



COVENANT WORLD RELIEF Ministry Update

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In it together...

Covenant World relief prepares for another busy year

Clean water. Education for refugees. A community center serving the needs of entire families—babies, children, mothers, fathers, grandparents. HIV/ AIDS education. Seeds to plant and land to farm. Empowering women. Human rights advocacy.

This is just a sample of the impact Covenant World Relief projects are having around the world. Twenty-one new community development projects have just been recommended by the Commission on Covenant World Relief and approved by the ECC Executive Board. These ministries are in addition to several other ongoing projects and CWR's

disaster response.

These projects all embody one of the core values of CWR: partnering with others. Partnership empowers local ministry, increases local involvement, reduces overhead, and facilitates immediate response to the most vulnerable. By working with others, CWR is able to leverage human and financial resources to have a more significant impact.

Through partnership and collaboration, we are all transformed more into the likeness

of Christ. We need one another.

Together with churches and Christian organizations throughout the world, Covenant World Relief is loving, serving, and working together with the poor, the powerless, and the marginalized in the name of Christ. **CWR**



With the creation of a new water point, a Bangladeshi woman has access to clean water

2010 CWR projects around the world...

- **Afghanistan Well Project.** Clean water in a poor village with no potable water
- **Albania Community Health Evangelism (CHE).** Construction of sewer mains, training and education for an entire community
- **Bangladesh Water Project.** Access to clean water, toilets and hygiene education for the urban poor
- **Central African Republic Farming.** Vegetable and field crops, pasture, livestock and aquaculture project
- **Central Asia Animal Loan Project.** Providing a central herd of sheep to be loaned to community members to create their own herd so they can provide a sustainable livelihood for their families
- **Central Asia Micro-Enterprise.** Small business in agriculture and reforestation to provide for community needs
- **Central Asia Peanut Butter Business.** Micro-financing of a peanut butter business for the local community as a training facility in business as well as to provide nutritional support for local orphans
- **Colombia Chicken-Egg Project.** Chicken-egg production for nutrition and financial support of a school for at-risk children
- **Colombia Education Center.** Construction of a day center for early childhood education and community support for the elderly
- **East Asia Water.** Water pasteurization, education on the health and environmental risks of coal burning
- **India for Christ Ministries (IFCM).** Holistic community development and sustainable livelihood support
- **India Rural Evangelical Foundation (IREF).** Community development projects that will provide clean water, access to toilet facilities, microfinance loans to begin small business, education of children
- **India Tribal Projects** with Covenant Social Services and Hindustani Covenant Church. Holistic community development in rural areas targeting tribal and low-caste communities by providing women's empowerment, access to healthcare, micro-finance, education
- **India Truthseekers.** Caste reconciliation and community development projects
- **Kenya Education.** Schooling for Congolese refugees in partnership with the Evangelical Covenant Church of Kenya
- **Sudan At-Risk Children.** Provision of food, vocational training and emotional support for vulnerable and orphaned children, Evangelical Covenant Church of Sudan
- **Thailand Fish Farm.** Tilapia production system in the HIV/ AIDS-affected community
- **Togo Fistula Repair.** Fistula repair surgery for women with training, loans and micro-enterprise support after their surgery
- **VietNam Vocational Training.** Vocational training for children living on the street in urban areas
- **Advocacy to end hunger.** With Bread for the World, we are urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad
- **Disaster Response in Multiple Countries.** In partnership with World Relief, CWR responds to disasters around the world with immediate relief

Love for Muslim neighbors in Central Asia

"JB" IS ONE OF ONLY A FEW CHRISTIANS in his region where 99% of the people are Muslim.

The natural tendency for small groups of believers is to isolate themselves from the Muslim majority. However, several years ago JB saw the plight of his poor Muslim neighbors and began a sheep project for those with few or no animals.

Covenant World Relief provided much of the funding and this year will provide new funding to expand the program to more families in the area because of the success of the first project.

Christ followers are often marginalized and persecuted, but the community has recognized JB's leadership skills, compassion for the poor, and integrity. Amazingly last year JB was elected as the leader of the community and a representative in the national parliament.

The Kingdom is like a mustard seed growing in Central Asia. **CWR**



Sheep and goats provide a livelihood for families in Central Asia.

CWR Staff: It takes a village...

HOW MANY STAFF do you think Covenant World Relief has? As we travel and ask this same question, the answers vary but are always higher than reality.

We currently employ only two people: David Husby, director and Chrissy Palmerlee, department services manager for Compassion, Mercy, and Justice who shares her time with a variety of ministries.

Though our staff is small, we are able to do all that we do because of the work of many volunteers. We want to especially thank:

- our partners around the world who oversee and manage development projects
- other ECC staff, especially those in finance and communication
- the Commission on Covenant World Relief
- our volunteers and interns for all the ways they give their time and talents.

We are thankful for the wonderful team we have and the significant ways you each give of your unique gifts. Thank you! If you are interested in volunteering or getting more involved, please let us know. **CWR**



A Haitian church serves as temporary housing, a school and distribution point for relief supplies.

Haiti Update: Relief, recovery, and development continues

MORE THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS has been contributed to CWR for relief, recovery, and development in Haiti. Two-thirds of the funds have been disbursed. CWR will use the remaining funds and those that continue to be raised for recovery and long-term development in the months and years to come.

Some highlights of the ongoing work in Haiti include:

- 2,700 families participating in the Plant with a Purpose program to reduce food insecurity and provide for agricultural recovery
- 184,000 people have received medicine and supplies
- 21,000 people have received medical treatment
- 400,000 meals provided
- 750,000 gallons of water distributed
- 12 wells created
- 48,000 tarps distributed for emergency shelter

Dr. Cindy Hoover, an ECC missionary in Mexico, will be volunteering her services with our partner Medical Teams International (MTI) for a month this summer.

David Husby is a member of the World Relief Haiti Task Force which will make decisions about the ongoing recovery and development work in Haiti over the next several years.

The work in Haiti continues and we appreciate your ongoing support and prayers. For more information on how you can help the effort in Haiti, visit www.covchurch.org/cwr, or email covenantworldrelief@covchurch.org. **CWR**



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