor, with education initiatives, the prevention of human trafficking and with microloans to disadvantaged women. The stories and the people we heard from and spoke to will be in my memory for years to come.*

# Kids Helping Kids: Peacemaking

The Kids Helping Kids: Peacemaking curriculum is now available. This FREE resource is a supplemental curriculum for the children in your congregation to learn what it means to be a peacemaker here and around the world. This guide can be used in your congregation in just 5-10 minutes at a time.

Resources available now at [CovChurch.org/kidshelpingkids](http://CovChurch.org/kidshelpingkids)



# CWR Active Disaster Response Projects

 DR Congo

 Ethiopia

 South Sudan

 India

 Japan

 Nepal

 Philippines

 Ecuador

 Mississippi

 Michigan

 Oklahoma

 Lebanon

 Yemen

 Greece

AFRICA

ASIA

LATIN AMERICA

USA

MIDDLE EAST

EUROPE