

Annual Report

2019



*“Open your mouth for
the mute, for the rights
of all who are destitute.
Open your mouth,
judge righteously;
defend the rights of the
poor and needy.”*

– Proverbs 31: 8-9

Thank you!

Your support continues to enable CRWRF to support
those who are in need. **Praise the Lord!**



Redemption Canadian Reformed Church
Prayer morning at Grace Christian School

CHAIR'S REPORT

– Konnie Peet

Again this past year, CRWRF has been very blessed. This has been especially appreciated as there continue to be significant changes within the board. Laurie Koning officially took over as secretary, Fred Vandebos & Sonya Kampen settled into their roles as liaisons for South Africa and Kenya, and we look forward to welcoming Marise de Visser officially as our West Africa liaison, after membership voting at the AGM.

New board members help lighten the load for everyone. They have renewed enthusiasm, new ideas, and lots of good questions. The new members identified the need for orientation to their individual roles and the work of CRWRF, and to having the chair and treasurer vacancies filled prior to updating the general policy. Deferring the update of the general policy has allowed for greater attention to filling the upcoming vacancies on the board. We pray that new members will soon be officially voted in by the membership, to fill all roles that will soon be vacated by departing board members.

The 2014 – 2019 General Policy identified the membership's continued interest in an increased focus on global awareness and education. To that end, CRWRF committed to a website overhaul where updates happen frequently and are linked to both our social media accounts. Board members also had increased interactions with schools and presentations in various churches.

As always we are very grateful to the Lord, who continues to guide our work and who through you has provided the financial means to enrich the lives of many both at home and abroad.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

– Laurie Koning

Society often has low expectations of its youth.

They have a reputation for shirking responsibility, acting selfishly, succumbing to peer pressure, and making poor decisions. People even go so far as to despise them. But just because society has come to expect this behaviour does not mean it should become accepted as the standard. In 1 Timothy 4:12, Paul reminds Timothy not to let anyone look down on him because of his youth. This has been a guiding principle in the work of CRWRF in the past year.

CRWRF has increasingly come to value our partnership with schools. We have been involved in presentations at schools, both locally and across the country. In February, our administrator Sarah Huizing organized an assembly for the entire student body of Grace Christian School in Flamborough to learn about the work of CRWRF. Students were able to hear about the work being done across the globe, especially in South Africa where Konnie Peet, Fred Vandenbos, and I were privileged to visit in August. They also got a snapshot of the lives of many South Sudanese people by listening to a presentation by three students from Guido de Brès High School while they constructed bracelets with beads to help them remember what they learned.

Fred was also able to share his experiences in South Africa with students in a Grade 8 class at Timothy Christian School in Hamilton, with a focus on the AIDS epidemic that rages on. Konnie travelled to Edmonton to speak about CRWRF's work in Kenya. She was able to participate in "Mufu Day" at Parkland Immanuel Christian School.

Why focus on schools? Because an investment in children is an investment in the future. The Lord has gifted each child with special talents and skills to use in God's Kingdom. When they realize the real need that exists around the globe, they come to see those who live thousands of miles away as brothers and sisters in Christ and are inspired to help in some way to address their needs. Suddenly the world becomes a whole lot smaller.

So, where do the funds from CRWRF go? The scope of our involvement with our partners is summarized on the map on the following pages. May God continue to bless our efforts to be his hands and feet to those in need.



TREASURER'S REPORT

– Will Havenaar

A year has passed, and with thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father, CRWRF has once again been able to meet its project commitments. Through appeals via the bulletins and social media we were able to provide \$148,800 for disaster relief and rehabilitation.

Our total expenses for the year 2018 were \$673,478. This left us a revenue shortfall of \$65,522. This shortfall was covered by our surpluses from prior years; the pie chart illustrates where we have disbursed the monies we received in 2018.

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



2018 EXPENDITURES

■ Child Development	\$211,100
■ Community Development	\$111,730
■ HIV/AIDS Response	\$136,214
■ Disaster Relief & Rehabilitation	\$148,800
■ Faithworks (net)	\$112
■ Project Monitoring	\$11,259
■ Promotion	\$14,728
■ Administration	\$39,535
Total Expenditures	\$673,478



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Where in the world is CRWRF involved?

Legend

Relief & Rehabilitation
Providing assistance, especially in the form of food, clothing, or money, to those in special need or difficulty.

