



CHAIRMAN'S report CLARENCE TOGERETZ

ANOTHER YEAR OF BLESSINGS

"We are His workmanship, created in Christ for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" —EPHESIANS 2:10.

As we have been shown grace, given freely as a gift from God, may we continue to show grace to others around us, even to the ends of the earth, that "they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" — MATTHEW 5:16. This year has been one of new partnerships and changes. Just as many of us experience peace and prosperity and many freedoms, many more suffer from the ravages of sin and greed and a fallen world. Many thanks to those who have reached out in love with prayer, time, finances and other means to alleviate some of the suffering in the world.

Recently CRWRF has taken over responsibility of the MUFU home in Kenya, previously supported by Manna in Edmonton. We praise God for a smooth transition and continue to pray for and support the many needy children in Africa. CRWRF has also started to support the work of an orphanage and school in Hyderabad, India. Another exciting partnership is also beginning with the board of mission aid (BOMA) Smithville working in Timor, Indonesia.

We thank God for the opportunities He has presented us this year. We also praise Him for His grace in enabling us to be a blessing to the nations.

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SECRETARY'S Report

SHEILA KAMSTRA

"The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all his creation." — PSALM 145:9

Recently, I read the account of a suffering saint and his experience when sharing this with his friend. The friend's response was a simple tear-filled statement, "I'm so sorry." The author writes, "With those words and tears, she stepped right into my pain and sat beside me. I never felt so loved." Truly, this is the fuel that drives the engine of the work of this Board - love! Although we are accountable for the use of the gifts given, our love is unconditional; this we learn from our Servant Saviour Jesus Christ!

CRWRF endeavours to function as an international extension of your local church's deaconry. Whether poverty is material or relational, with poverty comes suffering! The Board of CRWRF is deeply privileged to be invited into the experience of our international neighbours' suffering and walk with them into the hope of God's abundance. We have been blessed to share your offerings with the poor in India, Timor, Kenya, South Africa, Haiti, Nigeria, Syria, Jordan, Ethiopia, Mexico, Kentucky and Brazil. This year, together with the League of Christian Schools and the CARE Committee, we have supported the development of a curriculum unit that will give our Grade 7/8 students a window into the lives of some of our international neighbours. We hope to have it in circulation for the next school year. We pray that God will bless the engagement of our students as they develop their understanding of how God will use them as instruments of love in His Hand.

TREASURER'S Report

WILL HAVENAAR

"Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!" — PSALM 105:1

Praise the Lord! Another year has passed and once again through your prayers and financial support CRWRF was able to fulfill its project commitments and provide financial aid for global disaster relief and rehabilitation. Our total expenditures for 2016 are \$747,268, with \$373,432 dispersed for disaster relief and rehabilitation projects. The pie chart to the right illustrates where the balance of the money was distributed.

On behalf of CRWRF I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

MAKING A REAL **Impact:**

TUMAINI CHILDREN'S HOME KENYA

Bill was rescued from the streets of Kitale in 2009 where he was struggling to survive, eating food from the garbage and sniffing glue. After joining AIC Tumaini Children's Home, he had opportunity to go to school and receive counseling. The Home provided him with clothing, proper diet, bedding and spiritual nourishment. Despite all this, he tried to run from the centre several times. However, with concerted counseling efforts and spiritual guidance, he improved drastically. In 2016 Bill was given an award by the school as the most improved student academically. He hopes to become an accountant after completing his education. His greatest desire is to help his family to overcome the challenges that forced him to run away and seek refuge on the streets of Kitale. He also wants to help other children who have been rescued from the streets.



MUFU HOME KENYA

When support began over 35 years ago, Mufu Home was an orphanage. Over the years administrators came to realize that there is lasting benefit for children if they are able to be reunited with family, so programs for family support were initiated. Mufu Home is now a rescue home, a place for the most vulnerable in society who have no safe place to go to. A social worker visits the families of the children to teach, encourage, and give other help needed to enable parents to care for the rescued child. In the meantime, the children are provided with all they need in a Christian environment. The home is in a very poor rural area but known among locals as a place that helps those most in need.

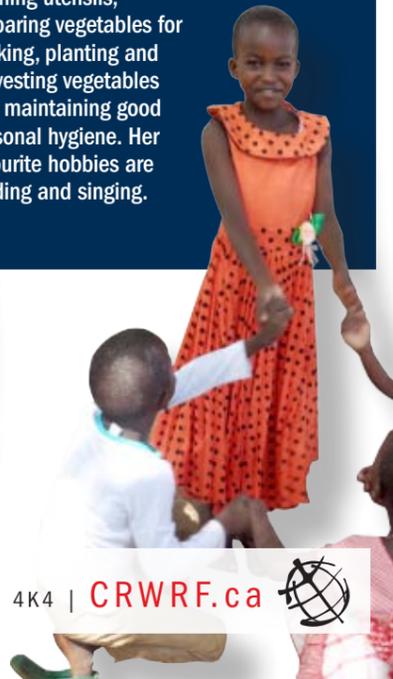
Eliud came as a young child. He dropped out of high school and then refused to continue his education after high school due to peer pressure. Good counselling turned him around, and he is now ready to continue his education. Mary was also very young when she came to Mufu Home. She had been abandoned by her family, to the care of a very old great-grandmother who was not able to care for her. She is now a happy teen, waiting to start a college program.



ACHEGO CHILDREN'S HOME KENYA

Velma, aged 5, was rescued in October 2013 after her mother, while collecting firewood to sell, was brutally murdered by cattle rustlers along the Luo-Kalenjin border. Immediately after the burial, Velma was referred to Achego Children Home for custody. Velma was in shock and was not able to speak - she was very traumatized.

