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2016 Ministry Report



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DRS volunteers represented **27**



298,398

people changed their story through World Renew's development programs.

296 North American churches were involved in justice activities with World Renew.



World Renew helped

497,881

people worldwide recover from a disaster.



2,927

Free A Family® supporters gave over

\$1 million

for ministry in 2016, helping to free

3,970

families from poverty worldwide.



The Global Volunteer Program placed

559

volunteers in 2016. This included

466

first-time volunteers. 214 global volunteers were from the U.S. and 345 were from Canada.



796,279

lives were transformed by World Renew's development, disaster, and justice programs.



1,363 international communities joined World Renew through a local church or outreach ministry.

World Renew engaged with

2,266

youth and young adults from North America.



274

North American congregations were engaged in international church partnerships.



World Renew placed volunteer relief managers in Nepal, Indonesia, and Zambia.



16

With your support, World Renew helped

217

people resettle in Canada in 2016.



From the Directors

Dear Friends:

Through your support, involvement, and prayers, World Renew is changing the story of people who live with poverty and experience hunger and injustice. World Renew aligns its work with God's presence daily, "looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith" (Heb.12:2) as the great Story Changer of our own lives and the world.

Many people's stories begin with hardship, but by His grace, people's hard work, and support like yours, people improved their lives for the long term as a result of World Renew's collaboration with 67 Christian partners in 2016. Nearly 298,400 people in 21 developing countries participated in these programs in their local community, improving their health, agriculture, literacy, income, and leadership capacity.

World Renew assisted nearly 498,000 people who experienced disasters in 27 countries. In Nepal and Ecuador, World Renew provided immediate earthquake relief and long-term rebuilding. In drought and extreme hunger in Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, Ethiopia, and Indonesia, World Renew distributed food. In conflicts in South Sudan and the Middle East, World Renew brought hope.

Every day, World Renew is a witness to God's powerful work among people who live in adversity, rewriting their stories with the hope and courage that only He can give.

- In total, World Renew served people in 39 countries in 2016, responding to disasters and providing long-term community programs that helped 796,279 individuals.
- This ministry was supported by 2,885 volunteers who donated 250,392 hours of their time and talent to World Renew — roughly equivalent to 120 full-time employees for one year.
- Through World Renew, 296 North American congregations engaged in social justice and advocacy around issues such as creation care, immigration, and refugee policies.
- World Renew's Disaster Response Services volunteers contacted 19,577 North American households to assess their disaster-related needs, and repaired 363 damaged homes.
- World Renew's refugee program helped 217 people who originated from countries such as Syria, Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Iran begin a new life in Canada last year.

The stories of many men, women, and children around the world have been shaped by poverty, disaster, and injustice. But thousands experienced miraculous transformation in their hearts and lives because of your involvement in this mission of justice and mercy in 2016. Thank you for doing your part to bring in God's coming kingdom through World Renew. We praise God, the Alpha and Omega, the first and last, the beginning and end of our stories.

Serving the great Story Changer with you,



Ida Kaastra-Mutoigo
Director, Canada



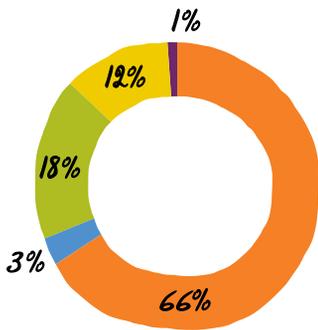
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Director, U.S.

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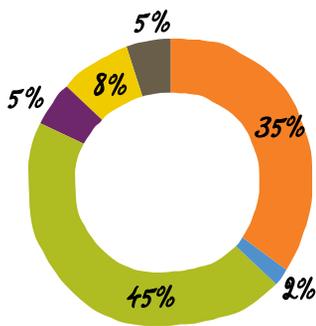
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Where Our Resources Came From July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016



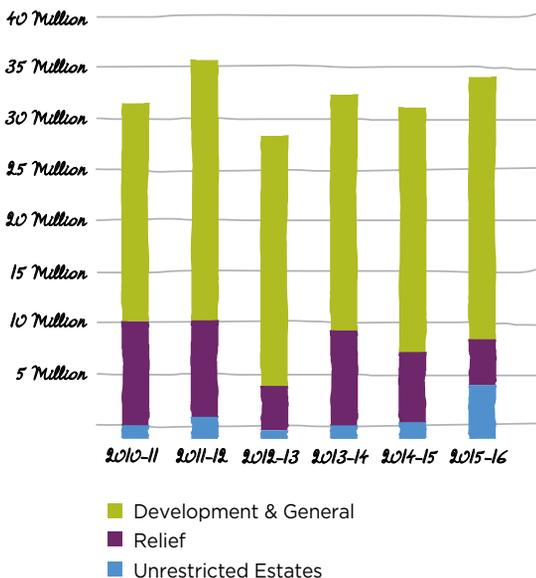
Revenue & Other Support	U.S. in US\$	Canada in CDN\$	Combined In US\$	Combined In CDN\$
Churches & Individuals	15,658,393	10,121,964	23,287,247	30,897,520
Government Grants	2,371	1,610,335	1,216,069	1,613,481
CFGB Grants	0	8,590,551	6,474,639	8,590,551
Other Grants	730,492	4,426,568	4,066,766	5,395,785
Investments & Other income	170,804	186,527	311,388	413,150
Total	16,562,060	24,935,945	35,356,109	46,910,487

