



A Heart for the World

CRWRC ANNUAL MINISTRY REPORT 2011



*But the plans of the LORD
stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart
through all generations. Psalm 33:11*

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CRWRC 2011 Fast Facts

Relief and Development Totals

Communities	4,522
Partners	84
Development participants	886,245
Disaster participants	777,570
Total overall participants	1,663,815
Countries	40
Volunteers	3,373
Volunteer hours	278,838*

*or 134 annual fulltime employees

Dear friend,

Glancing back at 2010-11 gives a brief glimpse at the amazing array of ministry that God has accomplished through the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee (CRWRC).

- In international disaster response activities, CRWRC responded to catastrophic earthquakes in Haiti and Japan, renewed flood response efforts in Pakistan, and addressed a worsening food shortage in eastern Africa.
- People living in poverty around the world learned from each other, taught their neighbors, recognized themselves and others as image bearers of God, and are living more justly in myriad ways, exceeding all that we could ask or imagine!
- In North America, CRWRC Disaster Response Services (DRS) answered requests for help after floods, tornadoes, fires, and hurricanes in communities from Newfoundland to Oregon.

In all, CRWRC worked in 40 countries in the past year helping individuals, families, and groups in 4,522 communities, following God's lead by partnering with 84 Christian churches and organizations, and participating with God in making Jesus Christ visible on earth and contributing to the growth of the Church universal.

As we look back with gratitude, we also anticipate the unfolding of 2012, when CRWRC celebrates its 50th anniversary with *"A Heart for the World for 50 Years."* Since 1962 CRWRC has responded with love to those who are in need in this world, a work that has alleviated suffering, brought hope, and fostered healing through a mutual and beneficial exchange of learning and community—with the orphan and widow, with each other, and with you.

"A Heart for the World" is not only the work you have commissioned CRWRC to do, it is as close as your own heartbeat; it is God's Spirit calling you to have a compassionate heart in a fallen world. And just as the beating of our own hearts is something common to all of us, so we all share in God's kingdom work of reconciling the world and each heart to himself.

CRWRC's 50th anniversary in 2012 is really about God's heart. Having *"A heart for the world"* means being diligent to ensure that our own hearts are molded by the heart of Jesus. From this heart of humility, we work to do justice and love kindness, and are changed in the process.

After five decades of following God's lead, it remains our fervent prayer that—through CRWRC, its partners, and the communities with which we work—God's plans will continue to become reality for generations to come.

Serving Him with You,



Andrew Ryskamp
Director, U.S.



Ida Kaastra Mutoigo
Director, Canada



Introducing CRWRC's 50th Anniversary in 2012

Are We There Yet? CRWRC at 50

During those long car rides with kids, it seems there's no end to asking, "Are we there yet?" When it comes to CRWRC's response to disaster and hunger in the name of our Savior, "Are we there yet?" is a fair and frequent question. A good place to look for answers on CRWRC's 50th anniversary is Sierra Leone.

On the recommendation of a 1978 synodical taskforce of the Christian Reformed Church (CRC), CRWRC began a joint effort with Christian Reformed World Missions to alleviate spiritual and physical needs in tiny, destitute Sierra Leone. At the same time, CRWRC launched a hunger education program among North American congregations. It included an annual day of prayer and fasting, and became what a generation of CRC members now know as CRWRC's World Hunger Campaign with its orange Peter Fish banks.



The work in Sierra Leone became an organization named Christian Extension Services (CES). By 1981, CES had 14 staff working in nine villages in the Kuranko area, with CRWRC helping 2,000 families increase food production, literacy, health, and income so that they could provide adequately for themselves and their families.

Although a civil war erupted in the southern part of the country in the early 1990s, Kuranko residents were relatively unaffected by militia attacks until 1994, just as CES began

to transition to a national staff and board of directors. Raiding bands of armed soldiers surged north into Kuranko communities, destroying buildings and dismantling the CES project components. However, the rebels soon retreated to the south.

CRWRC, switching from long-term community development to emergency food aid, sustained Kuranko families who lost their homes and livelihoods in the attacks. The following year, the soldiers attacked again, this time forcing staff and residents to evacuate.

"Buildings were burned and some lives were lost, but the church grew, and communities behind rebel lines continued to use the literacy, health, agriculture, and community-building skills they learned," says former CRWRC-Sierra Leone staff member, Jan Disselkoen. "While we evacuated to Freetown several times, work in the villages continued."

CRWRC A Heart for the World for 50 Years



1952

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1952 Deacons respond to disasters in Michigan, Ontario, and the Netherlands

1957 Deacons respond to Japan typhoon

In the next 50 years ...

CRWRC's compelling mission comes out of God's deep passion for mercy and justice: to work with communities and individuals around the world to change their story from poverty, disaster, and injustice to a new story of assets, hope, and shalom.

