

# Annual Report

2018



# Chair Report – Konnie Peet

# 2017

*And do not forget  
to do good and  
to share with  
others, for with  
such sacrifices  
God is pleased.*

*—HEBREWS 13:16*

was quite the year. As many areas of the world were inundated with destructive winds and water, others suffered from lack thereof. As the drought occurred in conflict zones there were incidents where access to food aid was denied. CRWRF was blessed with your prayers and responses to requests for financial support. We were grateful to be able to work with reliable, Christian partners, including Middle East Reformed Fellowship and World Renew, in the distribution of aid in frequently difficult, high-risk situations.

2017 also saw the beginning of new relationships related to our work in Kenya. While we continue to work with Red een Kind on a child-focused community development project in the Achego community, we began relating directly with the African Inland Church's Children's Department regarding Achego, Tumaini and Mufu Rescue Centres. The Edmonton-based Manna group decided to become part of CRWRF, acting as western representatives and continuing to raise sponsorships and support for children in the Mufu Centre. All this occurred while we also transitioned to a new sponsorship coordinator in Ontario. God has been gracious in providing CRWRF with new people to fill these and other vacancies.

Behind the scenes there was also much activity. A new secretary and Southern Africa representative were introduced to their roles. Our Global Awareness Education continues to get more attention as the Grade 8 Geography resource called 'Open Doors' was used in many schools. Work was undertaken to refresh and update our website and increase the use of Facebook and Instagram. We completed our first year partnering with the Board of Mission Aid (Smithville) and applied to have our charitable status transferred to our newly incorporated organization.

Though all this was made possible by the generosity of supporting churches, donors and volunteers, we bow our heads in prayer and thank the Lord, knowing that He has provided it through you.

# CRWRF

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## Secretary Report – Laurie Koning

**One** of the major goals of education is encouraging students to become more aware of the world. In an age where it is easier than ever to access information, children and adults are more globally-minded than ever before. But is it enough to just know about the world? According to OXFAM (Oxford Committee for Famine Relief) a global citizen is "...someone who is aware of and understands the wider world and their place in it. They take an active role in their community and work with others to make our planet more equal, fair, and sustainable." Being a global citizen is about:

### 1) Awareness & 2) Action.

CRWRF has continued making strides in the last year in educating the community about physical needs around the globe. We have again seen the community respond to these messages with hands open for giving and in prayer. James 2:16 says, "If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?" Although we may not all have opportunities to have face-to-face contact with those who are supported by CRWRF, God is working through your prayers and financial support to make changes.

Opportunities for service have also been offered in our elementary schools and high schools, where students have shown their genuine desire to help those in need - those they've never met, who live thousands of kilometres away. By having concern for these, they come to a greater understanding of what it means to show Christ's love.

## Seeking new Board Members!

The Board of CRWRF is made up of volunteers who meet every six weeks. We are currently looking for new members to join us!

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TO FIND OUT MORE!



## Impact Story Milk & Diapers Program

Partner – World Renew

**Our** long-term partnership with World Renew provides us with an understanding of the extent of the ongoing needs of Syrian refugees in Lebanon. The conflict still rages on in Syria, and families have been forced to leave behind their stable lives in Syria – including homes, jobs, schooling, etc. They have had to start over in Lebanon in difficult and unstable living conditions, resulting in much pressure and distress. The need for assistance outweighs the available resources, and only the most vulnerable benefit from food assistance or the Milk & Diapers program. The story of Joram and Areej reflects the dire situation of many displaced persons in Lebanon, but it is also a story of the hope they have for the future because they benefited from programs supported by CRWRF contributions.

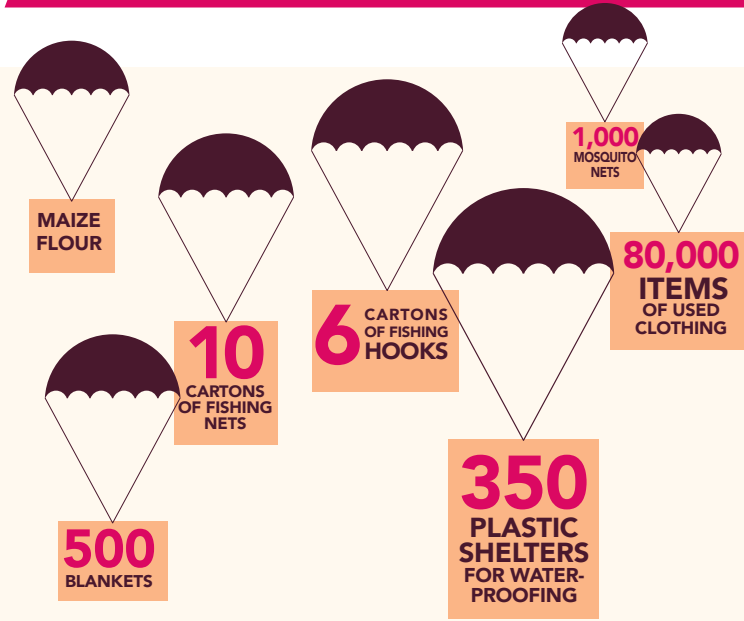
Joram and Areej are from Idlib in northwestern Syria. They fled their

home in 2014 after government forces began bombing the airport near their house. The trek across the mountains took four days. When they arrived in Lebanon, life was still not easy – Joram and Areej saw difficulty and challenges all around them, and often felt discouraged and tired. Joram works hard, performing any kind of labour that will help them to survive.

