

CAN AFFORD
TO SEND
CHILDREN TO
SCHOOL

KNOWS HOW
TO KEEP
CHILDREN
HEALTHY

SAVED TO
START A
BUSINESS

RECOGNIZES
GOD'S LOVE
FOR HER

GROWS
NUTRITIOUS
FOOD

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VISION | RESULTS

Dear Friends:

The word “empower” goes a long way towards describing to you, our partners, supporters, and friends, World Renew’s mission of justice and mercy with people who live in poverty. To empower means “to emancipate, unshackle, set free, or liberate.”

Providing people with opportunities to free themselves from the bonds that keep them poor is what World Renew was about in 2014. It is ministry that starts with God working in people’s hearts—with acts of mercy, justice, and service made visible in your involvement, support, and prayer. Without God’s powerful grace, and without you, this work would not be possible.

- World Renew responded to disasters and provided community-based programs in 37 countries.
- World Renew supported 73 church partners to help them improve lives in 1,654 communities.
- World Renew’s ministry reached 1,067,648 people in disaster response and development in 2014.

In the following pages, you will find examples of people who have been empowered to recover from disaster, better their health, increase income, learn literacy, improve their agricultural practices, and develop leadership skills—but it is far from the end of the story.

This work that empowers is collaborative: It involves working with Christian partners to train leaders and develop Bible-based community values that strengthen the message of the local church. It also involves ministry alliances that leverage your financial support into a greater response by matching ministry dollars. And it creates opportunities for people to address racism, violence, corruption, trafficking, and oppression with acts of justice and mercy.

Empowering people is just the beginning of transformation. It is by God’s power that we are all set free. Through His power, we learn to serve one another. Depending on His power, we trust Him to “fulfill every good purpose and every act prompted by faith” to break the bonds of poverty, hunger, and injustice. Together, we look to the day when His work of renewal is done.

For His Glory,



Andrew Ryskamp
Director, World Renew U.S.

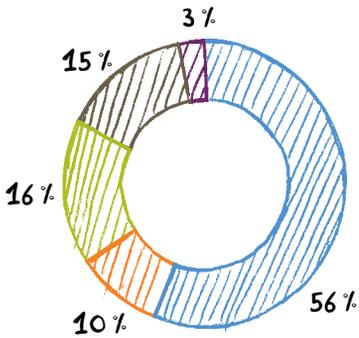


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Director, World Renew Canada

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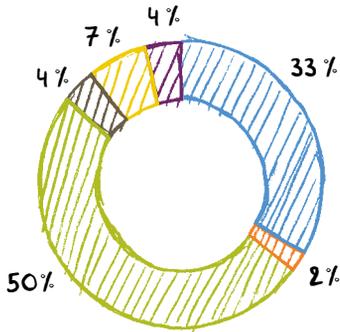
REVENUE | EXPENSES

WORLD RENEW'S NET ASSETS WERE US\$25,685,017 IN THE 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR. AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST AND AT WORLDRENEW.NET.



WHERE OUR RESOURCES CAME FROM JULY 1, 2013-JUNE 30, 2014

Revenue & Other Support	U.S. in US\$	Canada in CDN\$	Combined In US\$	Combined In CDN\$
Churches & Individuals	12,237,658	10,928,556	22,411,051	24,074,606
Government Grants	253,280	3,882,179	3,867,200	4,154,259
CFGB Grants	0	6,673,330	6,212,203	6,673,330
Other Grants	843,787	5,542,470	6,003,272	6,448,890
Investments & Other income	905,672	257,941	1,145,789	1,230,840
Total	14,240,397	27,284,476	39,639,515	42,581,925



WHERE OUR RESOURCES WENT JULY 1, 2013-JUNE 30, 2014

Program Ministries	U.S. in US\$	Canada in CDN\$	Combined In US\$	Combined In CDN\$
International Development	4,936,892	6,779,944	11,248,342	12,083,298
Domestic Development	500,000	85,499	579,591	622,614
Disaster Response	3,741,825	14,572,432	17,307,302	18,295,010
Education	867,242	489,509	1,322,926	1,421,126
Support Ministries				
Fundraising	1,215,748	1,209,381	2,341,561	2,515,373
Management/General	470,908	1,117,188	1,510,898	1,623,051
Total Expenses	11,732,615	24,253,953	34,310,620	36,857,472

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.

World Renew is a registered charitable organization in Canada and a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization in the United States. All donations are tax deductible. Spending of funds is confined to board-approved programs and projects. Each restricted contribution designated toward a board-approved

program or project is used as designated with the understanding that when the need for such a program or project has been met, or if it cannot be completed for any reason determined by the board, the remaining restricted contribution designated for such a program or project will be used where needed most.



Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada

Affaires étrangères, Commerce et Développement Canada



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COMMUNITIES | PARTNERS

WORLD RENEW IS COMPELLED, BY GOD'S DEEP PASSION FOR JUSTICE AND MERCY, TO JOIN WITH COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD IN REBUILDING HOPE, RECONCILING LIVES, AND RESTORING CREATION.



21

INTERNATIONAL OFFICES



14%

MORE CHURCHES THAN EXPECTED WERE INVOLVED WITH AN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THROUGH A CHURCH-TO-CHURCH PARTNERSHIP.

1,654

COMMUNITIES WERE INVOLVED IN IMPROVING THEIR LIVES THROUGH WORLD RENEW.



64

NORTH AMERICAN STAFF IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

WORLD RENEW HELPED

587,210

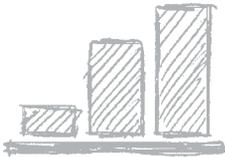
PEOPLE RECOVER FROM A DISASTER AND BEGIN TO RESTART THEIR LIVES.