Through your support, CRWRC has been able to minister in 86 countries over the past 50 years. Thank you! Please continue to join CRWRC in the future as together we seek to realize God's heart for the world. God willing, in the next 50 years CRWRC can reach 15,000 impoverished communities—20 million people who are in need of help and hope!

From their location in Freetown, CES staff helped treat the wounded, managed two refugee camps, and began a transition program for those who were displaced. When the war ended in 2001, CES began to address post-war needs while CRC staff restarted efforts to turn over CES leadership to Sierra Leonean staff, and in 2002 Robert Jawara became CES's first national director.

Today, CRWRC continues to support CES with consultation and funding, but the organization sets its own program priorities, continuing to build local leadership, encourage community cooperation, and reduce oppression and abuse.

In 2006, CES created a separate evangelism initiative called SIT, which later became the Christian Reformed Church of Sierra Leone. CES then began a broader outreach into impoverished communities still recovering from civil war. Thirty-four years later, the CRC of Sierra Leone has 60 worship locations with 5,500 members, and CES is successfully working in 14 communities.

"Development is not about buildings and projects," says Disselkoen, "it's about God working through people. Buildings might burn down and people may be at risk, but God is still there. After 34 years of ministry in Sierra Leone, we are amazed and thankful for God's blessing on it and the vision that began it."

Ultimately, the work of the Church isn't complete until Christ returns—but the results of the work in Sierra Leone indicate that CRWRC's ministry has moved thousands of people and communities along in the journey toward wholeness in Jesus Christ.

Are we there yet? On CRWRC's 50th anniversary, for CES and CRWRC's work in Sierra Leone, the answer is yes.

Join the Celebration!

CRWRC will host a variety of 50th birthday celebrations as 2012 unfolds. Watch your church bulletin, CRWRC e-news, and check online at www.crwrc.org/50 for exciting announcements about upcoming events. There will be many ways to join in. We're celebrating all year!

1959 Deacons
Conferences begin

1961 Synodical
Study Committee
recommends
combined diaconal
action

1963 Operation
Manna begins;
Chicago Clothing
Center opens; Haiti



1960 Cuban refugees
arriving in Miami,
Florida, in the
early 1960s.



1962 CRWRC US
incorporated; Korea,
Guam, Taiwan,
Philippines, Illinois

A Heart... for Communities Worldwide

... for Teaching (consultation and organizational capacity- building)

CRWRC's work in community development among the world's poorest countries is carried out by staff that spend much of their time consulting. CRWRC's partnerships with Christian churches and organizations involve transferring knowledge and teaching skills that improve lives and communities for

generations to come. These include training in providing health care, teaching adult literacy, generating income, increasing agricultural yields, and much more. By "training trainers," CRWRC integrates learning that transforms our partners as well as the communities with which they work.

CRWRC also increased the organizational capacity of our 84 international Christian partners in 2011 by teaching standard financial and management practices, offering training in board governance, and developing leaders at the partner, church, and community levels.

... for Learning (literacy)

In a broad sense, CRWRC's work in teaching and learning are mutual exercises among participants, staff, and partners. Learning about and from each other is a foundational piece of CRWRC's effectiveness in developing long-term solutions to poverty.

Ana Chansouk, a young educator in Laos, exemplifies CRWRC's collaborative relationships. When most other teachers and students head home at 4:30 each afternoon, Ana stays at school. She spends two hours every evening teaching literacy to 30 adult learners who have no foundation for reading, writing, or basic arithmetic.

By teaching and learning together, CRWRC is working with Ana Chansouk to develop a model curriculum for adult learners that can be used in other villages as well.

... for Good Health (primary health care)

In most poor communities, health clinics and medicine are scarce or unaffordable. CRWRC works with local partners and communities to help families better care for their health.

CRWRC's partners train health volunteers who work with government technicians to provide



*Hong Kong
response,
August 1964*



1965 India

1966 Ontario
Clothing
Depot opens



*CRWRC responded to
Hurricane Camille,
a Category 5 storm
that hit the Gulf
Coast in 1969.*

1964

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1967 CRWRC
US moves
to current
location



1969 CRWRC
Canada incorporated;
Appalachia, Mexico,
Nigeria



“Maimuna’s story shows how the church demonstrates God’s love and provision for people in desperate need,” says CRWRC’s Chris Enns. “God empowers people through CRWRC’s partnerships to serve as his hands and feet to minister to the poor.”

immunizations, make clinic referrals, and arrange emergency transportation. CRWRC also works with partner organizations to advocate for improved policies and resources for the poorest communities.

In Niassa, Mozambique, Padre Dinis is a trained health volunteer who travels by motorbike to a dozen rural communities where he sees about 70 people a day. Dinis provides vaccinations, HIV tests, family counseling, and treatment. He also trains community members to make nutrition supplements for underweight children and demonstrates simple remedies for common illnesses.