Joram and Areej and their family are very thankful that the church has been able to provide for some of their needs. They have been receiving a food box each month for six months, as well as diapers and one bag of milk per month from the Milk & Diapers program. We praise God for the funds which we have been able to contribute to support them and many other families, as they try to rebuild their lives.

*\*The name and locations of this family has been changed for security purposes*

# Your help in 2017 made a difference!



## SOUTH SUDAN

**PARTNER:** Middle East Reformed Fellowship  
**AMOUNT:** \$35,000  
 In June and July diaconal aid flights were made to support Presbyterian Church of South Sudan ministries to hungry Internally Displaced People (IDPs) who had lost their homes in the last flare-up of fighting.

## INDIA

**PARTNERS:** World Renew, and local partner EFICOR  
**AMOUNT:** \$10,000  
 We provided 500 Musahar families belonging to seven villages in the Behar region with food relief after flooding.



## NEPAL

**PARTNER:** World Renew  
**AMOUNT:** \$25,000  
 Following the heaviest monsoon rainfall measured in 60 years, this project will provide permanent shelter to replace housing lost to flooding.

**100**  
 DISASTER-PROOF SHELTERS



## ETHIOPIA

**PARTNERS:** Middle East Reformed Fellowship, and local Ethiopian churches  
**AMOUNT:** \$25,000  
 We provided food aid to those suffering from the country-wide drought in several central Ethiopian states.



## BANGLADESH

**PARTNER:** World Renew, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and other international relief agencies  
**AMOUNT:** \$40,000  
 We provided immediate aid to Rohingya refugees in camps in Bangladesh.

**\$40,000**  
 IN FOOD AID AND NFIS\*



## NIGERIA

**PARTNERS:** World Renew, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and ZOA (Netherlands)  
**AMOUNT:** \$15,000  
 With nearly half a million children at risk of famine in Nigeria, the scale of the need is massive and support is needed to continue this response.

**5,250**  
 INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED CASH TRANSFERS FOR 5 MONTHS



## LEBANON

**PARTNERS:** World Renew, local partner LSESD (Lebanon), and local churches  
**AMOUNT:** \$91,000  
 We provided, and continue to provide, ongoing assistance to the most vulnerable Syrian refugees in Lebanon: mothers with very small children.

**\$91,000**  
 TO PROVIDE MILK AND DIAPERS



## HAITI

**PARTNERS:** World Renew, and locals  
**AMOUNT:** \$51,700  
 After Hurricane Matthew we worked to provide food assistance and a supply of seeds for farmers. The rehabilitation phase of this project provided materials and construction assistance to allow durable shelter repairs for 750 households.

**3 MONTHS**  
 OF FOOD ASSISTANCE & SEEDS TO **1,600** HOUSEHOLDS



## UGANDA

**PARTNER:** World Renew  
**AMOUNT:** \$10,000  
 We provided assistance in refugee camps in Uganda for South Sudanese citizens fleeing prolonged drought as well as civil war conflict in their homeland.

**\$10,000**  
 TO PROVIDE WATER, ESSENTIAL LATRINES, AND SANITATION KITS



\*NFI: Non-Food Items such as bed sheets, mosquito nets, mats, and hygiene kits

# Treasurer Report – Will Havenaar

# We

*And God is able  
to bless you  
abundantly, so  
that in all things at  
all times, having  
all that you need,  
you will abound in  
every good work.*

*As it is written:  
“They have  
freely scattered  
their gifts to  
the poor; their  
righteousness  
endures forever.”  
– 2 CORINTHIANS 9:8-9*

have indeed been blessed. Praise the Lord! Another year has come and gone. Your support has been very gracious. CRWRF has once again met its project commitments. Through appeals via the bulletins we were able to provide \$349,456 for disaster relief and rehabilitation.

Our total expenses for the year were \$888,316. This left us a revenue shortfall of \$82,694. We have had surpluses over the prior years so there was no problem covering the expenses. The chart illustrates where we have disbursed the monies we received in 2017.

On behalf of CRWRF I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

## 2017 EXPENDITURES

■ Child Development	\$262,100
■ Community Development	\$108,794
■ HIV/AIDS Response	\$107,887
■ Disaster Relief & Rehabilitation	\$349,456
■ Global Awareness Education	\$4,373
■ Faithworks	\$(2,055)
■ Project Monitoring	\$1,050
■ Promotion	\$16,056
■ Administration	\$40,655
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$888,316</b>



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