WORLD RENEW PLANNED TO INVOLVE 2,750 SUPPORTERS WITH THE FREE A FAMILY® PROGRAM AND INSTEAD INVOLVED

2,927

PEOPLE OR OVER THE ANNUAL GOAL.



WORLD RENEW RAISED

107%

OF ITS INCOME GOAL IN 2014 AND INCREASED GIVING FOR DEVELOPMENT AND DISASTER PROGRAMS BY

12.3%



WORLD RENEW EXCEEDED ITS GOAL FOR U.S. CHURCH INVOLVEMENT IN ADVANCED JUSTICE ACTIVITIES BY

56%



3,312

NORTH AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS SERVING GLOBALLY



26

NORTH AMERICAN STAFF LOCATED INTERNATIONALLY



37

COUNTRIES IN DISASTER RESPONSE AND DEVELOPMENT



DISASTER RESPONSE SERVICES PLACED

2,916

VOLUNTEERS LAST YEAR.

59,442

INDIVIDUALS TOUCHED BY DISASTER RESPONSE IN NORTH AMERICA



THE GLOBAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM PLACED 380 VOLUNTEERS IN WORK TRIPS, TOURS, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES,

65%

MORE THAN PLANNED.

480,438

PEOPLE BENEFITTED FROM WORLD RENEW'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS BY MAKING LONG-TERM CHANGES THAT IMPROVED THEIR LIVES AND GAVE THEM HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE.



1,067,648

LIVES TRANSFORMED BY WORLD RENEW'S DEVELOPMENT, JUSTICE, AND DISASTER RESPONSE PROGRAMS IN 2014



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DISASTER RESPONSE



INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE

RESPONDING FAITHFULLY, STRENGTHENED ACCORDINGLY

2014 was a year of record-breaking disasters and upheaval for millions of people worldwide: the level of displacement caused by conflict and persecution was the highest recorded; the number of people killed by storms was the second highest in a decade; and the five high-level humanitarian emergencies that were declared involved violence and unrest.

“Examining the global trends, both natural and human-caused disasters are projected to increase in the years ahead,” says Wayne de Jong, director for disaster response in 2014. “It is a daunting prospect, but we have faith that our Lord will lead us to where He wants us to respond—and strengthen us to do it.”

World Renew responded to disasters in 28 countries last year, empowering people through local partners in their communities. In eight of these countries, World Renew met the urgent needs of people who were displaced by conflict and insecurity, and in 24 countries the response involved a natural disaster—or both. World Renew was active in four of the five high-level disasters. These were in South Sudan, Syria, and Philippines. World Renew began responding in Iraq in mid-2014.

Philippines: After Typhoon Haiyan struck the central Philippines in November 2013, World Renew provided food, water and filters, shelter, and other



essential items to 4,000 families. World Renew also provided generators, kitchen kits, hygiene items, mosquito nets, sleeping mats, stoves and fuel, cash-for-work programs, and trauma counseling. World Renew then began projects to provide boats,



WORLD RENEW'S INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE
16 TEAM DEPLOYED INTERNATIONAL RELIEF
MANAGERS WHO GAVE
13,460 HOURS OF THEIR TIME TO
 OVERSEE EFFORTS IN PHILIPPINES,
 MADAGASCAR, AND ZAMBIA.

nets, and other fishing equipment to 508 families, and repair and rebuild 1,915 homes.

South Sudan: World Renew has worked in South Sudan since 2010, helping farm families improve their long-term food security and stability. In December 2013, a political struggle exploded into armed conflict, causing families to flee. World Renew responded to 160 displaced families near the organization's offices in Yei with food, mosquito nets, water purification tablets, soap, and cooking pots.

Syria: In response to those displaced by ongoing violence over the last few years, World

Renew is providing assistance to families within and outside of Syria, mainly with funding from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The response includes 950 internally-displaced families within Syria, 1,000 Syrian refugee families in Jordan, and 1,825 Syrian refugee families in Lebanon.

Iraq: Hundreds of thousands of people in northern Iraq have been displaced by violence. World Renew is responding with a local humanitarian organization, *Hope, Peace, and Joy* (HPJ), in Erbil. The response includes housing assistance, heaters, food, and clothing. Medical teams, including pharmacists and nurses, are providing emergency medications to those with desperate health needs.

"As God wills," de Jong says, "World Renew will continue to bear witness to the love of Christ. We are grateful for our supporters who have enabled us to respond in the context of extreme emergencies."

DISASTER RESPONSE PROGRAM EXPENSES (USD) IN 2014

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER PROGRAMMING:

\$13,459,354

DOMESTIC DISASTER PROGRAMMING:

\$3,847,948

TOTAL 2014 DISASTER PROGRAM EXPENSES:

\$17,307,302

2014 INTERNATIONAL DISASTER RESPONSE

Asia

Bangladesh	
Cambodia	
China	
India	
Indonesia	
Japan	
Myanmar	
Pakistan	
Philippines	
Sri Lanka	

Eastern and Southern Africa

Burundi	
Ethiopia	
Kenya	
Madagascar	
Mozambique	
South Sudan	
Uganda	
Zambia	
Zimbabwe	

Latin America and the Caribbean

Haiti	
Honduras	
Mexico	
Nicaragua	

Middle East

Jordan	
Lebanon	
Syria	

Western Africa

Liberia	
Mali	
Niger	
Sierra Leone	





WORLD RENEW RECOGNIZED FOR HUMANITARIAN ACCOUNTABILITY

IN FEBRUARY 2014, WORLD RENEW BECAME A FULL MEMBER OF THE HUMANITARIAN ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNERSHIP (HAP), AN INITIATIVE THAT STRENGTHENS ACCOUNTABILITY TO DISASTER-AFFECTED PEOPLE AND AWARDS ACCOUNTABILITY-RELATED CERTIFICATION TO HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS FOR EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND EMPOWERING DISASTER-RESPONSE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING.