Where Our Resources Went July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016



Program Ministries	U.S. in US\$	Canada in CDN\$	Combined In US\$	Combined In CDN\$
International Development	5,816,756	6,980,416	11,077,847	14,698,088
Domestic Development	274,364	186,138	414,655	550,164
Disaster Response	3,281,735	14,642,294	14,317,531	18,996,500
Education	1,055,241	726,764	1,602,998	2,126,858
Total Expenses	12,837,104	24,956,815	31,646,883	41,989,085

Support Ministries	U.S. in US\$	Canada in CDN\$	Combined In US\$	Combined In CDN\$
Fundraising	1,392,810	1,592,522	2,593,083	3,440,502
Management/General	1,016,198	828,681	1,640,769	2,176,973



World Renew's net assets were US \$28,016,500 in the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Audited financial reports are available on request and at worldrenew.net/aboutus.

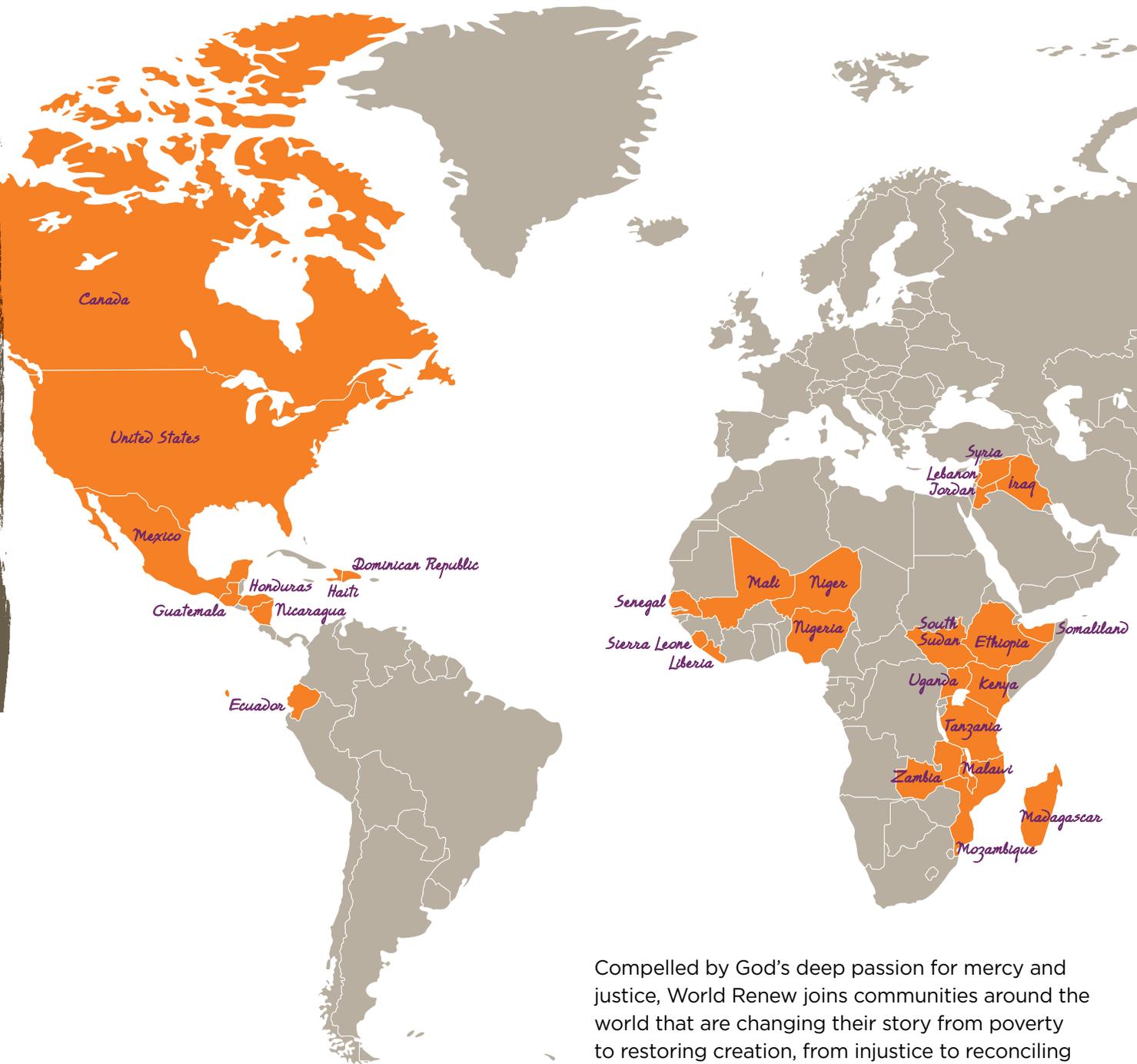
Note: These figures are derived from the combined financial statements for World Renew according to USA GAAP and as such may vary from those found in the World Renew Canada audited financial statement.

