



CWRD UPDATE

THE COVENANT WORLD RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

FALL 2021

Partner Ministry Highlights

FACE Ecuador

The Ecuadorian Community Advancement Foundation (FACE)

has been developing a holistic process of domestic violence prevention and support for victims as part of their community public health program.

FACE, a six-year partner of CWRD, supports families by providing access to health resources through the Emmanuel Medical Center. In the midst of Covid-19, FACE has come alongside families by supplying Covid-19 tests and holistic treatment for those impacted by the coronavirus.

One participant says, "My name is Isabel Tuquerres. I am 50 years old.

I went to the Emanuel Medical Center to take a rapid test for Covid-19, which came back positive. I am very grateful to God, the staff of the Emanuel Medical Center, and the school engineer for all the support that they have given me in these moments and throughout the process of my illness. I am currently well, recovering, and continuing with my therapies that are needed due to the consequences of Covid-19."



Water1st International

Lack of access to clean water impacts far more than people's ability to stay properly hydrated. Residents of Los Reales, Honduras, spent hours every day gathering contaminated water. The health, education, time capacity, social dynamics, and economy of the entire community was suffering.

That was until CWRD partner Water1st partnered with the community of Los Reales to put in miles of pipelines. Not only does that new water system

empower the community with improved health, time saved, healthier crops, and the ability for children to be fully engaged in school—but the community has also gained a greater sense of their capacity to address the problems they face.

The members of the newly established local water committee are now equipped with skills and confidence to continue thriving independently for generations to come.

Give justice to the weak and the fatherless;
maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

Psalm 82:3



Musalaha

Musalaha is a Covenant World Relief & Development partner ministry that supports Israeli and Palestinian community leaders. These individuals have developed relationships and begun the work toward reconciliation by addressing issues of identity and historical narrative. This year, Palestinians and Israelis of various faiths (Jewish, Muslim, and Christian) joined together for a workshop facilitated by Musalaha on social transformation and sustainable ways to engage in environmental change. Afterward, participants worked together to clean up a community patch of land.

We are thankful to Musalaha and other CWRD global partners for being part of the conversation about the importance of creation care and cross-cultural reconciliation and coming alongside to strengthen communities through this holistic call to action.



CWRD Responds to Ethiopia Crisis

Since war broke out in Ethiopia last November, more than 1.7 million people have been displaced and thousands have been killed. As the conflict continues, the crisis worsens for the most vulnerable people. The region is now on the brink of famine far beyond emergency levels. Those most at risk are children below the age of five and pregnant women. Systematic rape is being used as a weapon against women and children. Crops and livelihoods have been destroyed, and only a fraction of healthcare centers and hospitals are fully functioning. Pockets of resistance from bandits are antagonizing both humanitarian and government agents, making it impossible to

send aid to some of the hardest hit areas of the country.

Thankfully, several CWRD global partners have been able to assist suffering people of Tigray with on-the-ground relief. They are administering life-saving medical care to those suffering from physical and emotional abuse.

Yet fundraising is difficult for these partners. We ask on their behalf to please consider giving to the CWRD disaster relief fund. Your gift will help our global partners come alongside millions in Ethiopia who are experiencing extreme devastation and fear amid this crisis.

To give, visit covchurch.org/cwrd/give.



India Crisis Response Update

Covenant World Relief & Development continues to respond to the devastating Covid-19 crisis in India by providing immediate relief and identifying avenues of long-term support. Please pray and consider giving to come alongside our brothers and sisters who are suffering.

To give, choose “*India Covid-19 Relief*” in the drop-down menu at covchurch.org/cwrd/give.

Covenant Kids Congo and the FREE Initiative are also ministries of CWRD!

Covenant Kids Congo Launches a New Initiative

Chosen is a new sponsorship opportunity that invites and empowers children to choose their sponsors. Nearly 250 children have been sponsored this year through this initiative. If you would like to learn more, contact covenantkidscongo@covchurch.org.

We also recently expanded our programming to include Karawa, home to Paul Carlson Partnership's Karawa Hospital. Schedule your Hope Sunday today!

Learn more at covchurch.org/ckc.

FREE Initiative

The FREE initiative is the Evangelical Covenant Church's commitment to praying, learning, giving, and acting domestically and internationally in collective opposition to sex trafficking.

FREE global and domestic partners are engaged in the holistic and transformative work of anti-sex trafficking through prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation that seeks to support survivors and break the supply and demand cycle. Alongside our partners, we mobilize individuals and local churches to strengthen the movement.

To give and learn more, go to covchurch.org/free.



CWRD Sunday Is November 21

We invite all Covenant churches to participate in Covenant World Relief & Development Sunday! On Sunday, November 21, 2021 (or any other Sunday that works best for your church), your congregation can highlight and celebrate the ways God is at work through CWRD partners around the world.

Now more than ever as the world continues to battle the Covid-19 pandemic, CWRD needs your generous financial support. By taking the opportunity to engage in CWRD Sunday, your church can help fuel our partners' global response to the pandemic, natural and human-caused disasters, and transformational development.

To learn more about CWRD Sunday visit covchurch.org/cwr. For ideas on preparing for your church's CWRD Sunday go to covchurch.org/cwr/for-churches/.

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A New Name

In case you haven't heard about our name change, "CWR" is now "CWRD:" *Covenant World Relief & Development!* Our work and values that you know, love, and support have not changed. Our name has changed to more truly reflect the work of sustainable transformation in communities through long-term development strategy that has always been at the forefront of our commitment together with our global partners.

CWRD YEAR IN REVIEW

JULY 2020-JUNE 2021

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

38 PARTNERS & ORGANIZATIONS



45 COUNTRIES



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CWRD IS ACTIVE IN ALL REGIONS OF SERVE GLOBALLY—AFRICA, ASIA, LATIN AMERICA, MENA, AND EUROPE

\$1.74M
TOTAL SENT
\$634K
TO COVID-19 RELIEF

**MICRO-FINANCE/
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**
10 COUNTRIES

AGRICULTURE
12 COUNTRIES

**DISASTER
RESPONSE
& COVID-19**
28 COUNTRIES

CHILDREN
5 COUNTRIES

HEALTH
8 COUNTRIES

**PEACEMAKING/
RECONCILIATION**
7 COUNTRIES

**WOMEN'S
EMPOWERMENT**
9 COUNTRIES

REFUGEES
2 COUNTRIES

**ANTI-HUMAN
TRAFFICKING**
2 COUNTRIES

WATER
6 COUNTRIES

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**COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS**

100% of every gift to CWRD goes to ministry. **90%** of every gift goes directly to ministry programs. God has blessed us with increased partnerships and projects. **We depend fully on you to continue this ministry.** If you would like to learn more about giving to CWRD, please contact us at cwrdd@covchurch.org.



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