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DISASTER RESPONSE



DISASTER RESPONSE IN NORTH AMERICA PREPARE, RESPOND, AND SERVE

In 2014 World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) touched the lives of nearly 60,000 people in the United States and Canada. The work was accomplished by trained, dedicated volunteers from Christian Reformed, Reformed, and other denominations who gave their time, energy, and talent to people in need. This servant-hearted effort is a witness to the faith and commitment of God's people to reach out in His name.

In 2014, three features of the work of World Renew DRS were particularly notable: new efforts in disaster preparedness; remarkable growth in assessing unmet needs; and advocating for justice in disaster response.

Preparing for Disasters

Early in 2014, World Renew DRS launched worldrenew.net/prepare-disasters, an online resource that empowers churches and families, in a step-by-step process, to prepare for a disaster. It results in a plan that ensures that families and churches know their options and have disaster action plan.

In Perth Amboy, New Jersey, volunteers Eric and Nancy Johnson met a family that was homeless even though the living area of their house was not affected by Super-Storm Sandy. The storm surge did, however, flood their basement, upturning the heating-oil tank for their furnace and contaminating the

sand that the water brought with it. The oily sand was a health hazard that the family could not remove themselves, so they had to evacuate.

The World Renew disaster-preparedness guide helps families know what to do before a disaster strikes. The web resource helps people define their specific vulnerabilities and options, and then plan for them. It includes identifying and reducing risks, answering key questions, addressing medical emergencies, building an emergency kit, creating a plan, and helping the community.

2014 NORTH AMERICAN DISASTER RESPONSE

AB, High River		NJ, Bergen County	
AK, Ft. Yukon/Galena		NJ, Camden County	
AR, Vilonia		NJ, Essex County	
CO, Boulder		NJ, Gloucester County	
CO, Ft Collins		NJ, Middlesex County	
CO, Weld County		NJ, Ocean County	
CT, Milford		NJ, Salem County	
CT, Norwalk		NJ, Union Beach	
CT, Bridgeport		NJ, Union County	
FL, Live Oak		NY, Prattsville	
FL, Pensacola		NY, Schoharie County	
FL, Washington/Walton County		NY, Staten Island	
IA, Rock Valley		OK, Moore	
IL, Brookport		OK, Oklahoma City	
IL, Washington		ON, Bracebridge	
IN, Henryville		PA, Susquehanna	
IN, Kokomo		SD, Canton	
KY, Menifee County		TX, Austin	 
LA, La Place		TX, Bastrop	
LA, Washington Parish		TX, Eagle Pass	
MI, Grand Rapids		TX, West	
MI, Newaygo		WA, Oso	
MO, Joplin			
MO, Piedmont	 		
MS, Hattiesburg			
MT, Musselshell			
NC, Hyde County			
NE, Pilger			
ND, Minot			

-  Explosion
-  Fire
-  Flood
-  Hurricane
-  Mudslide
-  STorm
-  Tornado

Meeting Needs After a Disaster

Whether days, months, or years after a disaster occurs, the World Renew DRS needs assessment program helps communities identify the needs of vulnerable residents. As volunteers go door to door, host a walk-in center, or make phone calls, they focus on finding those who don't know where to turn.

Seventeen months after Hurricane Sandy hit, World Renew DRS received requests for needs assessment services. The 2014 response included not only reconstruction work but also urgent situations that needed immediate attention.

"A family with four children in Monmouth, New Jersey, was living in a home that was flooded

by the hurricane," said volunteer Marge Hoogboom. "The children were chronically ill, and we discovered mold in the home. The family was immediately moved to safe lodging. They were one of many families who were identified through a DRS needs assessment."

Working for Justice in Disaster Response

World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS) is working in the town of High River to bring hope and healing to people affected by flooding in southern Alberta in 2013. Grounded in a commitment to justice and peace, World Renew is devoted to helping homeowners who are facing significant barriers in recovering from disasters in North America.

When Stephan Deunk, a DRS case manager in High River, met Glen Richard, he was struggling to repair the basement of his house using a little money from his insurance company and Canada's Disaster Recovery Program (DRP). In addition to helping Richard repair his home, World Renew also empowered him to advocate for additional assistance from the DRP by resubmitting his eligibility documents.

"As part of the Christian call to be agents of peace and justice in the world, World Renew DRS is working to restore health and well-being in disaster zones like High River," Deunk says. "We are committed to using our hands as part of the larger restoration of humanity and creation."

DISASTER RESPONSE
SERVICES 2014

2,916 VOLUNTEERS
SERVED WITH DRS.

160 NEW VOLUNTEERS
STEPPED UP TO SERVE DISASTER
SURVIVORS.

DRS VOLUNTEERS GAVE

247,486 HOURS OF
THEIR TIME AND TALENTS TO
OTHERS THROUGH DRS.

DRS VOLUNTEERS CONTACTED

16,477 HOUSEHOLDS
TO ASSESS THEIR NEEDS AFTER A
DISASTER.

DRS VOLUNTEERS
REBUILT OR REPAIRED
HOMES.

438

DRS VOLUNTEERS REPRESENTED
DENOMINATIONS.

