

prayer joins



Poverty

The poor are trapped in a web of disadvantages. Understanding what causes poverty is an important part of choosing the best response to it.



Most of these beautiful children will

- ▶ never finish grade 6
- ▶ not learn any trade other than traditional farming
- ▶ see their mother beaten by their father many times
- ▶ learn to lie about their age so their parents can get cheaper bus fare
- ▶ hide when their father comes home drunk
- ▶ have intestinal parasites from contaminated water making them unhealthy

Most of their parents

- ▶ cannot adequately feed their family
- ▶ can only afford substandard community schools

- ▶ lose livestock regularly to neighbourhood thieves
- ▶ watch their mud houses collapse under mudslides
- ▶ contribute to the purchase of the town patron saint because of social pressure
- ▶ have no recourse when their contracted crops are rejected by the buyer
- ▶ are unfairly tried because they don't have bribe money for the judge
- ▶ are indebted for years to loan sharks who charge 20% monthly interest
- ▶ pay religious leaders high fees to cover the sins of ancestors
- ▶ sell their possessions at pitiful prices when there is a family medical emergency

CRWRF Best Practice:

God needs to be the centre of all work that responds to poverty, social problems, injustice, and spiritual darkness. Programs that integrate the Gospel with practical help can keep harmful cycles of poverty from passing on to the next generation. CRWRF works with partners who share this vision.

FAMILY DEVOTIONS - PROVERBS 22:7;
EZEKIEL 16:49; JAMES 2:14-18

What command can you hear in all three of these passages? Thinking about poverty on a worldwide level can be overwhelming. Where should we start if we want to do something about it? Biblically, we start with our own family, then our church, and then our neighbourhood. For those able to reach out further, we encourage you to pick one of the projects listed in the prayer section below. Learn more about how you can be involved in any project by visiting www.crwrf.ca.

PRAY FOR

- ✎ Education and care of orphaned children in Kenya
- ✎ Literacy and educational programs in Sudan and Guatemala
- ✎ Protection for young girls from excision practices in Mali
- ✎ Support for the families of AIDS patients in South Africa