“Before the Diocese in Niassa began working with CRWRC in these communities,” Padre Dinis says, “the villagers languished in poor health, not knowing where to

turn. Now, they recognize the need for health services and use their resources to address it.”

... for the Earth (agriculture and food security)

Nicaragua’s Miskito Coast is a lush, remote rainforest area where CRWRC is helping to improve food security. A third of the people go hungry for several months each year.

CRWRC is helping six Miskito communities establish agriculture technology transfer centers (TTCs) where subsistence farmers can attend workshops and work the land without risking more hunger for their families. Then the farmers take their training and experience home to their communities. CRWRC’s partner, Christian Medical Action, provides the farmers with technical

support as they grow the new crops on their own land.

“I used to slash and burn my land even when I learned that it was harmful,” one farmer said. “It wasn’t until I saw with my own eyes that the TTC methods work, and work well, that I began to change my ways.”

... for Work (generating income)

For people who live in abject poverty, saving even a few cents seems nearly impossible. But CRWRC’s work includes projects that help people save and generate income—and change the lives of people like Maimuna Mgongoro.

When Maimuna joined a community group in Kwikuba, Tanzania, she received training and a \$30 loan that she used to



1970 Philippines



1972 CRWRC Disaster Response Services (DRS) begins; Bangladesh, Jordan, Nicaragua



1975 Mississippi Christian Family Services; Vietnam refugee resettlement

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(L-R) H. Palmatier, Dir. of Cuban Refugee Program; Sen. Edward Kennedy; P. Lain (CRP); Jim Tuinstra; Dale DeHaan (Kennedy aide), discussing Cuban refugee issues, 1970.

1974 Xenia, Ohio; Honduras, Niger





start a home catering business. “I was committed to my objectives,” Maimuna says, “and my business grew. I kept good records, and before long I had so many customers that we had to expand!”

... for Justice (civic and human rights)

God’s mercy and justice are the foundations of CRWRC’s work nearby and across the globe.

“Change begins with a conscious decision to choose a new path,” says CRWRC-Kenya consultant Fred Witteveen. “When I think about CRWRC’s role in this process, I remember the apostle Paul saying that we are to be ‘ministers of reconciliation,’ to join with God in bringing shalom. This is CRWRC’s work in the world.”

This ministry of reconciliation compels us to action on behalf of the oppressed, hungry, and marginalized.

In North America, CRWRC supporters volunteered, advocated, and contributed financially to this work in part through the “A Show of Hands” campaign, reminding world leaders to halve global poverty by 2015. In 2011, handprints created by these advocates were presented to President Obama as part of CRWRC’s involvement in the 58 Council, a Christian effort to eliminate global poverty by 2035 (www.live58.org).

Internationally, CRWRC integrates biblical justice into its interventions among people living in poverty. “Helping people get and maintain their rights is ongoing in our work,” says West Africa team leader Mary Crickmore. “As Christians part of our witness is to defend the weak and stand for truth.”

... for Volunteers (Global Volunteer Program)

Since the 1990s, CRWRC has provided North Americans with opportunities to volunteer with “Service Learning.” Last year, CRWRC Service Learning changed its name to “Global Volunteer Program” to better fit its work today.

As the Global Volunteer Program reaches those with a heart for Christian service, it is also starting an exciting project to help teens and

Fast Facts

Last year, CRWRC matched 245 volunteers with opportunities to serve, learn, and grow.

- 13 people volunteered or interned in CRWRC’s home offices.
- 196 people were part of international work teams.
- 36 people completed an international internship.
- 6 congregations participated in church-to-church “Look, Listen, and Learn” trips.

In total, these volunteers donated 25,138 hours of their time to CRWRC’s ministry. That’s roughly the equivalent of 12 full-time employees for one year.



1976 US inner-city ministries start; Guatemala, El Salvador



1979 Sierra Leone, Lebanon



1981 CRWRC Canada office opens; Italy, Algeria, Cambodia

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Guatemala, 1976 earthquake response.



1978 World Hunger Campaign begins



Bill Haverkamp and KWIRK, the CRWRC chipmunk. 1980s.

“When our group arrived in Nobiru, Japan, I worked at a house that was flooded by the tsunami. I will probably regret writing this, but we spent the day weeding. Weeding? You went to Japan to weed? Yes. The yards in this community are all full of dead grass, debris, and weeds as high as my head. Weeding a yard—it makes a difference. If it restores one family or rebuilds the hope in this community, it’s worth it.”

young adults prepare for overseas mission trips called, “Serve With A Purpose” or SWAP, a first step for students ages 14 to 25 to get personally involved in poverty alleviation in the developing world.