Note: The income received from CFGB each year may vary slightly from the project amount committed.

World Renew is a registered charitable organization in Canada. (Registration Number 11885 7366 RR0001.) A charitable tax receipt will be issued for gifts received in Canada. World Renew is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization in the United States. Donations received in the U.S. are tax deductible. Spending of funds is confined to board-approved programs and projects. Designated gifts donated to these programs or projects are used as indicated by the donor with the understanding that when the need for the program or project has been met, or if it cannot be completed for any reason determined by the board, the remaining designated contribution will be used for a program or project with a similar intent or location, or where the need is greatest.

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Where World Renew Worked in 2016



Compelled by God's deep passion for mercy and justice, World Renew joins communities around the world that are changing their story from poverty to restoring creation, from injustice to reconciling relationships, and from disaster to renewing hope.



Country	Development Partners	Development Participants	Disaster Participants	Development Communities
Bangladesh*	4	69,478		62
Cambodia	5	16,058		106
Canada**	1		18	
Dominican Republic	1	380		17
Ecuador			1,500	
Ethiopia			44,963	
Guatemala	4	5,217		21
Haiti	5	5,591	2,850	39
Honduras	5	12,891	6,786	76
India*	3	7,323	27,309	12
Indonesia			3,478	
Iraq			27,650	
Japan			4,918	
Jordan			15,000	
Kenya	5	7,679		83
Laos*	1	17,004	8,010	51
Lebanon			21,574	
Liberia			77,956	
Madagascar			15,000	
Malawi*	1	14,139	2,610	32
Mali*	4	26,567	353	173
Mexico	1	133		3
Mozambique*	1	65,330	962	79
Myanmar			3,100	
Nepal			36,563	
Nicaragua	5	3,339	11,479	82
Niger	2	3,644	22,329	82
Nigeria	3	22,654		115
Philippines	1	28	38,317	
Senegal	2	3,031		37
Sierra Leone	1	613	1,125	29
Somaliland			14,000	
South Sudan			20,500	
Sri Lanka			20	
Syria			14,034	
Tanzania	4	10,476		27
Uganda	5	4,213		77
United States***(*)	1		60,477	
Zambia	2	2,610	15,000	160
Subtotal	67	298,398	497,881	1,363
Combined Beneficiary Total				796,279

- * Number of beneficiaries or communities in development show significant variance due to changes in grant funding, security, or partner transition.
- ** World Renew supports the work of Diaconal Ministries Canada.
- *** World Renew supports the work of Communities First Association in the U.S.
- **** World Renew Disaster Response Services tracks its work by household. To record the total number of individuals receiving assistance, the number of households is multiplied by three.

Note: In addition to 67 board-approved partners, World Renew worked with 14 national field partners in research and development in 2016.



International Disaster Response Emergencies

When disasters strike, people who are living in poverty are the most vulnerable. World Renew responds to disasters in North America and around the world. As people's stories change after a shock or disaster, they build greater resilience over time to better respond to loss in the future.

Tangible Help in Crisis

For millions of people around the world, 2016 was characterized by disaster and conflict. World Renew intervened in these tragedies in 29 countries, wrestling restoration from turmoil. Here is a glimpse at the ways World Renew contributed to changing stories in international disasters last year.

Ethiopia: El Niño brought drought and hardship to agricultural areas of Ethiopia. World Renew, with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, launched a large response that provided monthly food rations to people in the Dugda area. Subsequent seasonal rains have come as expected, and with the provision of seeds and fertilizer, grateful farmers are returning to their normal way of life.

Nepal: When a massive earthquake struck Nepal in 2015, Yurba Tamang and his family lost their home and were living in small tent. World Renew provided the family with food, blankets, and supplies to build a temporary shelter and has plans to help Tamang and others build permanent homes.

Philippines: Three years after Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines, the most affected communities were focused on long-term economic recovery. World Renew provided tools and training to fisher folk, farmers, and women. Suzeth, a widow with two children, was struggling to survive. With World Renew's help, she opened a small convenience store and now makes enough money to feed her children and send them to school.

South Sudan: While South Sudanese families were returning to their ancestral lands in 2016 after years of civil war, many lacked the farming skills they needed. To assist them, World Renew began agriculture training in the Yei area. It includes a



weekly radio broadcast featuring Joyce Jaguru, a South Sudanese woman who voices instruction in agriculture techniques to local farmers.

Syria: Before the Syrian conflict started, Marwa, Bassam, and their four children had a comfortable life. Then Bassam lost an arm and a leg in a missile attack. Marwa was committed to providing for her family, but she was soon at the brink of despair. The food assistance she received from World Renew got them through difficult times.

Zambia: For Sinabu Wambinji, two consecutive years of drought and crop failure made even drinking water scarce in Mwandi, Zambia. World Renew worked in Sinabu's community last year to construct wells, provide school lunches, and distribute monthly food packets.

