



THREE INFANTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED CARE IN THE MALNUTRITION WARD; ETAT+ TRAINERS, BELOW.



Liberia

The Pediatric Ward, ELWA Hospital

In March 2023, CRWRF began supporting a project in a pediatric ward at the ELWA hospital in Monrovia, Liberia. This hospital is owned and operated by Serving in Mission (SIM) Liberia. Most of the citizens live in extreme poverty, and the nation has one of the highest child mortality rates globally. A series of events – a civil war (1989-2003), the Ebola outbreak (2014-2016), and most recently, Covid-19 – has had a particularly devastating effect on the healthcare workforce. Over the years, the ELWA hospital noticed a significant increase in severely malnourished children coming in for treatment. They established a specific malnutrition ward in 2019. In 2022, another local hospital with a malnutrition ward for young children closed its doors, which put additional pressure on the emergency room and pediatric unit at ELWA. CRWRF is one of several partners that support the pediatric unit. In particular, we've committed to supporting the hiring and training of four additional nurses to work specifically in the malnutrition program. These nurses care for the most unwell children coming through the hospital, and they have received ETAT+ (Emergency Triage and Treatment Plus) training. The additional staffing and training have made a big impact by relieving the pressure on the other wards, thereby bringing a sense of order to the work.

Our support means that 60 to 70 more children each month are receiving the necessary oxygen, fluids, nourishment, and care that they need.



WELCOME SARA!

The Board would like to introduce you to Sara Kingma, our new Administrator.

Sara is a wife and mother of three boys, who serves the local church and school on various committees. In her free time she enjoys making music, reading, photography, and playing games with friends. She is excited and thankful for the opportunity to assist the team at CRWRF as they aid Christ's global church. Sara can be reached at admin@crwrf.ca.

The Board sincerely thanks Emily-Kate, our previous Administrator, for all her work, and we wish her the Lord's blessing in this new season for her and her family.

Now Accepting E-TRANSFERS!

CRWRF now accepts e-transfers. To receive a tax receipt and ensure funds are directed to the right project please provide your name, full mailing address, email address, and project name in your message. If no project name is provided, we will assume your donation is intended for the general fund. E-transfers can be sent to finance@crwrf.ca.

Cheques payable to CRWRF and mailed to our new PO box are also still acceptable – please ensure your cheque is mailed in 2023 to be eligible for a 2023 tax receipt. If you have moved, please send us your new mailing address via email to finance@crwrf.ca.

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We have a NEW P.O. Box!

FAITHWORKS TRIP TO PAN DE VIDA AND ESPERANZA PARA TI IN MEXICO



Mutual Encouragement

One of the highlights of our work is that we get to experience rich encouragement when we receive correspondence from our partner organizations. Sometimes it's the written report, due annually or semi-annually, that highlights the ways that CRWRF's support has helped local communities and beneficiaries. Other times, we are privileged to enjoy additional impact stories in video calls with our partners. Recently, two Board members had such a call with Dr. Mikey, the lead doctor at a project we started supporting earlier this year. He expressed his gratitude for CRWRF's support, which has brought a lot of encouragement to the team at a time when they were feeling overwhelmed and discouraged by the significant needs and the limited resources available to help meet those needs. Hearing of ways that our support has encouraged and supported them in their work, in turn, brings encouragement to us. It's a principle that is highlighted in Proverbs 11:25 (NIV): "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." The Lord continues to provide for CRWRF through your generosity. Your support allows us to continue our work of helping those in need. We hope that the reports of our work and of our partner organizations brings you encouragement, and yes, refreshment!

In this newsletter, please enjoy short descriptions of two new long-term projects that we've been able to start supporting, updates about our relief efforts this year, as well as a brief report from a recent Faithworks trip to Esperanza Para Ti in Mexico.

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PROVERBS 11:25



Relief

CRWRF works all around the world!



BOARD VISIT WITH RECIPIENTS OF SUPPORT IN UKRAINE



RELIEF TO THOSE AFFECTED BY EARTHQUAKE AND DISPLACEMENT



THE WAY

THE LARGEST CHRISTIAN REFUGEE STAY AND RESORT IN GAZA

may be helpful

Ukraine

In early 2023, CRWRF continued providing support to hundreds of people affected by the war in Ukraine through the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Central Eastern Europe. The relief included subsidy programs through special support agreements, helping those most affected by the war. We anticipate giving more support in the upcoming winter months.