... for people living with AIDS (Embrace AIDS)

Susan Ducu is one of 55 church volunteers trained by CRWRC last year as a home-based care provider in northern Uganda. Susan, equipped with an AIDS care kit, a bicycle, and her training, travels 75 miles a week to visit 155 homebound clients.

One of the people Ducu’s work has benefitted is Sidonia Agoma, a widow with AIDS who was raising six children alone. Sidonia

was ostracized by her family and community, and her children avoided her for fear of infection.

Susan took Sidonia to the hospital and cared for her until she could begin antiretroviral treatments. Susan also educated Sidonia’s family and neighbors about AIDS. Now, Sidonia is strong and has a supportive family and community. She lives productively and provides for her children.

CRWRC worked to stop the spread and impact of HIV and AIDS in 14 countries in 2011 with \$393,202 USD that is improving and extending the lives of 78,858 people living with AIDS and their loved ones.

Through CRWRC’s AIDS programs in 2011, many trained volunteers like Susan Ducu are “spending themselves on behalf of the poor” and bringing hope to those who have none through education, prevention, orphan care, caregiver respite, treatment access, and palliative care.

... for Families (Free A Family®)

Free A Family Turns 20!

Twenty years ago, Babu Ali’s family was selected by CRWRC

as a representative family for the new Free A Family® program. Back then, little Babu was so malnourished that CRWRC staff weren’t sure he would survive. Today, 23-year-old Babu is finishing his master’s degree in Jamalpur, Bangladesh!

For 20 years, Free A Family has been telling success stories like Babu’s. Free A Family, which was begun to provide North Americans with an alternative to child sponsorship, gives supporters a personal connection to a family in need without the high administrative costs associated with traditional child sponsorship programs.

“CRWRC started Free A Family to provide North Americans with the opportunity to change one family’s story of poverty into a story of realizing their God-given potential,” says Ida Kaastra-Mutoigo, CRWRC-Canada director. “Traditional child sponsorship programs are attractive, and CRWRC wanted to provide an option that honors both participants and supporters.”

Twenty years later, Free A Family supporters provide more than \$1.1 million annually for life-changing programs like those that helped Babu. Last year, 2,673 Free A Family supporters helped 4,184 families participate in CRWRC programs around the world.

1982 Liberia, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Poland



1984 Mali, Ghana, Chad, Sudan, Brazil, Turkey, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Belize, Mozambique



1986 Guinea, Zimbabwe



1987 Panama

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1987



1983 Canadian Foodgrains Bank begins; East Africa, Ecuador, Kenya, Uganda



CRWRC-DRS volunteer bringing hot meals (Miss. 1985).



CRWRC 25th Anniversary placemat contest winners, 1987.

A Heart... for the World

Where We Worked in 2011



- Former CRWRC ministry
- Current CRWRC ministry



Country	# of community-based partners	# of communities served	# of participants in development programs	# of people served by relief programs
Bangladesh	5	55	192,128	0
Cambodia	7	75	10,672	1,719
Canada****	NA	NA	**	402
Chile	NA	NA	0	300
China	NA	NA	0	*
Cuba	1	13	71	0
Dominican Republic	3	26	1,319	0
Ecuador	4	39	1,114	0
Ethiopia	NA	NA	0	13,230
Guatemala	4	21	3,430	585
Haiti	5	27	12,793	75,625
Honduras	5	87	4,555	300
India	2	1,073	392,256	2,750
Indonesia	1	707	1,071	20,686
Iraq	NA	NA	0	0
Ivory Coast	NA	NA	0	0
Japan	NA	NA	0	1,158
Kenya	5	54	14,097	58,920
Laos	1	44	12,038	0
Liberia	NA	NA	0	75,000
Malawi	2	271	81,241	4,000
Mali	5	114	21,892	8,697
Mexico	1	5	290	0
Mozambique	2	227	19,027	26,200
Myanmar	NA	NA	0	9,348
Nicaragua	5	77	2,369	10,431
Niger	2	56	4,213	13,581
Nigeria	5	436	32,567	167
Pakistan	NA	NA	0	283,472
Palestine	NA	NA	0	0
Philippines	5	NA	326	720
Senegal	2	24	1,504	0
Sierra Leone	1	14	583	0
South Africa	1	NA	1,298	0
Sri Lanka	NA	NA	0	23,585
Sudan	NA	NA	0	52,800
Tanzania	5	148	15,627	0
Uganda	2	179	30,721	53,220
United States****	1	402	***	30,174
Zambia	2	348	29,043	10,500
Total	84	4,522	886,245	777,570

* CRWRC was a funding partner of a disaster response program managed by another organization.

** CRWRC supports the work of Diaconal Ministries Canada and is also involved in the ministry of refugee sponsorship

*** CRWRC supports the work of Communities First Association

**** CRWRC's US disaster response is done through Disaster Response Services. CRWRC-DRS tracks its work by household. To record total number of individuals receiving assistance we multiplied households by 3.