- Conflict 
- Cronic Drought 
- Drought 
- Earthquake 
- Ebola 
- Flood 
- Storm 
- Resettlement 

International Disaster Response

Asia	
Bangladesh	
Indonesia	
India	
Japan	 
Laos	
Myanmar	
Nepal	
Philippines	
Sri Lanka	
East and Southern Africa	
Ethiopia	
Kenya	
Madagascar	
Malawi	 
Mozambique	
Somaliland	
South Sudan	 
Tanzania	 
Uganda	
Zambia	
West Africa	
Liberia	
Sierra Leone	
Niger	 
Mali	
Latin America and the Caribbean	
Haiti	
Honduras	
Nicaragua	
Middle East	
Iraq	
Jordan	
Lebanon	
Syria	
South America	
Ecuador	

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Disaster Response Services in North America Marked by Loss, Touched by Love

When Tomas' home was severely damaged by a flood in Texas in 2015, he was overwhelmed and depressed. The following April, World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) volunteers began to repair his home and build an intentional friendship with him.

Unfortunately, the conditions at Tomas' house forced the volunteers to stop working until the issues were resolved. When Tomas learned that they couldn't return right away, he wasn't discouraged — he was energized and worked diligently

so the volunteers could get back to work quickly.

With DRS volunteers once again addressing the damage in his home, Tomas' mood brightened more each day. He said it meant a lot to him. "There are people who care and come to work when they say they will," he said.

"Our team got a lot of work done, but more than that, we developed the kind of personal connections based in Christ that remind us why we do this work," said Albert Veldstra, a World Renew DRS volunteer who worked on Tomas' Texas home.

"We serve others because God first loved us."

World Renew DRS volunteers across the US and Canada lean on "Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith" (Heb. 12:2) to guide to them in service to people who, like Tomas, not only need repairs to their damaged home, but also care and support for a damaged spirit.

World Renew DRS is reaching out in God's power to change the story of people who are deeply marked by natural disaster. In providing clean-up services, connecting survivors



North American Disaster Response

World Renew DRS provided one or more services in the communities listed below: rapid response, unmet needs assessments, reconstruction, organizational capacity-building, or building estimating.

with local support, repairing homes, and guiding recovery groups, World Renew DRS leaves a remarkable impression on thousands of North American lives, survivors and volunteers alike.

- Fire 
- Flood 
- Hurricane 
- Tornado 
- Typhoon 
- Winds 

Alberta, High River	
California, Calaveras County	
California, Lake County	
California, Yosemite	
Colorado, Boulder	
Florida, Pasco County	
Florida, Pensacola	
Illinois, Brookport	
Illinois, Coal City	
Illinois, Fairdale	
Illinois, Watseka	
Kentucky, Carter County	
Louisiana, Washington Parish	
Michigan, Crawford County	
Michigan, Detroit	
Missouri, Cape Girardeau	
Missouri, Eureka	
Missouri, Festus	
Missouri, Joplin	
Missouri, Springfield	
Missouri, St. Louis area	
Mississippi, Holly Springs	
Mississippi, Tippah and Benton counties	
North Carolina, Washington	
Nebraska, Northeastern	
New Jersey, Ocean County	
New Jersey, Union Beach	
Oklahoma, Cleveland and McLean counties	
Island of Saipan	
South Carolina, Florence	
South Carolina, Georgetown	
South Carolina, Sumter	
Texas, Austin	
Texas, Bastrop	
Texas, Corpus Christi	
Texas, Houston	
Texas, Rio Grande Valley	
Texas, San Marcos	
Washington, Okanogan County	
West Virginia, Mingo County	
Wyoming, Lusk	



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Transitional Programs Food Security

When a disaster threatens a community where World Renew is already working, the community leaders and World Renew's partners implement disaster projects that take place alongside our long-term programming. These projects address immediate needs and then transition back to long-term development when families are again able to survive and move toward a better future.

Last year in Chikwawa, Malawi, there was extensive flooding

followed by a severe drought. The extreme conditions aggravated the existing food challenges in the area. First, flash floods washed away people's fields, homes, and food reserves, and then there was not enough rain to successfully grow more crops.

Dickson Makwiza and his family experienced the flooding and the drought. They planted their crops but lost the harvest.

Dickson is partly blind and his wife, Margaret, does piecework

to support their family, but often they are without enough food. World Renew brought food assistance to Chikwawa to help the Makwizas and other vulnerable families. It is starting to change their story from survival to sufficiency.



Conservation Agriculture

Recurring drought and poor soil puts farmers in eastern Africa at risk of chronic hunger and malnutrition. World Renew steps in to help those who depend on the food they grow to feed their families, providing aid to help meet people's immediate needs until they can recover.

Since 2015 World Renew has been working with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank in conservation agriculture in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Tanzania. Farmers learn new ways to grow crops in severe conditions so that they can survive the current crisis and better withstand future disasters. Training from World Renew's local partners includes techniques like moisture

retention, limited tillage, and crop diversity.

"Communities are excited to learn about conservation techniques," said Jacqueline Koster, World Renew's regional program manager in east and southern Africa. "The training often reduces the farmers need to travel to find fertile soil to grow their crops."