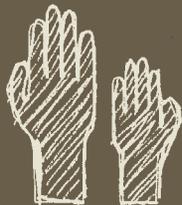
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DRS PARTNERED WITH
LONG-TERM RECOVERY GROUPS.

5

THE DRS GROUPS PROGRAM
PARTNERED WITH
LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

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COMMUNITY | TRANSITION



FROM FLOODING TO FOOD SECURITY IN KENYA

In 2013, large areas of Kenya received heavy rain that caused massive flooding. World Renew assessments showed that in low-lying coastal areas, farming villages were extensively damaged—homes were destroyed and crops were ruined. In particular, the farm families in the Magarini area needed food assistance, agricultural tools, and seeds to assure an adequate harvest in February 2014.

With World Renew, and using a planning tool called the *Participatory Rural Appraisal* (PRA), the farmers in Magarini established community groups and developed action plan. The PRA process helped them develop a keen sense of ownership for the

project. They met as a community and in public forums, and then formed two committees that identified recipients who qualified for flood relief, organized food distributions, and managed their activities.

“By spending three to six months in community organizing at the beginning of the response, the Magarini communities were able to prioritize their own needs through the community action plans they developed,” says Stephan Lutz, World Renew’s program consultant in Kenya. “The PRA process enabled them to implement food security programming that was informed by those plans.”

As a result, World Renew distributed food rations to 800 families (6,400 people) over seven months through a food-for-work program. In exchange, the participants provided physical labor to help the community achieve its goals. They organized themselves into work groups to dig water pans and reservoirs, and construct roads and irrigation canals.

Now the communities in Magarini are benefitting from two new water pans, eight new roads, and a system of canals and ditches for water management. World Renew will transition to longer-term development programs in the area for the next three years. The work will focus



on further food security and disaster preparedness.

“The Magarini project shows that it is possible to transform a disaster into a foundation!” says Chris Shiundu, World Renew disaster response manager in Kenya.

From Vulnerability to Resilience in Haiti

In international assistance and poverty alleviation, disaster risk reduction programs (DRR) can be a bridge between disaster response and community development. DRR helps reduce people’s vulnerability to disasters by improving their preparation, resilience, and stamina.

When Haiti was struck by a major earthquake in 2010, World Renew’s international disaster response team began working in the port town of Léogâne. World Renew provided trauma counseling, 3,500 tarps, two

water filtration systems, 21 wells, 800 latrines, and 1,400 tool kits. Soon, longer-term programs began to help communities work toward rehabilitation by constructing 3,425 earthquake-resistant houses, distributing 2,166 goats, providing 180,000 tree seedlings, and constructing 17 seed banks. This response concluded during 2014, building the foundation needed to support longer-term community development programs in Haiti today.

World Renew is now working in 17 communities in Léogâne to help residents identify and grow their assets and abilities. Grass-roots associations in these communities are working to reduce economic vulnerability and risk in future disasters. Community leaders are also learning to assess their strengths and define their own goals.

“We are working towards community ownership of DRR programs,” says Lunise Cerin-Jules, World Renew’s country consultant in Haiti. “Community associations are building awareness and resilience in responding to future disasters.”

In 2014, World Renew conducted workshops that gave local leaders opportunities to map the natural hazards and disaster risks in their communities. The representatives returned to their communities to help them design a resiliency survey and develop strategies for dealing with disasters. These efforts mesh with World Renew’s ongoing programs to reduce poverty and hunger, including agriculture.

World Renew’s long-term agriculture programs are helping Haitians in Léogâne improve their ability to adapt to environmental change through soil conservation and sloped-agriculture techniques that protect the land from erosion and drought. Community members are also learning to grow kitchen gardens, develop tree nurseries, prepare seeds, and graft trees. These multi-faceted approaches to food security and disaster preparation are empowering people in Haiti and beyond to become more resilient in the future.

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AGRICULTURE SKILLS IMPROVE FOOD AVAILABILITY

World Renew's development programs included agriculture projects in 16 countries in 2014. The efforts provided farm families with training in growing techniques, animal husbandry, kitchen gardening, crop diversification, agro-forestry, conservation agriculture, irrigation, crop storage, and more. The immediate goal is to improve the food supply and income of the poorest families in the communities where World Renew works.

World Renew worked with about 1,000 subsistence farmers in Laos last year, through partner organization HHP, to grow rice, tea and coffee, fruit trees, spices, sesame, and forage grass for animal feed. Yassa, an innovative

farmer who lives in Phialor Kao, is successfully growing coffee and cardamom and experimenting with persimmons as well.

Yassa learned to graft trees in an agricultural training event with HHP last year. Persimmon grows wild in Phialor Kao, but the wild fruit is inedible. To solve the problem, Yassa grafted new, edible persimmon stock on to the wild tree trunks. In two or three years, the new grafts should produce marketable fruit that Yassa can sell as a stable source of income well into the future. It's an exciting project for Yassa and his neighbors who are also experimenting with new crop like this one.

In addition to improving food availability and income, World Renew and HHP are helping Lao farmers develop cash crops to replace poppy cultivation that is used for producing opium. World Renew is helping farmers provide for their families by growing legal crops such as coffee, cardamom, and cinnamon to sell for cash, and teaching landowners their legal rights when large international corporations want to contract with them for the use of their land.

Income Opportunities for All

Recognizing existing resources and learning skills to earn an adequate income can provide people who live in poverty with new ways to support them-

selves. In Nigeria, World Renew is working with partner Beacon of Hope Initiative (BHI) to create income-earning power through employment and business training, savings cooperatives, and revolving loan funds.