A Heart... for Disaster Survivors Worldwide

... in Haiti

In January 2010, a catastrophic earthquake shook the heart of Haiti. CRWRC's International Disaster Response team immediately launched an emergency response. In the first year, CRWRC focused on home building and completed 1,890 wood-framed, earthquake-resistant houses, constructed latrines and wells, removed rubble, and rebuilt livelihoods. This work was funded in part by the United Nations Development Program.

In January 2011, CRWRC began a three-year program called "Livelihoods for Earthquake-affected People in Haiti" (LEAP) that is helping remote farm families earn income with training, seed and goat distributions, tree seedlings, and farm tools. LEAP also provides loans and rebuilding assistance to small businesses. LEAP is supported by the Dutch organization ZOA, and conducted

with Partners Worldwide and CRWRC-Haiti partner PWOFOOD.

... in Japan

In March 2011, a massive earthquake struck Japan creating a tsunami that then washed over the northeastern coast. CRWRC began a significant response to this devastating event, including immediate food assistance, clothing, counseling, and spiritual care. CRWRC works with Christian Reformed World Missions and the Reformed Church of Japan in this response.

With help from volunteer teams, CRWRC is repairing damaged

homes and churches, and plans to set up two assistance centers near Sendai for up to two years. CRWRC also provided funding assistance to: Japan International Food for the Hungry; Christian Relief, Assistance, Support and Hope (CRASH); and Church World Service.

... in Pakistan

In July 2010, monsoon rains caused rivers to overflow in three regions of Pakistan. With the Interfaith League Against Poverty (I-LAP), CRWRC provided 13,500 affected families with food, water, shelter, medical aid, and emergency supplies.

International Disaster Response Totals

Total international disaster response programming	\$20,017,679
Total domestic disaster response programming	\$405,000
Total disaster response programming costs	\$20,422,679
Countries	29

Nicaragua, 1988
Hurricane Joan
response.



CRWRC Canada.
(l-r) Jacob Kramer,
Peter Zwart,
Harry Veldstra.



CRWRC-
DRS 20th
Anniversary
banner, 1992.



1993 Free To
Serve; Romania,
Croatia, Russia,
Zaire, Aridlands

1988

1989

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1989 Malawi,
Tanzania



1991 Free
A Family
begins;
Niger



1992 Horn of
Africa; 37 Deacons
Conferences across
North America





In December, CRWRC began a second effort in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, providing clothing, blankets, and ongoing food aid. CRWRC also established 50 community-based organizations to start livelihood restoration programs and train volunteers in risk reduction.

These volunteers assess hazards, identify community vulnerabilities and strengths, and define appropriate responses. They also learn first aid and other skills.

CRWRC has expanded flood response in Pakistan to food aid for families in Sindh province where there was additional flooding in August, 2011. A third phase of the 2010 response began in September 2011 with North American volunteers who are assisting in the final phases of the response.

International Disaster Response Fast Facts

Last year, CRWRC responded to disasters in these countries.

- Cambodia (drought)
- Canada (hurricanes)
- Chile (earthquake)
- Ethiopia (drought)
- Guatemala (storm)
- Haiti (storm, earthquake)
- Honduras (flood)
- India (flood)
- Indonesia (earthquake, volcano)
- Iraq (conflict)
- Ivory Coast (conflict)
- Japan (earthquake)
- Kenya (drought)
- Liberia (chronic food insecurity)
- Malawi (chronic food insecurity)
- Mali (drought)
- Mozambique (chronic food insecurity)
- Myanmar/Burma (storm)
- Nicaragua (storm)

- Niger (chronic food insecurity)
- Nigeria (conflict)
- Pakistan (flood)
- Palestine (conflict)
- Philippines (storm)
- Sri Lanka (flood)
- Sudan (chronic food insecurity)
- Uganda (chronic food insecurity)
- United States (storms)
- Zambia (drought)

Some of these interventions were made possible by CRWRC's 15 International Relief Managers. These men and women volunteered a total of 1,135 days to respond to emergencies in five countries last year (Haiti, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, and Pakistan). This is the equivalent to the work of five full-time employees for one year.

1994 AIDS response begins; Partners for Christian Development begins; Rwanda, Burma, Thailand

1996 Joseph Fund begins; Indochina, Cuba, Burundi



June, 1999, Children from VBS at First Cutlerville CRC visiting CRWRC. (L-R) Allison Schepers, Anna Pluger, Amy Schepers, Matthew Schepers, Timmy Pluger.

1994

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1995 Service Link Canada begins; Peter Fish banks begin



A Heart... for Disaster Survivors in North America

40 Years of Service

Restoring Hearts and Homes in Crooked Creek

Crooked Creek is a small, remote town in Alaska. Located 275 miles west of Anchorage, Crooked Creek's population swelled from August to October, 2011, when volunteer work teams from CRWRC-Disaster Response Services (DRS) arrived to help build new homes for families whose houses had flooded the previous spring.