In Bukabwa, Tanzania, farmers are learning about intercropping. The second crop adds nutrients like nitrogen to the soil while also providing shade and holding moisture. The farmers in Bukabwa say that their results speak for themselves: increased harvests



and crops that are more resistant to drought are helping their families have enough food to eat year round.

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Community Development *Enough Food*

More than 795 million people are undernourished every day. Men, women, and children live without enough food to lead a healthy, active lifestyle. Wherever we live in the world, we need enough food, the right food, not just to survive, but to thrive.



HUNGER

A Story of Generations

World Renew is working with Christian Medical Action (AMC) and Foods Resource Bank in Nicaragua to empower poor communities. Recently, one village used maps to depict their past, present, and preferred future. An older man named Don Digno described the past when the land was deforested, and there was little work, food, or hope. A young man then described the improvements the community made by planting coffee, reforestation, water projects, and a new school building and road.

The map of the future was presented by two teenagers whose parents looked on proudly. Their hopes included electrical poles, more roads and trees, returning wildlife,

a bridge, and a high school. These teens are benefiting from their parent's hard work, and they are making improvements that benefit everyone. Their community can experience a better future because of the changes they make today.



SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

Better Harvests

In Mali, farmers are facing challenges that threaten their food supply. World Renew, with the Canadian government, is educating 2,400 farmers to improve productivity by overcoming deforestation, soil erosion, and low crop yields. Al Jibaga is a 52-year-old farmer who is in charge of 20 children in his family's five households. He manages the 45 acres of farmland the family owns. For many years, he grew less than a ton of crops per year to feed his family.

Five years ago, Al Jibaga began to learn about composting, agroforestry, and intercropping. "Over the last three years, I have harvested a thousand pounds of millet per acre and three tons of cowpeas," Al Jibaga

said. "The results are beyond my expectations. Our lives have changed for the better."



CREATION CARE

The Floating Gardens of Borkhapon

The land in Borkhapon, Bangladesh, is flooded in monsoon season, making it impossible to grow crops. World Renew, with the Canadian government and local partner, PARI, is helping farmers grow food on flooded land with floating gardens that are planted on rafts woven from locally available plants.

Mohashin Alam grows okra, squash, and greens on top of the vine rafts. "This project has made a great difference in my life," Alam said. "Now I have enough food to feed my family during the monsoon season, and we can help our relatives when they are in need."



Good Health

Wherever we live in the world, we all rely on our bodies to get us through the day. We know that true health is not just the absence of disease but treating our bodies as God's temples, so that they are best able to do His work.

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Food to Grow On

Almost 60 percent of the children living in rural Guatemala are stunted by malnutrition and poor health. Last year, World Renew's staff in Guatemala were joined by colleagues from Bangladesh who recently completed a health program that saved thousands of lives. Together, they visited communities where World Renew's partner, ADIP, is addressing the health of pregnant women and infants.

Local health volunteers teach families to use clean water, good hygiene, and simple medicines. ADIP will also work with farmers so that families have enough good food to eat year round. Additional agriculture

and literacy programs will help mothers and children live healthy, fulfilling lives.

Find out more about Concepción Actelá at worldrenew.net/concepcion.

WATER AND SANITATION

Strong Faith

After months of planning, a well-drilling rig arrived in Ochomogo, Nicaragua. Volunteers from Owen Sound, Ontario, worked with World Renew partner, San Lucas Society, to lay the foundation for two 2,500-gallon water storage tanks. A hydrogeological study and soil analysis determined the best location and size for the well. But the huge drill got stuck in the rock and wouldn't budge for a week.

Like Joshua marching around the walls of Jericho, the people of Ochomogo prayed and walked around the well site seven times. The next morning, the drill broke through the rock and hit water, pumping out 20 gallons per minute. In Ochomogo, the story is

changing to include clean water and better health.

HIV AND AIDS

Yvonne is Changing her Story

Yvonne Phiri is a 17-year-old from Mbozi, Malawi, who dropped out of school in the ninth grade to make donuts to sell at the market. At first, some of her male customers gave her extra money, and later on they demanded sex.

World Renew is working with partner, Word Alive, to reach girls in six villages to generate income without transactional sex. Yvonne joined a group in Mbozi. "My life has changed completely," she said. "I am HIV free, and I am going to do what I can to prevent it." She is back in school, and a local church is helping with her tuition. "When I complete my education," Yvonne said, "I want to become a nurse."

Find out more about World Renew's HIV and AIDS work at worldrenew.net/kabermado.



Fruitful Work

Making a living is not easy, especially when starting from scratch. Without access to financial services, finding the capital to start a business and funds to bridge the gaps sometimes forces people to make difficult decisions. World Renew is helping men and women create the fruitful work they need to thrive.

LITERACY

My First Book

At 18 years old, Lor Por has only a second grade education. He was chosen, with 17 other villagers from the Rshi people group in Laos, for an artist-in-training program with World Renew. The artists learned to make picture books for pre-school students. Lor Por was hired when the training was complete. Next year, the project will expand to reach more Laotian students and communities.

Lor Por created his first book and teaches it to students in six Rshi villages. He has steady employment and is writing a new chapter in his own story. His father said, "My son produced a book even though he is not educated. I am proud of him."