Mutse is a 24-year-old man with leprosy who was abandoned by his family and survived his teens by begging. He was referred World Renew's programs by his church, and he took classes from BHI in business ethics, marketing, management, customer service, pricing, business plans, and recordkeeping.

Mutse then apprenticed for three months with a local chicken farmer named Ma'an Garba. After learning day-to-day business operations, he applied for a \$188 start-up grant from his community group. With it, Mutse purchased 30 chickens, feed, and supplies. Mutse, with guidance from Garba, sold the hens at a profit and purchased 45 more chicks to raise.

Mutse has become a peer mentor to young business owners in his community group. The group members pool some of their income in a joint savings account and take turns qualifying for small loans at a low interest rate. Mutse also contributes financially to his church and volunteers with other young adults who are disabled.

World Renew's income-earning programs empower people like Mutse with the dignity of income and work that they can be proud of. Their efforts not only benefit the program participants, they help improve the community as a whole.



Access and Equity Mean Better Health

In 2014, World Renew ended a long-term funding grant that made health services accessible to a quarter of a million people, provided training for thousands of community health workers, saved hundreds of infant lives, and established a system of locally-based committees in Bangladesh and India. As this program becomes a model for others, World Renew is continuing to improve health among families in poverty at the community level—especially mothers, pregnant women, and children under age two.

One of these programs, with the Nkhoma Synod of the Presbyterian Church (CCAP) in Malawi, trains volunteer health workers in the Kanyerere area. Since 2011, more than 600 skilled volunteers have completed home health visits, counseled families, taught malaria prevention, taught health

education, and organized cooking clubs where mothers learn to create nutritious meals, share food together, and then take their new skills home.

Feleysia gave birth to her son Alinafe during a particularly difficult financial time in their family. By 18 months old, Alinafe was acutely malnourished. Alarmed, Feleysia went to the trained health worker in her village; the volunteer visited the family, provided counseling, and referred them to the local clinic. Alinafe's situation was urgent, and Feleysia received ready-to-use therapeutic food for him immediately.

Realizing that Alinafe would need long-term intervention to grow, the health worker encouraged Feleysia to join a local cooking club. There, Feleysia learned how to help Alinafe stay healthy.

"My son is healthy and growing again," Feleysia says joyfully.

Couples Clubs Reduce the Spread of HIV and AIDS

Each year World Renew makes small grants available to its staff and partners from the HIV and AIDS Innovation Fund. While celebrating a significant decrease in new cases of HIV worldwide, World Renew recognizes that prevention is a continuing need in impoverished communities and is gradually incorporating HIV and AIDS response into its ongoing health programs.

In 2014, grants from the HIV and AIDS fund benefitted communities of poverty in six countries: India, Kenya, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Tanzania, and Uganda. The awards totaled more than \$81,500. In Senegal and Nicaragua, adolescent outreach programs provided youth with information about HIV prevention, sexual development, and healthy relationships as well as stigma, abuse, discrimination, and victim's rights.

In Uganda, World Renew worked through denominational partners in HIV prevention by supporting married couples within the church. "Using a curriculum called *Stepping Stones*, couples meet regularly to discuss issues that make them vulnerable to HIV and AIDS," says Nema Aluku, World Renew's HIV program manager in Africa. "The result of this church-based intervention is uplifting and full of promise."

An Anglican pastor who was trained in the curriculum now leads a couples club. He says that it has changed lives beyond his church and its doors. "*Stepping Stones* has helped us reach out into the community. Couples

who completed the training are now role models and counselors for other couples. People travel to our community to consult with us about improving their marriages and family life. We pray that more marriages and families will benefit from *Stepping Stones* and couples clubs in Uganda."

Literacy: Seeing the Future with New Eyes

World Renew's literacy programs improved lives and livelihoods in communities of poverty in 13 countries last year. While significant gains have been made in global literacy rates in the last 10 years, 774 million people were illiterate in 2014 (UNESCO). Most of the people that World Renew and our partners teach to read, write, and count are adults who didn't have the opportunity to attend school as children.

In Tanzania, World Renew is working with the African Inland

Church (AICT) to help people who live in poverty improve their lives through literacy. The population of Ragata is comprised of farmers and semi-nomadic herders who move their cattle and goats from place to place. The herding families rarely sent their children to school and were said to "care more about their animals than educating their children."

World Renew and AICT began a literacy project in Ragata by asking community members to identify their challenges: illiteracy topped their list. James Lusengeneja was one of the first 26 students who enrolled, and he will soon take a reading comprehension exam. He is excited about the new opportunities his education will give him.

The community is also excited about new opportunities. The villagers built a new primary school and teacher housing. The



classrooms are well equipped, and the school building has been maintained. The residents are also making plans to build a secondary school and provide transportation for students who need it. The people of Ragata have encountered the benefits of education, and as a result they have changed their priorities. They recognize the value of education and are investing in their children.

Local Leaders Charged for Change

Addressing global poverty in lasting ways means developing local leaders who are equipped to stimulate change in their communities long-term. An essential part of World Renew's work to organize 1,654 communities for change in 2014 is training local people to lead the charge.

Local leaders are elected by their neighbors. They lead the decision-making process for organizing their community. Good leaders have the knowledge, skills, and attitudes they need to influence others, but they also work on developing the personal traits that make them competent and effective.

World Renew's local and church partners receive organizational management and board development training from World Renew. The training includes workshops in leading by example, community mobilizing, gender sensitization, and long-term sustainability. Helping communities transform is based in part on training and mentoring good leaders. When leaders work together, they foster innovation

and learning so that everyone gets credit for success.