Working alongside government and tribal representatives, more than 50 CRWRC-DRS volunteers completed nine new houses before the snow flew. Input from the Cold Climate Housing Research Center helped ensure that the homes, ranging from 300 to 1100 square feet, were energy-efficient and warm.

CRWRC-DRS manager for the Alaska region, Arlan DeYong, says, "Twice in the last few years CRWRC has responded to serious flooding in Alaska. The work made a huge difference in Crooked Creek

this year and in the town of Tanana last year when there was a similar, urgent need to get folks back into their homes before winter set in."

A Little Bit of Hope: Tornado Response in Alabama

When Rich and Pat Grasman left on a CRWRC-DRS needs assessment trip to northwest Alabama last spring, they went covered with prayer. On April 27, 2011, three waves of tornadoes had ripped across the state, turning homes and lives upside down. The Grasmans knew they were bringing with them a little bit of hope.

"We started praying for people in the Birmingham area as we thought about taking the DRS assignment," the Grasmans say. "When we arrived, it looked like a bomb went off. We couldn't wait to begin our work."

2011 was one of the deadliest U.S. tornado seasons on record. In five

week's time, more than 450 people across North Carolina, Kansas, Missouri, and Alabama were killed. Working with other organizations, CRWRC Rapid Response crews first helped families clear their yards and cut down trees. Later, CRWRC assessment teams like the Grasmans went door-to-door to evaluate unmet needs.

Along the way, the Grasmans heard many stories of God's faithfulness. In one case, Pastor Jesse and his family said that they were at home when the tornado approached. "The pastor cried out to God for direction and then got everyone in the car to try to outrun the storm," Grasmans said.

As the family pulled out of the driveway, a tree fell on their car, trapping them. While the car bounced in the wind under the grasp of the tree, they blamed God

2001 Diaconal Ministries Canada begins; 9/11 response



Bev Abma (l), CRWRC-DRS Director, at the World Trade Center.



2003 Afghanistan



2005 Hurricane Katrina

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2006

2000 Service Learning Program begins; Kosovo Alliance

2002 South Africa

2004 Asia tsunami



CRWRC-DRS Fast Facts

Last year, CRWRC's Disaster Response Services responded to disasters in:

- Astoria, Ore. (flooding)
- Battle Creek, Mich. (storm)
- Biloxi, Miss. (hurricane)
- Birmingham, Ala. (tornado)
- Brookings, Ore. (tsunami)
- Burt's Corner, New Brunswick (flooding)
- Catalina, Newfoundland (hurricane)
- Cedar Rapids, Iowa (flooding)
- Cheatham, Tenn. (flooding)
- Colfax, Iowa (flooding)
- Daytona Beach, Fla. (flooding)
- Dyersburg, Tenn. (flooding)
- Eagle Butte, S. Dak. (storm)
- Galveston, Tex. (hurricane)
- Gulfport, Miss. (hurricane)
- Hackleburg, Ala. (tornado)
- Hattiesburg, Miss. (hurricane)
- Immokalee, Fla. (hurricane)
- Kenner, La. (hurricane)
- Milwaukee, Wisc. (flooding)

- Munster, Ind. (flooding)
- Nashville, Tenn. (flooding)
- New Orleans, La. (hurricane)
- N. Johnsonville, Tenn. (flooding)
- N. Nashville, Tenn. (flooding)
- Oakville, Iowa (flooding)
- Passaic, N. J. (flooding)
- Pikeville, Ky. (flooding)
- Poplarville, Miss. (hurricane)
- Port Union, Newfoundland (hurricane)
- Raleigh, N. C. (tornado)
- Rio Grande Valley, Tex. (hurricane)
- Salt Lake City, Utah (fire)
- Sanford, N. C. (tornado)
- Slidell, La. (hurricane)
- Texas City, Tex. (hurricane)
- White Swan, Wash. (fire)

In total, 3,193 people volunteered their time as part of this ministry. This included 1,933 people who were part of 162 church, school, or youth work groups. It also included 1,260 traditional CRWRC

"green shirt" volunteers. They completed a total of 10,192 projects.

These volunteers gave 246,650 hours of their time to CRWRC. That's roughly the equivalent of 119 fulltime employees for one year.

As a result,

- 9,292 home owners and renters were contacted to assess unmet needs.
- 69 homes received immediate "Rapid Response" aid.
- 126 homeowners received construction estimates.
- 127 homes were repaired and 774 were rebuilt.
- 30,308 households across North America were helped.
- 185 new volunteers gave their time.
- 31 denominations beyond the CRC partnered with CRWRC-DRS.

for not letting them escape the tornado. Only after the storm did they realize that the tree saved their lives: it kept them from being torn apart or injured by debris.