VILLAGE SAVINGS AND LOAN FUNDS

The Big impact of Small Loans

In 2012, World Renew began to raise \$1 million for income projects around the world. The goal was set on top of a \$1.5 million gift for the Village Savings

and Loan (VSL) Fund. World Renew supporters met this goal! Now 80,000 people in 3,200 communities are participating in village-based saving and lending associations. Festo Madira from Bukokwa, Tanzania, is one of these participants.

Madira attended a VSL workshop through the AICT Diocese of Geita, a World Renew partner. He received a loan to buy some land and tomato seedlings. He sold his first harvest and paid off his loan. Now, he has a new house and runs a farm supply shop. Over the next 15 years, World Renew's VSL Fund will help more people like Festo Madira support their families.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Hama Sanke, Fire Fighter

Two years ago, 35 teenagers took a first aid class offered by a World Renew partner in Dakar, Senegal. The four-year program in Senegal and Nigeria addressed the health and economic needs of out-of-school youth. The first aid class was offered in partnership with the Red Cross as a vocational training opportunity. Hama Sanke was one of the participants.

"I completed three months of Red Cross training," Sanke said. "When the fire department received my application and first aid certificate, they hired me. Now I am a fire fighter in Guédiawaye, Dakar. Thank you to all those who are responsible for this program," Sanke said. "I have learned a lot, and I found a



profession. My life has changed for the better."

LIVELIHOOD AND INCOME DEVELOPMENT

Mali Farmers innovate

Last year, 50 farmers in Mali began using ox-drawn tillers as part of an innovative agriculture program with World Renew. The tiller helps the farmers raise more food from the land available. "My field is in a rocky area," farmer Henry Kamo said, "but thanks to the Kassine tiller, I harvested twice as much as before! The Kassine tiller is one of the solutions to food insecurity in my community."

The tiller project is part of a larger, rural livelihoods program that is helping farmers in Mali and other countries adapt to unpredictable rainfall, flooding, and environmental degradation. The improvements are providing more food consistently for Henry Kamo, his neighbors, and his community.

See how World Renew is helping families get work that is fruitful for them and their families at worldrenew.net/sraechrov.

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Peace-Building and Justice

World Renew was founded with a heart for peace and justice. We begin by listening to the communities where we work. The voice of our partners and partner communities is crucial to shaping World Renew's response to conflict and injustice. Not only do we seek to respond, but we seek to amplify the voices of our partners and communities.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND ABUSE PREVENTION

A Path to Justice

"I am a pre-law student who interned with World Renew at the Christian Center for Human Rights (CCDH) in Nicaragua. My supervisor, Sara, is a 51-year-old lawyer who volunteers with CCDH, a network of citizens who work for justice in their communities. She provides free legal advice out of her home. While I was in Nicaragua, the

parents of a 15-year-old girl travelled three hours by bus to ask her to help them recover their daughter. She had been kidnapped by a member of their church.

"Sara and I crisscrossed the region by bus, pressing the girl's case with the head of police. We pushed the officers in the family's village. We borrowed a pickup truck for the police to use to rescue the victim. Finally, the daughter was reunited with her family. By equipping and supporting Sara where she was, World Renew and CCDH helped her provide this family with a path to justice."

GENDER JUSTICE AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Saving Women's Lives

In rural communities in Guatemala, indigenous women are not valued and are often

mistreated. Hundreds are killed each year, and many more experience other violence. World Renew's partner, ADIP, and the Office for the Defense of Indigenous Women trained 150 people in five communities in human rights and gender justice last year.

The training, offered through local churches, included topics like women's legal and human rights, discrimination and abuse, healthy marriage and family relationships, and conflict resolution. While helping to build up local partners and churches, World Renew is confronting violence and saving lives.

TRAUMA HEALING

Forgiveness as a Path to Peace

World Renew is addressing injustice and conflict in western



Africa in alliance with the American Bible Society. Training and listening sessions are helping victims recover from violence and loss. “In Nigeria, Naomi’s family was attacked by Boko Haram,” a local staff person said. “She lost her husband and three sons in the fighting. She now lives with her only daughter.”

“The trauma healing program is helping me,” Naomi said. “I am learning to forgive the people who killed my husband and sons. I am working to be free from anger and pain so I can experience God’s peace.” World Renew’s trauma healing programs are helping Naomi

and others address anger and bitterness to find wholeness and fulfillment again.

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Chief Mao, Servant Leader

Mao Chuob has been the village chief of Prey Anse, Cambodia, for 15 years. However, the people didn’t trust him. When he attended a workshop on governance and multi-stakeholder partnerships offered by World Renew’s partner, CFT, he learned about clear communication, trust-building, power dynamics, decision-making, and accountability.

Mao’s leadership skills were transformed as he applied what he learned.

In response, people began to invest in improving their community. Now Mao is confident about his community’s ability to make collaborative improvements. He is committed to excellent leadership and has become a role model for other chiefs. His community is proud to have him as an effective, trustworthy leader who works for a better life for all of its members.

