



# CWR UPDATE

## Clean Water in India

Water changes lives. One in ten people worldwide lack access to clean water and on average must walk 3.7 miles to find a water source that may often be contaminated. Access to clean water does more than just promote good health and sanitation. When people, namely women and girls, no longer have to spend time and energy walking to collect water for household tasks like cooking, cleaning, and washing, they are freed to attend school, enter the workforce, and better their families and communities.

CWR partners with the Hindustani Covenant Church (HCC) to address the growing water crisis in India. The region of South Solapur, India, has continuously suffered from water scarcity. Large-scale sugarcane

farms and factories are diverting a large part of the water supply which in turn affects smaller farmers and their families who are trying to keep themselves and their livestock alive.

Several HCC staff members are experts in the field of watershed management and are pursuing different solutions to the water problems in South Solapur. They supervise the construction of new wells and, with each water project, they are finding ways to be environmentally conscious by contouring the land in order to recharge wells through rainwater and prevent runoff. This ensures the growth of crops and the sustainability of drinking water sources. We are so grateful to all who continue to support CWR water partners who are transforming lives.



Learn more and give at [CovChurch.org/projectblue](http://CovChurch.org/projectblue).

## Shared Crops Brings Peace Between Kenyan Communities

David Husby, director of CWR, recently had the privilege of visiting the work of CWR partner Jitokeze Wafrika in West Pokot County, Kenya. Jitokeze Wafrika serves alongside farmers, the majority of whom are women, in parched areas of West Pokot who face the greatest vulnerability to drought and conflict.

Philipine (Pini) Kidulah, executive director of Jitokeze Wafrika, seeks to empower these women so that they realize their potential to overcome poverty and vulnerability as well as their potential to nurture and lead their communities into realizing the vision of self-reliance, peace, and sustainability. "Her

concept of empowerment begins at home base with her team, an outstanding group of folks who pour their hearts and souls into serving the people with dignity and love," reflected Debbie Blue, former executive minister of Love Mercy Do Justice, as she visited with Pini.

David and a small team met with one Pokot community (photo) that shared wonderful stories of transformation. One of the challenges this community has faced for many years is the ongoing conflict with a neighboring Marakwet community. Last year representatives from



each community met to discuss ways to address the conflict between the two groups. They decided to plant crops together in a shared field. When harvest time came, they shared the fruits of their labor equally between the two communities. We thank God for this tremendous model of peace-building and the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of community members.

# From Beneficiary to Volunteer: Changing Lives in Mexico

The community of Dos Cerros (Two Hills), located in the southern part of Monterrey, Mexico, is rewriting its story. The community has a high rate of poverty and a dynamic history of violence and organized crime. Less than one percent of the community's income is invested in education. Their school dropout rate of 23.5% is significantly above the national average. The discouraging statistics continue: 12% of children between 3 and 15 do not attend school and only 6.04% of high school students go on to college.

La Fundación para el Desarrollo Familiar (Family Development Foundation), also known as Fundefam, is a CWR partner committed to changing these statistics for the better. Fundefam leads classes and activities for all ages that reinforce positive values, lift self-esteem, and strengthen the holistic development of women, men and children in order to

bring about transformation in their personal lives so they can change their community.

Last year, 78 children enjoyed a safe place in the summer camp run by Fundefam. One of these children was a 12-year-old girl named Alondra who grew up attending the Kids Clubs run by Fundefam but has now graduated from the program. "We can see the seed of service growing," says Ana Bello, a Fundefam Kids Club staff leader speaking about Alondra. "There was nothing closer to the heart of Alondra than this little club she belonged to for so long. She has been participating in Kids Club activities for 5 years and asked us to be a volunteer with the children's club, to serve as she was served, to love as she was loved, and to promote the transformation and peace, with



Alondra (left) with a friend at Kids Club.

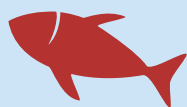
which she was transformed. We will continue accompanying her, so that she can live into all her gifts and follow the most sublime example—that is the one of Christ, who calls us to serve."

Please join us in praying with Fundefam, as they seek to empower the powerless by sharing the love of Christ, restoring broken relationships, and lifting up children to lead and serve as agents of change.

Would you like CWR to visit your church? Contact us at [cwr@covchurch.org](mailto:cwr@covchurch.org).

## Animals are Part of Community Transformation

Animals provide food as well as clothing, income generation, and fertilizer for crops.



### FISH

Central African Republic  
Honduras

### SHEEP

India · Somaliland



### CHICKENS

Central African Republic  
Honduras · India · Kenya  
Somaliland · South Africa

### COWS

Central African Republic  
Ecuador · Kyrgyzstan  
India · Laos



### GOATS

India · Nepal · Somaliland

### CAMELS

Kenya · Somaliland



### SILKWORMS

Laos

### PIGS

Honduras



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