"The day we met him," the Grasmans say, "Pastor Jesse was giving God glory: only God could have caused that acorn to fall where it took root, or caused the

branches to form the way they grew, or made the tree fall on their car the way it did. Only God."

The Grasmans heard many stories like Pastor Jesse's as they interviewed family after family, building a cache of information to help local long-term recovery organizations and prepare for the opening of a CRWRC-DRS

rebuilding site in the Birmingham area in October.

"The people we met while we were in Alabama with CRWRC-DRS never lost their faith. We sensed a strong bond there, even before we arrived. We give God honor and praise for allowing us to bring a bit more hope."



2007 Embrace AIDS Campaign begins



2009 Communities First Association begins

2011 East Africa drought, Japan earthquake



2007

2008

2009

2010

2011



2010 Pakistan, Alabama tornadoes, Haiti earthquake



A Heart... of Gratitude

Action by Churches Together

(ACT) Alliance – ACT is an alliance of more than 100 churches and church-related organizations that work together in humanitarian assistance and development. The alliance works in 130 countries and mobilizes \$1.5 billion USD annually in its work for a just world. CRWRC is grateful for the coordination and financial support provided by ACT.

Barnabas Foundation & Christian Stewardship Services

– CRWRC is grateful to the Barnabas Foundation (US) and Christian Stewardship Services (Canada) for providing guidance and assistance to our supporters in financial stewardship, estate planning, charitable gift annuities, and planned giving.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank

(CFGB) – CFGB works like a bank where 15 Christian agencies pool their resources, enabling them to respond immediately to urgent need. Contributions from supporting churches and individuals continually replenish the pool of resources, allowing member agencies to receive matching funds from the Canadian government. CRWRC is grateful to CFGB members for their support. Last year, CRWRC committed a total of \$10,063,651 CDN in resources in 15 countries. Of this amount, \$1,430,977 or 14.2% came from CRWRC's equity in CFGB, and \$6,014,294 or 59.8% came from CIDA.

Canadian International

Development Agency (CIDA) – CRWRC gratefully acknowledges CIDA for providing ongoing consultation and program support to CRWRC and our partners. CRWRC is also thankful for CIDA's financial support: since the 1980s, CIDA has supported CRWRC with over \$30 million CDN for international development programs in eight countries. In 2011, CIDA provided CRWRC with \$274,545 CDN to continue equipping communities through a variety of projects.

Christian Reformed Church

agencies – CRWRC is thankful for the collaborative relationship it has with Christian Reformed Home Missions, Christian Reformed World Missions, Back to God Ministries International, Service Link, the Christian Reformed Office of Race Relations, the Christian Reformed Office of Social Justice, and the other ministries of the Christian Reformed Church. This collaboration strengthens our ministry and is a benefit both to the communities and the congregations we serve.

Communities First Association

(CFA) – CRWRC is blessed by a strategic partnership with CFA to help transform impoverished neighborhoods in the United States. CFA does this by training and coaching Christian Reformed and other churches in neighborhood engagement, local community development, and networking intermediary partners.

Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

– CRWRC is grateful to the CNCS for providing CRWRC with \$320,219 USD in support of the work of the Communities First Association with AmeriCorps last year.

Deacons and Champions

– CRWRC considers itself an extension of the deacons in local Christian Reformed churches across North America. We appreciate all that these deacons, champions, and others do to present CRWRC and its programs to local congregations.

Disaster Response Support

– CRWRC would like to thank the following agencies who contributed to various disaster response interventions this past year:

- ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together)
- Act for Peace, Australia
- Adventist Development and Relief Agency
- Canadian Baptist Ministries
- Canadian Churches in Action
- Canadian Foodgrains Bank
- Canadian International Development Agency
- Canadian Reformed World Relief Fund
- CRC Australia
- Church World Service
- Crossroads Christian Communications
- Disciples of Christ USA
- Dorcas Aid International
- ERDO/PAOC
- Food for the Hungry International

- Galveston County Recovery Fund
- Global Relief Alliance
- ICCO & Kerk in Actie
- Interfaith League Against Poverty (I-LAP)
- Manitoba Council for International Cooperation
- Medical Teams International
- Mennonite Central Committee Canada
- Nazarene Compassionate Ministries
- Netherlands GG Woerden
- Oxfam Quebec
- Partners Worldwide
- Presbyterian World Service and Development Canada
- The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
- Tearfund
- United Church of Canada
- United Way
- World Concern
- World Relief
- World Vision Canada
- Y CARE-UK
- ZOA

Foods Resource Bank (FRB) – CRWRC is thankful to FRB and its supporting “growing projects” for their contributions. Last year, FRB supported CRWRC food security programs in Cambodia, India, Kenya, Laos, Malawi, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Niger, Uganda, and Zambia, contributing a total of \$500,839 USD.