Middle East

In the aftermath of the earthquake in February, CRWRF supported the provision of food, hygiene products, bedding, housing support, and other basic necessities through two implementing partners: Home for Kurds, and Middle East Reformed Fellowship (MERF).

DR Congo

In December 2022, a massive storm hit Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The storm caused terrible flooding, killed more than 100 people, destroyed many homes and businesses, and severed the single highway that provides goods to the city. This past spring, CRWRF sent support for food and oil for 200 people through our implementing partner, Mission French Africa Ministries (MFAM).

Lebanon

CRWRF continues to support the Milk and Diapers program in Zahle, Lebanon. This program, implemented by MERATH, a partner through World Renew, provides much-needed milk, diapers (including adult diapers), and feminine hygiene products. Recipients include Syrian refugees and Lebanese households, who are living in poverty and continue to be severely affected by the effects of the Syrian civil war, the Covid-19 pandemic, and the current economic crisis.

Israel & Gaza

At the time of writing, the Board is actively looking into partnership opportunities to provide relief aid to those affected by the war in Israel and Gaza. More information will be forthcoming.



Resilient Communities

Niger

In July 2023, CRWRF started supporting an existing, but new-to-us, Resilient Communities Project in Niger, which aims to help rural communities improve their standard of living and escape poverty, thus helping them to cope better with the realities of drought, conflict, and other disasters. That is a lofty goal in one of the world's poorest countries! To do it you need local people who know what they are doing. This project is run by Megaphos (referring to the "Great Light" in Matthew 4:16), a local church-based NGO, and we partner with them through World Renew. Megaphos has a proven track record of bringing positive change to poor areas, by its effective work on the ground. Support for this project contributes to work being done in 17 different communities over three years. The focus is on training and also on follow-up, to help people apply what they have learned. While Megaphos staff are Christians, most of the participants are Muslim women. Participants have the opportunity to be trained in conservation agriculture, income generation, literacy, and maternal and infant health. The most popular activity is the Village Savings and Loans groups where women are not only trained in income generation but can borrow money for their small business income-generating ventures. And since local people often know what is best for their local context, these groups can also apply for funding from the project for items that will help their community to be more resilient. In a country like Niger, this is challenging work. But if the growing list of people who want to join the program is any indication, we are on the right track.



WORK AT ESPERANZA PARA TI

Faithworks



TEAM OUTING ON THEIR DAY OFF

Mexico

In November 2023, a Faithworks team of eight people traveled to Mexico, to help out at a project run by Children of Hope. This organization runs the Pan de Vida (Bread of Life) orphanage, and has recently decided to build another orphanage nearby, Esperanza Para Ti (There's Hope for You). The team was tasked with helping with concrete forming and pouring, as well as sealing the water storage cistern that will be located under the first floor. It was hard work! The team stayed for ten days, which also allowed them to enjoy God's creation through a bit of sight-seeing, and to spend a Sunday service with brothers and sisters in Christ in Santa Barbara. (This is the church plant where Scott and Annemarie Bredenhof are serving, sent from Abbotsford and Vernon, BC.) While the children of the orphanage were not onsite during the day, the team did get to spend time with them in the evenings. The team was humbled by the sincere expressions of thanks by their hosts for both their love and care for the children, and their hard work on the project.

Faithworks, a subcommittee of CRWRF, has been organizing short-term service trips to Mexico and other locations for many years. These visits foster mutual encouragement and continue to strengthen relationships between our organizations. We are thankful that Pan de Vida and Esperanza Para Ti provide a safe environment for 32 children, and we are glad that Faithworks can send teams to help out with some of the necessary work while bringing and receiving encouragement along the way.



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Update on our EBF Drive:

We are thankful to share that donor contributions to our Education Bursary Fund are at \$378,000 as of as at the end of November. Our goal is to double the size of the fund to \$500,000 in 2023, so we are well on our way. We praise the Lord for your generosity!