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# WE ARE ALL SOJOURNERS

—CLARENCE TOGERETZ

*“And he [Abraham] went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.”*

As we move forward in life, we do not need very many reminders that we are sojourners, moving towards a great place that God has prepared for us. We may not be living in tents or on the move but as we observe from our stable, comfortable lives those millions in the world that have no home let us not be too cozy with this world and all that it has to offer. God has us on a journey, too - just like Abraham. As we witness Canada accepting thousands of refugees and see the plight of the refugees left behind in the camps, let us reach out in love and grace to all those throughout the world who need to experience God's love.

Thank you for journeying together - with your prayers and financial blessings. God has blessed His people - what a privilege to be a part of this family!

CRWRF provides relief funds when natural disasters like earthquakes and floods occur; it can be a time of stress and uncertainty for those living through such events. We thank God for His guidance as we partner with Christian organizations already in the countries that are affected. Two areas CRWRF was involved in during 2015 were **Nepal & Syria**.

## NEPAL

On April 25, 2015 a catastrophic earthquake shook Nepal and caused tremors as far away as China and Pakistan. Over 8,000 people were killed, 14,000 injured and over 8million people affected.

CRWRF partnered with World Renew and Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) to help those suffering and in desperate need of assistance.

The funds given to World Renew were used to assist over 1320 families with:

**FOOD ASSISTANCE:** A two week food kit comprised of: 30kgs of rice, 2 litres of oil, 4 kgs of dahl, 2 kgs of dried Nutrila (Soya bean enriched product), and 1 kg of salt

**EMERGENCY SHELTER:** Families received a 12 x 15 metre tarp along with 20 metres of rope to tie it up for further protection from the elements. These tarps

can also be used for cooking under as they should not cook in tents or salvage shelter. Temporary Shelters were later distributed that included bundles of 8 sheets of galvanized iron sheets to provide a family shelter from the elements – these homes would be approximately 396 square feet. Winter blankets were also distributed – just over 1750 blankets.

**HYGIENE KITS:** Families were provided a 20 litre plastic bucket with lid, 4 bars of bath soap, 175g tube of toothpaste, 6 toothbrushes, family towel 24 x 50 inches, feminine products with 2 pairs female underwear, 2 packages of laundry soap, and comb as well as 6 packs of Oral Rehydration salt tablets.

**ACCESS TO POTABLE WATER:** 128 Sawyer water filters systems were distributed, benefitting 5483 individuals.



## SYRIA

The Syrian Refugee crisis was highlighted this year as thousands tried to flee the persecution in their country. CRWRF had already been involved in providing funding for the Milk & Diaper Program since July 2014. Monies given to World Renew were used to provide milk and diapers to children in need. The Syrian Food Vouchers project assisted over 1400 refugee families (approximately 8600 people). The monies given to World Renew were matched through Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

### CONSIDER THESE FACTS:

- The main cause of food insecurity is lack of earning power.
- Food was by far the largest household expenditure (45 percent of total monthly expenditure)
- Only 11 percent of refugee households were considered food secure.
- 70 percent of households were below the poverty line (US\$3.84/person/day), up from 49 percent in 2014.
- 61 percent of refugees were applying emergency and crisis coping strategies, more than double the 2014 percentage (29 percent)
- About 80 percent of households reported having experienced lack of food or money to buy food in the previous month and the need for food was the main reason why people borrowed money.

The work in Syria is far from over and CRWRF continues to look for ways to aid in the refugee crisis there. Continue to pray for the Syrian refugees – that they may be protected, be comforted and come to know the love of God.

*“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.”*

– 1 TIMOTHY 2:1

## The funds given to MAF were used for:

Flying **205.8** hours to **114** different landing locations in **8** districts

Carrying **825** passengers

Delivering **84.6** MT (metric tonnes or 84,649 kg) of relief and aid airfreight

Assisting in **7** aeromedical evacuation flight legs including **3** for the Norwegian Red Cross

Over **65** organizations requested the help of MAF to areas in need.

## TREASURER’S REPORT

2016 marks our very first year of incorporation - it has been a long journey figuring everything out but after some approvals at the May 2016 AGM things will be complete. It is because of our incorporation that we have had to move our AGM from November to May as we need to follow the guidelines of holding an AGM no later than six months from our year end – there has been much to learn!

We thank God for the financial support that we received in 2015 – what a blessing! With the funds received we were able to meet our financial commitments to on-going projects throughout the world (i.e. homes in South Africa, projects in Mali, India, and Indonesia etc.) Through appeals via the bulletins \$334,000 was raised for Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation – supporting Syrian Refugees and relief work done in Nepal. In 2015 we received in total donations \$702,000 – Praise the Lord!

*On behalf of the CRWRF I would like to thank you all for your continuing support.*

CHILD DEVELOPMENT . . . . .	\$131,247
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT . . . . .	\$47,263
HIV/AIDS RESPONSE . . . . .	\$102,913
DISASTER RELIEF & REHABILITATION . . . . .	\$334,423
GLOBAL AWARENESS EDUCATION . . . . .	\$0
FAITHWORKS . . . . .	\$2555
PROJECT MONITORING . . . . .	\$0
PROMOTION . . . . .	\$17,533
ADMINISTRATION . . . . .	\$29,703
TOTAL PROJECTS & EXPENSE 2015 . . . . .	\$665,637

