

The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love. **Psalm 33:5**



DISASTER RESPONSE AND RENEWAL

Drought, hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and civil unrest—all of these tragedies can turn life upside-down. For the millions of families around the world who are already living in poverty, disasters like these can be life threatening. In addition to its on-going community transformational work, World Renew responds with mercy to the needs of these disaster survivors to help them get back on their feet and rebuild their lives.

International—World Renew responds to disasters and crisis situations by providing emergency food, hygiene supplies, blankets, water, tarps, and other supplies to those most in need. Following this immediate response, World Renew also assists communities in their long-term recovery through the provision of seeds and tools, new livestock, loans for small businesses, and the reconstruction of homes. Our membership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank helps us access supplies quickly, so that needs can be met soon after a disaster strikes. Because World Renew also cares about the long-term transformation of communities, we also often tie our disaster response activities to training in disaster preparedness and risk reduction so that the impact of future disasters is lessened.

North America—World Renew's Disaster Response Services volunteers provide hope and help to disaster survivors in North America. These volunteers wear their distinctive, green, World Renew t-shirts at disaster sites as they clean up debris, assess needs, and repair and rebuild homes. Because World Renew also cares about the long-term transformation of North American communities, our domestic disaster response programs are often carried out in partnership with community-based interfaith groups at each disaster site. As we work alongside these local groups, we provide support and training to equip them to continue to meet needs after World Renew's work is complete.



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**WORLD RENEW
AT A GLANCE**



Living Justice, Loving Mercy, Serving Christ

World Renew is a Christian disaster response, development and justice organization working for love, life, justice, and mercy around the world. Our committed staff members work in 30 of the world's poorest countries to help communities recover from disaster and poverty, recognize God's love for them, realize their own potential to create positive change, and renew their lives to what God originally intended.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

As a result, World Renew's efforts are improving health and adult literacy, increasing income and food production, and growing local churches and leadership.

World Renew is also working within North America to help restore communities that have been impacted by disasters, and to help churches and individuals recognize the importance of living justice and loving mercy in their own lives. Our goal is to create a global movement where people are working together to carry out acts of justice and mercy within their own community and around the world.

Whatever your background and interests, World Renew invites you to join us in this important global ministry.

WHAT WE DO

World Renew believes that local churches should be at the heart of community change. Because churches are rooted in their community and have an existing commitment to relationships and spiritual hope, they can be tremendous agents for change and can make an immense contribution to overcoming poverty, combating injustice, and responding to disaster. That's why, wherever possible, World Renew works with and through local churches and organizations around the world to carry out its ministry.

Together with these partners, World Renew provides:

- Agricultural training
- Adult literacy classes
- Civic education
- Diaconal training
- Disaster response and recovery
- Disaster preparedness training and risk reduction
- Discipleship
- Emergency food distribution
- Environmental protection programs
- Health and nutrition programs
- HIV and AIDS awareness and prevention
- Income generation
- Justice education and advocacy
- Leadership development
- Organizational strengthening
- Refugee resettlement (Canada)
- Savings-based credit and loan programs
- Small business development
- Volunteer placement
- Well digging and water treatment
- And much, much more

WORLD AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL

As World Renew works in vulnerable communities in North America and around the world, our goal is complete community transformation — to build up the Kingdom of God on earth.

The thinking is this:

A handout might help a family eat today.

This is good.

A job might help the family eat tomorrow.

This is better.

Owning a small business might help that family have a steady stream of income and growing assets.

This is better still.

Yet, living in a community where people...

- gather to shape their future together
- work together on programs that will benefit their quality of life
- actively pursue learning and understanding
- welcome and put to use everyone's gifts and talents
- identify, develop, and affirm local leaders
- actively participate in civic life
- overflow with mercy and generosity
- speak up against injustice and pursue what is right **is best of all.**

This is the type of renewal and transformation that World Renew strives for and has helped to achieve around the world.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

World Renew invites you to be part of our worldwide ministry. Use the form below to request more information or to get more involved.

- I would like more information about:
- Volunteering
 - How I can promote World Renew in my church/community
 - Resources for children and youth
 - Free A Family® (monthly pledge program)
 - A specific country or topic (please specify): _____

- I want to sign up for World Renew's free electronic newsletter. My e-mail address is: _____

- I would like to make a donation to World Renew's ministry in the amount of \$_____ for
- Where needed most by World Renew (501210)
 - Other _____

- My check is enclosed
- Please charge my credit card:
 - VISA
 - MasterCard
 - AMEX
 - Discover (US only)

Credit Card #: _____

Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

- I want to make a recurring monthly donation to World Renew's ministry in the amount of \$_____ for
- Where needed most by World Renew (501210)
 - Other _____
 - My voided check is enclosed.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

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