Child & Community Development
Supporting people to develop to their potential.

Faithworks
Faithworks assembles teams of all ages (teenagers 16+ up to retirees) who work together to assist with construction and repair needs of various partners.

Board Activities:
Our volunteer board has also been busy! Some of them even travelled overseas to visit our partners in South Africa.



The projects listed here are current as of April 2019

1. Edmonton

A presentation was made at Parkland Immanuel Christian School and area churches about the work being done in Kenya.

2. Mexico

A week-long trip to Queretaro, Mexico gave a group from all across Canada the opportunity to work at Pan de Vida, a Christian orphanage. Construction work, painting, worshipping, and interacting with the people were among the highlights of the trip.

3. Kentucky, USA

The annual March Break trip to Harlan, Kentucky took place, in partnership with SWAP (Serving With Appalachian People). Throughout the week, participants learned about our

Christian response to poverty and our call to serve our neighbours. Tasks included cleaning up and completing various small construction projects.

4. Ontario

Presentations were made in Chatham to the grade 7/8 class at Ebenezer Christian School and the grade 8 class at Timothy Christian School in Hamilton about the current AIDS situation in South Africa.

We partnered with Redemption Canadian Reformed Church in Flamborough to host a prayer morning for the work being done by CRWRF.

A presentation was made to all the students at Grace Christian School. Students learned about the work of CRWRF, including a presentation by three Guido de Brès students about the situation in South Sudan.

5. Hamilton, Ontario

A long weekend trip was facilitated to allow church members to serve in their own neighbourhoods. Ten ministries were visited including: Streetlight Christian Centre, Blessings Christian Church, Helping Hands Street Mission, Atwell Centre, Living Rock Ministries, 541 Eatery and Exchange, Greater Ontario House of Prayer, Wesley, The Giving Closet, and City Kidz.

6. Senegal

In Senegal we funded the support of orphans and vulnerable children. Children received nutritious food and medical care, and school fees were paid. Milk supplies were provided to newborns whose mothers had passed away in childbirth.

7. Mali

In Mali we supported training events (attended by Christians and Muslims) about women's health, abuse prevention, and Christian family life.

8. South Africa

In partnership with Zisize Care Centre in Dingaanstat, South Africa, a new borehole was drilled for a well in one of the rural communities. In addition, after much prayer and searching, a new director for Zisize has been found.

Support continues for the Khothatsong Association in partnership with the Free Reformed Church of South Africa (FRCSA) in Pretoria, South Africa. The project continues to run successfully after minor restructuring, which was required to comply with new government legislation.

9. South Africa

Three board members travelled for three weeks within South Africa to conduct site visits with all of our South African partners.

10. Syria & Lebanon

The Milk & Diapers subsidy program continues to be supported in Syria & Lebanon for those still displaced because of war.

11. Uganda

Further aid was given to support South Sudanese refugees in the Bidibidi refugee camp in Uganda who are healing from trauma. Latrine construction was also provided.

12. Kenya

Funding for the Tamu project was provided for community groups in

Kenya that improve livelihoods of the participants by training them in various skills needed to build a modern chick brooder and to raise 1,000 chicks.

Continued support has been provided to the Achego Rescue Home in Muhoroni (outside of Kenya), where children are reunited (when possible) with their family members. Achego staff reported that 19 children were reunited with family.

Rescue children continue to be supported at the Tumaini Rescue Centre in Kitale Kenya. The staff reported that the children have had a successful school year and they were able to grow enough crops to feed the children, with some left over to sell.

At the Mufu Rescue Centre in Embu County, Kenya, six children were rescued and six more children returned to their homes. Through generous donations and a cooperative community, a much-

needed new house was built for a former rescue child, Robert Murimi, and his family.

13. Bangladesh

In Bangladesh (Rohingya) we helped support the distribution of 600 tonnes of food (mostly rice) & cooking stoves.

14. Sulawesi, Indonesia

Funding was provided for the WASH (water, sanitation, hygiene) program, which provided latrines, hygiene kits and training following the Sulawesi (Indonesia) earthquake and tsunami. We also funded the provision of food and temporary shelters.

15. Timor, Indonesia

At the New Hope Orphanage in Timor, Indonesia the boys' dormitory was completed and is already being used. The boys are very happy with their new accommodations and furniture. This dorm replaces the half-collapsed building they were living in.

