# Seven gardens

MEDICAL VISITS PER MONTH

were given through

individuals and families

of those suffering from

HIV/AIDS, TB, and other

SOUTH AFRICA

Khothatsong also

provided foster care, social workers, and

Christian schooling to

Khothatsong for

illnesses.

# SENEGAL were established and maintained in the community by Services

Luthériens pour le Développement au Sénégal (SLDS) to provide vegetables and promote food security. SLDS also provided training in sustainable agricultural techniques to more than

# eighty tarmers

# **OVER 900** food parcels

were delivered in Zisize to individuals and families suffering from the effects of HIV/AIDS. They also received vegetables grown in their own gardens.

# SOUTH AFRICA

In the Mkhiweni and Denny Dalton areas there is a continuing campaign about

AIDS **AWARENESS** 

# BOMA

TAMMY BLOKHUIS WINNIE BOS COLLIN BRASZ STEPHEN HORSMAN CRAIG OUWERSLOOT JOHN RAVENSBERGEN JAY SCHUTTEN FELICIA VANDERVELDE TIM WERKMAN

# Western Reps. (MUFU HOME)

LAURA DEHAAS LUCILLE VAN ORIZANDE Staff NATALIE JARIAN SUE JAGT

was donated to Pan de Vida orphanage in Mexico even though teams were not able to travel there.

MEXICO

of sponsoring families as part of the Tamu Community Development Project are coming to a close. Plans are being made to phase out this project in Muhoroni, and bring the same project model to a new area.

**KENYA** 

2020

**preje**et

was donated for major renovations at the three rescue centres (Achego, Mufu and Tumaini) to repair broken beds, leaking roofs, and smoke damage.

**UPDATES** 

\$20,000

# KENYA

were produced and broadcasted on topics such as sexual harassment, youth and social networks, family life, and family budgets, by Mali Christian Women's Association program (AMAFEP).

> AMAFEP developed an **FAQ booklet** to distribute after training sessions, covering such sensitive topics as intimacy, infertility, and budgeting. It is available in French and Bambara.

> > During COVID, facilitators followed up with their group members with counselling and advice via **phone** and text messaging.

# **THANK YOU!**

RADIO

PROGRAMS

We are so thankful for the years of dedicated contributions from Sarah Huizing (Admin), Konnie Peet (Chair) and Fred Vandenbos (South Africa liaison). Blessings in your future endeavours!

MALI



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PETE KAMSTRA KATHRYN PLANTINGA MARLA BOEKEE ALLARD DEVRIES TIM PLANTINGA LYDIA SWAVING BEN VANDENBERG

Faithworks MELISSA LIGTENBERG

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9,000 people displaced by conflict

received cash transfers to purchase food.

# 1,805 households

received soap and COVID leaflets from churches and communitybased partners.

SYRIA

\$7,500

# WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS...

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LEBANON

35,086

YEMEN



households of Syrian refugees displaced in Lebanon received bags of diapers.

500

received emergency foodassistance. The recipients included 1,171 households headed by women and **14** households headed by children.

people

# **60 children**

received physical and spiritual care at New Hope Home, thanks to funding support from CRWRF.



TIMOR

from high school. **UI** Two graduates studies at college: one is studying to become a teacher.

1,185

households

of Syrian refugees,

as well as

vulnerable

Lebanese

received bags of milk.

populations,

# COUNT IT ALL



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# **2020 ANNUAL REPORT**



when you meet trials of various kinds, for you

- know that the testing of your faith produces
- steadfastness. And let steadfastness have
- its full effect, that you may be perfect and

complete, lacking in nothing.

# reports

# CHAIRMAN

In James 1:2 we are exhorted to count all trials as "joy," not a word I suspect we all use regularly. We "enjoy" things, matters, and experiences, but God calls us, through the apostle James, to walk through life with power, contentment, and real "joy" — with the deep understanding that all matters, all blessings, and indeed all trials are from and of the Lord — and we must accept them in that knowledge. From my leadership perspective, it is a joy, challenge, and singular experience to be in our privileged position. With the faithful support of our members and supporters, through the particular trials of the last 12 months — and building on the work of past leadership and its field partners — CRWRF is poised to continue to "punch above its weight." We aim to continue providing relief and development resources in key areas of the world, and to do so responsively with lean and efficient operations. It is our hope, mission, and goal to be the "go-to" relief and aid organization in the Reformed community, and to continue to be a trusted partner to serve and act as an agent of generosity. In doing so, we fulfill our God-given mandate to share what we have, and to be a blessing to our needy "neighbours," wherever they may be. And we may do that with heartfelt joy! A sincere thank you to all board members, staff, CRWRF reps, members, partners in the field, and supporters, for all that you have done and given in a challenging year. May God's blessing be upon you all.

# SECRETARY

In Deuteronomy 8, the Israelites were warned that in times of prosperity they would be tempted to put their trust in themselves and forget God. To resist this temptation, they were instructed to observe his commands and praise him unceasingly. This warning is also given to us today. It's easy to feel less reliant on God when things go well. Therefore we may find that in the most difficult times we see God's goodness and mercy with the most clarity. As we reflect on 2020, we again see overwhelming evidence of God's faithfulness, and as his people we can even "count it all joy, when [we] meet trials of various kinds" (James 1:2). What an incredible witness this is to a world that denies God's providence and goodness! Through Christ, we can hold fast to his promises with great confidence that he will provide us with all we need.

This year's annual report highlights a few of the ways in which CRWRF has been used by God to meet the physical needs of some of the most vulnerable people around the world. The board has continued to work on how best to bring impact stories to our donors through newsletters, social media posts, and bulletin announcements. We don't do this to bring glory to ourselves; we confess that we are merely tools in the hands of God. We give him the glory and ask for his grace to continue this work.



# 2020 REVENUES

- \$10.067 Interest and Other \$36,117 Designated Donations from Churches and Schools \$63.039 Sponsorship Donations \$193.553 Donations from Churches and Schools \$200.597 Designated Donations from Individuals and Corporations \$374,759 Donations from
  - 759 Donations from Individuals and Corporations

\$878,132



"The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is for gold, and the Lord tests the heart." - PROVERBS 17:3

The past year has presented unique challenges and trials to people all over the world. It's good to be reminded that God sends his children trials not to destroy us but to refine us, thereby making us more suited to his purposes. What the board of CRWRF has witnessed first-hand in the past year was a wonderful response by our donor base to show compassion and help address the difficult challenges faced by many in need. Our revenues increased by an amazing 61% over 2019, which easily allowed us to increase the amount of aid provided by \$190K, of which \$115K was directly related to COVID-19 relief. The accompanying charts give an overview of the aid provided, and the sources of the funds entrusted to us for this work. With the strong support CRWRF has received in the past year the board continues to investigate new opportunities to show love and compassion to our needy neighbours around the world.

We once again give thanks to our generous donors and especially to our gracious Father in heaven for making this work possible.

LAURIE KONING