You can support World Renew’s peace-building and justice programs at worldrenew.net/peaceandjustice.

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Involvement Programs

Individuals, churches, schools, groups, or families: there are many meaningful and exciting ways to partner in World Renew's work addressing the effects of poverty, injustice, and disaster. If you want to change the world, follow God's call into the lives of others and your story will be changed as well.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Welcoming Strangers

The refugee sponsorship committee at the Christian Reformed Church (CRC) in Exeter, Ontario, had the privilege of welcoming the Kanjo family to Canada last year. The Kanjos are a family of two

grandparents, two parents, and two young boys.

"Moumena, the mother, taught herself to speak English by watching movies while waiting to come to Canada," a volunteer said. "The father, Mohammad, greets us every day with, 'Welcome! Welcome! Coffee? Coffee?' Their sense of fun and adventure is a great joy. They have become good friends."

Exeter CRC is helping the Kanjo family make friends, get started at school, sign up for driver's licenses, and apply for jobs. "The Kanjos are learning to live free," the volunteer said. "There is great joy and gratitude in their hearts to have finally arrived in Canada."

COMMUNITIES FIRST ASSOCIATION

The Changing Story in North America

Communities First Association (CFA) holds biannual gatherings that draw a diverse group of people from across North America who have a passion for engaging others in God's redemptive work where they live using Asset-Based Community Development or ABCD.

CFA's Fall Gathering in 2015 featured the organization's first intake event for the Community Advancement Coaches (CAC) Fast-Track Process. As a result, four new community developers began their journey with CFA.

Then in 2016, CFA began this co-journey with a total of eight new community developers.

CFA is quickly becoming the place where community developers from across the U.S. receive nationally-recognized certification in ABCD. The program focuses on the holistic development of those called to work with local churches and educational leaders in North American communities, helping them uncover God's gifts and presence there.

GLOBAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Changing the Story as a Volunteer

Ephesians 3:18 encourages us to discover the dimensions of the height, depth, width, and length of God's love. The new *Seven Dimensions Study Guide* from the Global Volunteer Program (GVP) is a helpful resource for volunteers to explore living more fully. The guide introduces World Renew's framework for identifying, planning, reporting, and evaluating transformation in developing communities.

GVP provides North Americans with opportunities to learn and grow together — to learn what it means to be part of God's work in the world and to grow in response to His Spirit's invitation to be truly changed. GVP volunteers say that they are deeply transformed by their engagement with World Renew.

"And I ask Him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of

Christ's love. Experience its breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God." (Eph. 3:18, The Message)

FREE A FAMILY®

Changing the Story Together

Free a Family® is a powerful way to help people around the world change their story. Through World Renew's programs in agriculture, health, nutrition, and literacy, families recognize their resources and receive the training they need to build a better life.

More than 3,970 families had fresh opportunities to grow their skills, provide for the people they love, and experience hope in Christ last year because of Free A Family. In North America, 2,927 families prayed, acted, and gave financially to make these changes possible.

JOSEPH STEWARDS

A Legacy of Compassion

Joseph Stewards are ministry supporters who notify World Renew about leaving a financial gift to the organization in their will or estate. Based on the story of Joseph in Genesis 41, Joseph Stewards share their blessings with those who live with hunger and poverty, helping others change their story for generations to come.

Through careful planning, and with generous spirits, Joseph Stewards set an important example for others to follow, joining together to make a greater impact for Christ around

the world. More than 700 Joseph Stewards have given notice that World Renew has been named in their estate. Are you another? If so, let us know: if not, please consider it. To find out how you can become a Joseph Steward, go to worldrenew.net/josephstewards. Or call us at 800-552-7972 in the U.S. or 800-730-3490 in Canada.

SEA TO SEA

Rolling Your Way in 2017

Since 2005, World Renew has sponsored Sea to Sea bicycling events that have raised over \$5 million to help end poverty and hunger. In 2016, Sea to Sea riders participated in RAGBRAI, a cross-Iowa cycling event with 20,000 overall participants.

In 2017, the Sea to Sea transcontinental bicycle tour is focusing on building awareness and raising funds for World Renew and its partners. The tour also supports local ministries that are on or near the tour route. You can join the riders, volunteers, supporters, and their home churches that are taking action to change the story and break the cycle of poverty worldwide. Sign up at www.seatosea.org!



We Thank You

Action by Churches Together—

ACT is a global alliance of 140 churches and faith-based organizations working together in advocacy, development, and humanitarian aid in 125 countries. World Renew is grateful for coordination and financial support provided by ACT in 2016.

Baker Family Funds—World Renew is grateful for the estate gifts that began the Baker Agriculture, Village Savings and Loan, and Maternal and Child Health funds. They support ministry and innovation over a 10- to 15-year period. The legacy created by these gifts is an encouragement to many.

Barnabas Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services—World Renew is grateful to Barnabas Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services for advancing stewardship as an expression of faith. Barnabas and CSS guide our supporters in financial stewardship, estate planning, and planned giving.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank—CFGB is a partnership of 15 churches and church-based agencies working together to end global hunger. Last year, World Renew committed a total of \$9,075,037 (Cdn) in resources to food-related programming in

13 countries. Of this, \$1,038,059 (or 11%) came from World Renew's equity at CFGB, and \$6,525,621 (72%) came from Global Affairs Canada.