Training partners and communities in leadership development is essential for successful change, but it is just as important that leaders recognize, encourage, enable, and coordinate the development of other people's talents so that they can achieve their goals together. A good leader focuses on building relationships throughout the community as well as working on the task at hand. It is quality of relationships that determines whether organizations and communities can move forward with their plans and solve common problems.

WATCH CLIMATE CONVERSATION: KENYA AT WORLDRENEW.NET/ENVIRONMENTALSTEWARDSHIP. THEN JOIN US ON TWITTER AT [#CLIMATECONVERSATION](https://twitter.com/CLIMATECONVERSATION).

Adjusting to our Changing Environment

In many communities, people who live in poverty find homes on marginal land that is degraded, ill-suited for farming, subject to variable weather patterns—or all of these. To assist families that are struggling to feed themselves, World Renew is training subsistence farmers to prepare and adapt to the changing environment.

In 2014, many communities in Honduras experienced a drought. The crops dried up and died, and many already-poor farm families suffered from even greater hardship and hunger. Raul Aleman is one of

these farmers. World Renew is working with Diaconia Nacional in his community.

As the rainfall became increasingly unpredictable each year, Aleman's corn and bean crops became chronically low yielding, and sometimes he lost a whole crop. However, with training in cultivation and support to purchase seeds, Aleman is now growing tomatoes using micro-climate technology, irrigation, and organic fertilizer.

By applying new techniques, Aleman got a very good tomato harvest. He sold the produce and used the income to purchase supplies for his family, pay off debts, and save some money to invest in growing tomatoes next year. Now Aleman and his family are food secure, knowing that they will have enough food to eat year-round, and his neighbors are motivated to try new techniques that will help them adapt to environmental change and improve their food supply as well.



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WHERE WE WORKED IN 2014



● DEVELOPMENT
● DISASTER

COUNTRY	# OF PARTNERS	# OF COMMUNITIES	# OF DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPANTS	# OF DISASTER RESPONSE PARTICIPANTS
Bangladesh*	6	60	307,889	-
Burundi	-	-	-	9,245
Cambodia	5	91	7,785	1,465
Canada	1**	-	-	-
Dominican Republic	1	14	506	-
Ethiopia	-	-	-	54,070
Guatemala	4	20	3,517	-
Haiti	5	23	18,452	54,028
Honduras	5	77	8,144	762
India	3	6****	35,635	5,221
Indonesia*	-	-	-	9,130
Japan	-	-	-	8,168
Jordan	-	-	-	12,000
Kenya	3	171	15,956	69,330
Laos	1	51	9,980	-
Lebanon	-	-	-	18,575
Liberia	-	-	-	12,600
Madagascar	-	-	-	7,000
Malawi	1	16	9,874	-
Mali	5	156	7,353	339
Mexico	1	8	191	1,000
Mozambique	2	62	2,713	3,200
Myanmar	-	-	-	3,662
Nicaragua	5	90	2,418	7,568
Niger	3	147	3,374	31,521
Nigeria	3	108	21,011	-
Pakistan	-	-	-	74,535
Philippines	-	-	384	69,374
Senegal	2	40	1,235	-
Sierra Leone	1	29	530	1,240
Sri Lanka	-	-	-	8,850
South Sudan	-	-	-	6,840
Syria	-	-	-	21,225
Tanzania*	5	19	13,980	-
Uganda	8	165	6,197	26,320
United States*****	1***	279	-	59,442*****
Zambia*	2	22	3,314	10,500
Total	73	1,654	480,438	587,210

* Number of beneficiaries or communities in development show significant variance due to changes in grant funding, security, or transition.

** World Renew supports the work of Diaconal Ministries Canada and is involved in the ministry of refugee sponsorship.

*** World Renew supports the work of Communities First Association in U.S. development programs.

**** World Renew ended a funding grant in 1,409 communities in India in 2013-2014.

***** World Renew DRS tracks its work by household. To record the total number of individuals receiving assistance, households are multiplied by three.

***** World Renew DRS partnered with five long-term recovery groups in domestic disaster response in 2014.





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FREEING FAMILIES FROM POVERTY

Ever wonder if small contributions really make a difference? Through World Renew's Free A Family® program, a gift of only \$22 a month really can create life-long improvements for an entire family in need.

The Hanif family in Bangladesh is a great example. In the slums of Dhaka, Muhammad and Shahanaj Hanif struggle to provide for their two daughters, Mim and Mohona. However, through World Renew's development programs in their neighborhood, they are beginning to see positive changes in their lives.

With minimal financial cost to World Renew, Muhammad and Shahanaj have increased

their income, improved their health, and kept their children in school. The cost is low because Muhammad and Shahanaj are urged to do the work themselves. World Renew doesn't provide hand-outs.

Instead, the couple each meets regularly with other men and women in their community. They receive training and contribute a few cents to a group savings fund. Muhammad is leader in his group and has a vision for his community's future. Shahanaj learned to read and write and received a loan from her group savings account to start a tailoring business. Their groups have also joined with others to advocate for a source

for clean drinking water in their neighborhood.

World Renew is grateful to the 2,927 families across North America who supported Free A Family® last year with their prayers and financial gifts. With this help, families like the Hanif's are freeing themselves from poverty. If you'd like to learn more about this ministry opportunity, please visit worldrenew.net/freefamily.

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Growing Volunteers: World Renew's Global Volunteer Program

The Global Volunteer Program (GVP) connects people, groups, and churches with World Renew's short-term, international volunteer opportunities. In 2014, GVP matched 380 volunteers with overseas placements where they poured into the lives of those in need and in the process discovered more about themselves and God's call on their own lives.