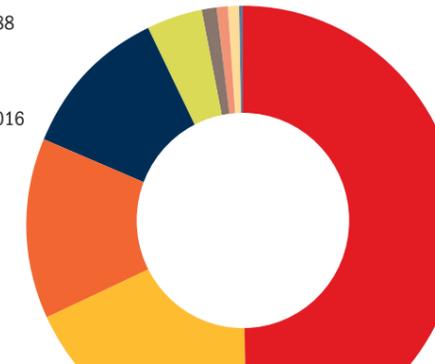
She received counseling before being enrolled in pre-primary school in 2014. Since then, Velma's performance has been excellent, and she is now enrolled in class two at Achego's Junior Academy. Besides academics, Velma has also been actively involved in extracurricular activities in her school such as singing, and reciting memory verses and poems. At the children's home, she has been trained how to perform various chores including washing her clothes, cleaning, washing utensils, preparing vegetables for cooking, planting and harvesting vegetables and maintaining good personal hygiene. Her favourite hobbies are reading and singing.



2016 EXPENDITURES

- ▶ DISASTER RELIEF & REHABILITATION - \$373,432
- ▶ CHILD DEVELOPMENT - \$137,000
- ▶ HIV/AIDS RESPONSE - \$97,879
- ▶ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - \$86,794
- ▶ ADMINISTRATION - \$30,954
- ▶ PROJECT MONITORING - \$8,292
- ▶ GLOBAL AWARENESS EDUCATION - \$6,335
- ▶ PROMOTION - \$5,988
- ▶ FAITHWORKS - \$594

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 2016
\$747,268



SEE THE
Numbers:



186 families X
2 bags of milk/month -
4,464
BAGS OF MILK

SYRIA MILK & DIAPERS PROJECT
CONTRIBUTION: \$63,000
PARTNERS: Funded by CRWRF through World Renew, with local partner LSESD in Lebanon
MILK: 186 families, 2 bags of milk per month (total 4,464 bags of milk)
DIAPERS: 95 families, 2 bags of diapers per month (total 2,280 bags)

Assisting Syrian refugees, specifically vulnerable families with very young children (babies & toddlers).

FOOD VOUCHERS PROJECT
CONTRIBUTION: \$70,000
PARTNERS: Contributed to partner World Renew, working with local partner LSESD in Lebanon (Bekaa Valley)
Assisting 1,235 families with a \$40 food voucher each month. Vouchers can be redeemed at local shops and merchants for food or basic necessities.

OTHER PROJECTS IN 2016

Some smaller amounts of R&R funding were used for:
- Kenya Crisis Relief, following the unrest in the Achege area. Contribution \$10,000; Partner: African Inland Church (AIC)
- HBC Zisize In response to increasing needs and escalating food prices in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, a one-time additional contribution of \$10,000 was sent for the purchase of food parcels.
- Fort McMurray, Alberta: \$5,000 for rehabilitation and resettlement of residents after the wildfire.



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PEOPLE GIVEN FOOD AND SHELTER

INDIA
CHENNAI FLOODING RELIEF & REHABILITATION
CONTRIBUTION: \$20,000
PARTNER: Help-A-Child-India
Assisting those in the poor areas of Chennai to rebuild homes and livelihoods after the devastating floods.
CONTRIBUTION: \$10,000
PARTNER: Oikonomos Ministries
Assistance to provide immediate relief (food & shelter) to 65 Christians, displaced because of the floods.

LIBERIA
PROJECTS RUTH & KUMBEDIO
CONTRIBUTION: \$20,000
PARTNER: Samaritan's Purse Canada
Project Ruth contributes to emotional, spiritual and economic recovery for the households of women in Monrovia who lost their husbands to Ebola.
Kumbedio is a new project that would carry on and expand the much needed survivor support interventions.




1,600
HOUSEHOLDS GIVEN SEEDS

HAITI
EMERGENCY RESPONSE
CONTRIBUTION: \$25,000
PARTNERS: World Renew, Canadian Foodgrains Bank & FIDA (Foundation for International Development Assistance)
The project provided three months of food assistance and an immediate supply of seeds to 1,600 households in the area of Pestel in Grand'Anse. Food assistance is critical to meeting short-term needs without resorting to negative coping strategies. Corn and bean seeds are provided so that farmers can plant crops with shorter growing seasons.

MAKING A REAL
Impact:

NEW HOPE ORPHANAGE
TIMOR
Erna came to New Hope from the Island of Rote. Erna enrolled in elementary school, but never did very well. She did graduate despite the fact that she could hardly read and write. Poor dental hygiene resulted in bad teeth to the point of losing one of her front teeth. Because of this gap her speech is distorted, and people often have difficulty understanding her. Erna also suffered from emotional scars resulting from her experiences as a young child, never having been part of a healthy family. Overall we are thankful that she is thriving in the New Hope family; she has gained weight, adapted very well to the routines, and gets along well with fellow residents and counselors. Above all we are thankful to see the spiritual growth that is evident in her eagerness to read and discuss the Bible and to attend church and catechism.
Please pray for Erna and the many others like her, that they may receive 'New Hope' and that their hearts and lives may be changed through the work of the Holy Spirit.




42,300

People given emergency famine relief:

ETHIOPIA DROUGHT
CONTRIBUTION: \$70,000
PARTNERS: World Renew, Foodgrains Bank, Food for The Hungry
Providing famine relief for 41,000 families in the Dugda region, Ethiopia.
CONTRIBUTION: \$65,000
PARTNER: Middle East Reformed Fellowship
Working with the local churches and deaconries to provide emergency drought relief to 1,300 Christians throughout the hardest-hit areas of Ethiopia.

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