Christian Reformed Church agencies—World Renew is thankful for collaborations with other Christian Reformed agencies: Home Missions, World Missions, Back to God Ministries International, ServiceLink, Office of Race Relations, Office of Social Justice, and others. These collaborations strengthen our ministry, the witness of the church, and the communities and congregations we serve.

Communities First Association—CFA is World Renew's strategic partner in community development in North America, granting over US \$273,000 to this ministry in 2016. We are blessed by CFA's diligence in Asset-Based Community Development in 96 Christian Reformed churches last year.

Corporate Supporters—World Renew is grateful to business, foundation, and corporate sponsors, including the Samsung Corporation and Amazon Smile, for directing contributions to poverty reduction and disaster response through charitable donations, grants, matching gifts, and payroll deduction.

Deacons and Champions—

World Renew is an integral extension of the diaconate of Christian Reformed churches across North America. We deeply appreciate the commitment of our deacons, diaconal conferences, ambassadors, volunteers, and others who represent World Renew in local congregations to encourage continued prayer, involvement, and support.

Disaster Response Support—

World Renew is grateful to those entities that contributed to international or domestic disaster response interventions last year.

- Business Connect
- Canadian Baptist Ministries
- Canadian Red Cross
- Canadian Reformed World Relief Fund
- Canadian Lutheran World Relief
- Dorcas Aid International
- Global Affairs Canada
- GOSPEL
- First Presbyterian Church of Aiken, South Carolina
- Immanuel Presbyterian Church Missions Committee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Independent Presbyterian Church Foundation, Birmingham, Alabama
- Maitland River Fellowship, Ontario
- Mennonite Disaster Services

- Methodist Relief and Development Fund U.K., All We Can
- Mideast Initiative
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- Week of Compassion
- Woord en Daad
- World Relief Canada
- World Transform, Christian Reformed Church of Australia
- ZOA International
- The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
- United Church of Canada

Foods Resource Bank—World Renew is thankful for FRB's partnership and contributions from local growing projects. FRB programs engage subsistence farmers in the world's poorest regions. Last year, FRB supported World Renew with approximately US \$519,100 in food security programs in Cambodia, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Nicaragua, Niger, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Global Affairs Canada—World Renew gratefully acknowledges the ongoing consultation and program support of Global

Affairs Canada, which provided \$1,610,000 (Cdn) for sustainable livelihoods programs in five countries and adolescent health and rights programming in Senegal and Nigeria.

Integral Alliance—World Renew is grateful to Integral, a global alliance of 23 Christian relief and development agencies based in the UK. Integral responds holistically to poverty worldwide through collaborative opportunities for its members in disaster management and collaboration and innovation.

Joseph Fund—World Renew is grateful to all who contributed to the Joseph Fund. These gifts have a seven-year term: 10 percent is used in the first year, the remainder is invested, and a percentage is directed to the ministry throughout the term. Last year, about US \$1,847,000 was released to World Renew's ministry through the Joseph Fund.

Joseph Stewards—World Renew is grateful to Joseph Stewards, who have remembered those who are poor, hungry, and displaced in their estate plan. Their legacy will transform lives and communities, providing resources to churches and Christian organizations that reach out through World Renew to those who are in need.

Micah Network—World Renew is proud to be part of the Micah Network, a group of more

than 550 Christian relief and development organizations with programs in over 80 countries. The Micah Network motivates and equips the global Christian community to embrace and practice integral mission.

Partners Worldwide—World Renew thanks Partners Worldwide and their Christian business networks. Partners Worldwide unites with World Renew to help people improve their lives through business development and job creation by building relationships between entrepreneurs and farmers.

Refugee Resettlement—World Renew thanks each church and individual who assisted in refugee sponsorship through World Renew. Because of your support, 217 refugees were resettled in Canada in 2016. These families were fleeing Syria, Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, and elsewhere.

YOU—World Renew fully recognizes that this ministry of justice and mercy would not be possible without the faithful support and prayers of many generous churches and individuals like you. Hope in Christ undergirds this work, and its faithful undertaking is changing the story of life on earth and the life to come.



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Planned Gifts

To give appreciated assets, annuities, or inform World Renew of a planned estate gift, call Willemienna McCarron at 800-552-7972 in the U.S. or Judy Eising at 800-730-3490 in Canada to discuss the following, and other, options.

Give Stocks, Bonds, or Shares

If you own securities that have appreciated in value, consider donating them and gaining tax savings through a gift to World Renew. World Renew is adept at receiving securities, real estate, and other assets.

Provide a Legacy Gift

You can include World Renew in your will, trust, or estate plan. If you have already made this arrangement we would like to welcome you to Joseph Stewards, World Renew's legacy giving group.

Other Opportunities

Charitable gift annuities make an immediate, significant gift to World Renew while retaining income for life. You can name World Renew as a beneficiary in your retirement savings plan or life insurance. Real estate can be donated to World Renew while you use the property for the rest of your life.



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