Grace Jung, a volunteer who is located in Kenya and Uganda, says, "I look back on the past two-and-a-half months, and

I am humbled. I am humbled because of how intimately God knows me. Each of my experiences here has been so perfectly tailored for me, down to the smallest detail, that it gives me goose bumps when I think about it. . . . I feel as though God put me in a time machine to show me a glimpse of what my future could look like."

In 2014, there was a significant increase in direct partnerships between churches in international communities and churches in North America through GVP's *Church-to-Church Partnership* program.

"New England Chapel is partnering with Ajulu Parish in Uganda because we want to explore partnerships in missions," an NEC leader said. "We are finding that partnership is not about what we *do* in ministry, but about learning, vulnerability, and perspectives. Partnerships are more about an exchange that builds combined strengths and furthers our mutual goals."

"The focus of training partnering congregations to prepare for a church-to-church relationship is to create a mutual definition of partnership," says World Renew's Uganda Bridger, Carol Musoke. She notes that in her region, the church partnership process is often described as similar to Ugandan marriage proposals.

Building up American Communities

Since welcoming Executive Director Reesheda Washington in 2014, Communities First Association (CFA) is moving ahead

in its approach to reconciliation, race, gender, and class equity among Christian churches and in underserved communities around the United States. One of the most significant changes CFA made last year was investing in the development and certification of community advancement coaches (CACs).

By working with its current coaches, CFA is creating a new training process for vetting and certifying incoming CACs. The process ensures that new coaches receive consistent, quality training that will result in a unified knowledge base across the organization. Those who participate in this new process receive high-level instruction from professional coaches who practice what they teach and are enthusiastic about CFA's mission and vision.

Looking to the future, CFA is working towards becoming the place where experienced community developers from across the country come to receive a nationally-recognized certification in asset-based community development, including training focused on the holistic development of servant leaders who have been called to work with local churches in North American communities to help them uncover God's gifts and presence there.

World Renew Shifts Gears with Sea to Sea

Over the last decade, World Renew has received funding from bicycling tours across the U.S. and Canada called *Sea to Sea*. The effort raises funds to fight poverty and has contributed more than \$5 million to help



end extreme poverty worldwide since 2005.

In 2014 World Renew became one of Sea to Sea's long-standing sponsors and benefits when Sea to Sea bicyclists cycle to end poverty. In 2013, a transcontinental ride raised US\$917,118, and 25 percent (US\$219,280) was allocated to World Renew's development and disaster response programs.

Sixty percent of the funds (US\$131,568) that World Renew received from the tour were designated for development and helped approximately 3,300 people in West African communities through health education and income generation projects last year.

The rest of the funds (40 percent or US\$87,712) benefitted survivors of Hurricane Irene through the Underfunded Disaster Fund of World Renew DRS, helping 37 families rebuild and repair their homes through the work of DRS 170 volunteers.

In October 2014, Sea to Sea joined Ride for Refuge for an event that raised \$1.8 million, and World Renew received a portion of the funds designated for Sea to Sea from this ride. World Renew will continue to support Sea to Sea in two Canadian tours in 2015 and a transcontinental tour in 2017. (www.seatosea.org/upcoming-events)

Joseph Stewards Leave a Legacy of Lasting Change

In its second year of existence in 2014, *Joseph Stewards* grew significantly. Joseph Stewards is a group of people who let World Renew know that they have included the organization in their

will or estate plan. Not everyone who remembers World Renew with a life gift becomes a Joseph Steward, but those who do have decided to let World Renew about their act of generosity during their lifetime.

The name "Joseph Stewards" is from Genesis 41, where God told Joseph that there would be seven years of prosperity in Egypt followed by seven years of famine. The Egyptians stored the grain that they grew during the seven good years for use during the seven years of famine. As a result, they were able to meet their own needs as well as feed those who were hungry around them.

In a similar way, Joseph Stewards have chosen to share the blessings from their "years of prosperity" with those who are experiencing "years of famine." They make it possible for people who live in hunger and poverty to experience God's blessings for generations to come. Participation with Joseph Stewards also sets an important example for others to follow, joining hands together to make a global impact for the cause of Christ.

Peace-Building and Justice

World Renew's Peace-Building and Justice Fund helps create opportunities for training and education about human rights to meet needs that arise while working in local communities. In 2014, these projects took place in India, Philippines, Nicaragua, Honduras, West Africa, and other locations. They included human rights, anti-racism, peace-building, anti-corruption, and human trafficking.

In India and Nicaragua, World Renew trained local partners to combat human trafficking by raising awareness in community groups and churches. Kennedy Dhanabalan, director of World Renew's partner EFICOR, says that trafficking is increasing in Malto communities in Jharkand, India. With a small grant of \$5,750 from World Renew, EFICOR added \$2,500 of its own funds and developed a curriculum to train 100 EFICOR staff and volunteers, including 50 field workers and local leaders in ten project communities.

In Nicaragua, where people in poverty are also broadly subject to the arms and drug trades, World Renew's Nehemiah Center is working with partner AMC in 25 Christian congregations in five rural and five urban communities to combat trafficking with a small \$4,500 grant from this fund. Using a curriculum developed in a previous grant, World Renew and AMC trained church leaders in trafficking prevention, restoration, and increasing the church's role in public policy and peace-building.

Nicaragua consultant Mark Vander Wees says, "Last year, World Renew and AMC invested heavily in churches to help combat domestic violence and HIV and AIDS. In the process, the presence of trafficking was uncovered, and church leaders were eager to address it. They have consistently applied biblical theories in their communities. Through this project, AMC is empowering local churches as catalysts in their communities."