Integral Alliance—CRWRC is grateful to Integral, a global alliance of 16 international Christian relief and development agencies that works toward a more wholistic response to poverty.

CRWRC participates in seven bilateral projects with Integral in relief, development, justice, leadership, and agriculture.

Joseph Fund – CRWRC is grateful to all those who have generously contributed to the Joseph Fund. The Joseph Fund is a method of planned giving that allows people to use a portion of their gifts to meet immediate needs of the poor while also investing the majority of their gift for use over a seven-year term. \$430,285 USD was made available to CRWRC's ministry last year through this fund.

Micah Network—CRWRC is proud to be part of the Micah Network, a group of 550 Christian relief and development organizations with programs in more than 80 countries. The majority of these members are from the countries where CRWRC works. The Micah Network focuses on a biblical understanding of the mission of the Church, calls societal leaders to action, and strengthens local church response to hunger and poverty.

Partners Worldwide – CRWRC thanks Partners Worldwide and their network of Christian businesses and professionals for uniting with CRWRC to help people improve their lives through job creation partnerships by utilizing the gifts of local and international mentors who worked with small- and medium-sized businesses and farms in developing countries.

Refugee Resettlement – CRWRC thanks all of the churches and individuals that assisted in refugee sponsorship during the past year. Through their support, 40 families were welcomed to Canada under the auspices of CRWRC.

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) – CRWRC gratefully acknowledges USAID for supporting CRWRC this past year with \$215,015 USD for maternal and child health programs in Bangladesh; \$206,670 for a maternal and child health program in India; \$382,457 for a malaria control program in Malawi; and \$96,564 for an HIV and AIDS program in Kenya. CRWRC also received a total of \$91,990 for HIV and AIDS response through collaborations with Food for the Hungry and World Concern.

You – CRWRC fully recognizes that our ministry would not be possible without the ongoing support of many generous churches and individuals. Every donation counts. From the Sunday school offering of a child to a large gift left in someone's estate, no gift is too small to make a difference in the life of another.

Thank you!

A Heart... for Good Stewardship

CRWRC is a registered charity. All donations are tax deductible. Spending of funds is confined to board-approved programs and projects. Each restricted contribution designated towards 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. CRWRC's net assets are \$21,521,269 USD (\$20,757,397 CDN). Audited financial reports are available upon request.

CRWRC is a member of the following networks, coalitions, and organizations:

- ACT Alliance
(Action by Churches Together)
- Alliance to End Hunger
- Association of Evangelical Relief & Development Organizations
- Barnabas Foundation
- Canadian Christian Relief & Development Association
- Canadian Churches in Action
- Canadian Council for International Cooperation
- Canadian Council for Refugees
- Canadian Council of Christian Charities
- Canadian Foodgrains Bank
- Christian Community Development Association
- Christian Stewardship Services
- Communities First Association
- Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability
- Foods Resource Bank
- Integral Alliance
- InterAction
- Live 58: Council
- Manitoba Council for International Cooperation
- Micah Challenge US & Canada
- Micah Network
- National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
- Ontario Council for International Cooperation
- Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation
- South-Asia Partnership Canada

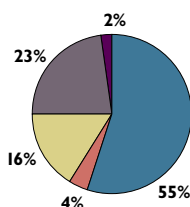
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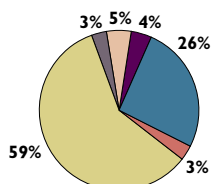
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Where Our Resources Came From July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011

Revenue & Other Support	U.S. in US\$	Canada in CDN\$	Combined In US\$	Combined In CDN\$
Churches & Individuals	11,593,743	10,392,416	21,866,646	22,121,038
Government Grants	1,312,916	274,545	1,584,304	1,602,735
CFGB Grants	0	6,377,607	6,304,265	6,377,607
Other Grants	803,339	8,295,396	9,003,338	9,108,081
Investments & Other income	635,500	99,464	733,820	742,357
Total	14,345,498	25,439,428	39,492,373	39,951,818



Where Our Resources Went July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011

Program Ministries	U.S. in US\$	Canada in CDN\$	Combined In US\$	Combined In CDN\$
International Development	5,732,451	4,607,346	10,286,813	10,406,488
Domestic Development	1,145,006	87,638	1,231,636	1,245,965
Disaster Response	6,101,330	17,096,740	23,001,457	23,269,052
Education	545,878	524,327	1,064,175	1,076,555
Support Ministries				
Fundraising	1,038,640	908,997	1,937,184	1,959,721
Management/General	746,846	1,058,393	1,737,233	1,757,444
Total Expenses	15,310,151	24,283,441	39,258,498	39,715,225



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