SPECIAL THANKS

Action by Churches Together Alliance — ACT is a network of 140 Christian organizations working together for positive, sustainable change in the lives of people affected by poverty and injustice through coordinated humanitarian, development, and advocacy initiatives. ACT mobilizes \$1.5 billion USD annually in its work for a just world. World Renew is grateful for the coordination and financial support provided by ACT.

Baker Agriculture, Savings and Loan, and Maternal and Child Health Funds — World Renew is grateful for the very special estate gifts that began the Baker Agriculture Innovation and Village Savings and Loan Funds, and this year established the Baker Maternal and Child Health Fund. These funds distribute money over 10 or 15 years to support ongoing ministry and create opportunities for innovation. The legacy of ministry support created by these gifts is a great encouragement to many.

Barnabas Foundation and Christian Stewardship Services — World Renew is grateful to the Barnabas Foundation (US) and Christian Stewardship Services (Canada) for advancing the understanding of stewardship as an essential part of a Christian lifestyle. Barnabas and CSS provide guidance and assistance to our supporters in financial stewardship, estate planning, charitable gift annuities, and planned giving.

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) is a partnership of 15 Canadian churches and para-church organizations working together to end global hunger through immediate food assistance, food security, and improved nutrition. World Renew is grateful to CFGB's member agencies and for CFGB's support from DFATD. Last year World Renew committed a total of CDN\$8,291,406 in resources to food assistance and food security programming in 16 countries. Of this amount, \$1,606,732 (or 19%) came from World Renew's "equity" at CFGB and \$5,465,181 (66%) came from DFATD.

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

Communities First Association (CFA) — CFA is World Renew's strategic partner in community development in North America with \$500,000 granted to this ministry in 2014. We are blessed by CFA's diligent work in Asset-Based Community Development in 279 low-income neighbor-

hoods in the US. In 2014, CFA trained and coached 22 Christian Reformed congregations out of 59 churches overall.

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 and ministries, champions, volunteers, and others who present World Renew to local congregations to encourage continued prayer, involvement, and support.

DFATD (Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development Canada) — World Renew gratefully acknowledges DFATD for ongoing consultation and program support to World Renew and our partners. In 2014, DFATD provided World Renew with CDN\$3,882,179 to continue to equip communities through training projects and to support disaster response programs in Syrian and the Philippines.

Disaster Response Support — World Renew is grateful to the following agencies who contributed to international or domestic disaster response interventions this past year:

- All We Can, Methodist Relief and Development
- Bijzondere Noden (Board for Special Needs)
- Canadian Lutheran World Relief
- The Canadian Red Cross
- Canadian Reformed World Relief Fund

- Christian Blind Mission Canada
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Development Canada
- Emergency Relief and Development Overseas, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
- Feed the Children
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Reformed Churches of New Zealand
- The Salvation Army
- Tear Australia
- Tearfund Belgium
- Tear Netherlands
- Tearfund UK
- Town of High River, Alberta
- Transform Aid International
- United Church of Canada
- World Concern/Crista Ministries
- World Development and Relief, CRC of Australia)
- World Relief Canada
- ZOA

Foods Resource Bank (FRB)

— World Renew is thankful for FRB’s partnership and contributions to this ministry through its growing projects. FRB growing projects engage small-holder farmers in the world’s poorest regions. Last year, FRB supported World Renew with food security programs in Cambodia, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Laos, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Tanzania, and Uganda, contributing a total of US\$545,659.

Integral Alliance — World Renew is grateful to Integral, an alliance of 19 Christian relief and development agencies based in the United Kingdom. Integral works toward a wholistic response to global poverty through collaboration, innovation, and disaster management. World Renew participates in seven bilateral projects with Integral in relief, development, justice, leadership, and agriculture.

Joseph Fund — World Renew is grateful to all those who contributed to the Joseph Fund, a giving vehicle that employs a portion of gifts for ministry immediately and invests the majority of the gift for later use. Gifts to the Joseph Fund have a seven-year term: ten percent is used in World Renew programs in the first year while the remainder is invested and a percentage is directed to the ministry through the rest of the term. Last year US\$1,584,636 was released to World Renew’s ministry through the Joseph Fund.

Joseph Stewards — World Renew is grateful to Joseph Stewards who have remembered in their estate plan those who are poor, hungry, and displaced by disaster around the world. Their legacy gifts to World Renew will continue to transform lives and communities into the future, providing churches and Christian organizations with the resources to reach out to those who are in need through their partnership with World Renew.

Micah Network — World Renew is proud to be part of the Micah Network, a group of 577 Christian relief and development organizations with programs in 86 countries. The Micah Network motivates and equips the global Christian community to embrace and practice integral mission by focusing on biblical understanding, challenging world leaders, and strengthening the local church.

Partners Worldwide — World Renew thanks Partners Worldwide and their Christian business networks for using their gifts, knowledge, and experience to impact poverty around the world. Partners Worldwide unites with World Renew to help people improve their lives through business development and job creation by building North-South relationships between entrepreneurs and farmers.

Refugee Resettlement — World Renew thanks each church and individual who assisted in refugee sponsorship through World Renew in 2014. Because of your support, 32 families (73 individuals) who were in need of security and a homeland were welcomed to Canada last year. In addition, 14 new sponsorship applications (41 individuals) were submitted under the auspices of World Renew.

USAID — World Renew gratefully acknowledges the United States Agency for International Development, which supported World Renew this past year with US\$253,280 in foreign assistance grants that fostered goodwill and improved lives through programs in Bangladesh.

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. Together we are “co-laborers in God’s service” to the poor with you, because of Christ.



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