

CRWRF

ANNUAL REPORT

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2024



reports from the board

FAITHFUL THEN,
FAITHFUL NOW:
GOD'S PRESENCE IN
TURBULENT TIMES



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In this annual report, you will learn about much activity, support, development, and relief – many reasons for thankfulness! This has continued unabated during turbulent times of uncertainty, trouble, and conflicts around the world. In the midst of challenge – which can seem acute and somewhat daunting – upon subsequent reflection, the hand of God is revealed and we see more clearly. CRWRF is simply an agent and instrument to make real and effective the loving and faithful support of our Canadian Reformed community, whether it be from churches, individuals, or corporations. In Ecclesiastes 11:4 we are reminded that “he who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap.” If we are distracted by events and concerns, we will lose focus on our purpose to provide relief and thoughtful development support. We must be responsible, but we must not work with restraint or hesitation. We can be confident that the Lord guides all things, and 2024 was joyful evidence of this once again. Personally, I would like to thank all Board members and staff for their tireless efforts – unseen, but effective and valued. It is a real pleasure to work with them. We thank you for your prayer and financial support and pray and hope that our service may be fruitful and effective in 2025! — [KARL J. VELDKAMP](#)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

With thankfulness to the Lord, in 2024 we could send ongoing support to nine partners involved in long-term community and child development work or HIV/AIDS relief, and to eight projects focused on short-term relief and rehabilitation.

Through your generosity, we supported children and families in Kenya through student and family sponsorships. Our Education Bursary Fund was used to assist with the school fees and other expenses of qualifying secondary students. In West Timor, we supported full and partial sponsorships of students at New Hope. New in 2024, we started supporting students and staff at Lomé Centre for the Blind (CESA), a school that aims to share the Gospel with and empower those who are visually impaired, so that they can lead productive and dignified lives. We are excited and thankful for this new partnership.

In Mali, Niger, Senegal, and Kenya, our partner organizations continued their work of community development through programs in agriculture, health, microfinance, and savings and credit cooperative organizations. In South Africa, we continued supporting two projects that provide care and support to people affected by HIV/AIDS – both patients and their families – through regular home-based care and food packages. In Liberia, we could support the hiring and training of staff for an under-5 malnutrition ward at a hospital, allowing them to treat and care for more patients more effectively. This past year we also provided therapeutic milk for children in the ward who are less than 6 months old.

Your support meant that we could also provide relief and rehabilitation aid to those affected by drought in West Timor, displaced by war in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, and displaced by civil unrest in India.

We pray that the Lord will continue to provide for our partner organizations in the year ahead. We also pray that he will give us as CRWRF Board wisdom and prudence for our role in collecting gifts from our supporting community and distributing them wisely to our distant neighbours, for their benefit, and to the glory of his holy name. — MARISE VELDMAN

TREASURER'S REPORT

We live in a world where it seems that disorder and uncertainty are becoming more prevalent, where war and the resulting population displacement is becoming more common, where ideologies that oppose the truth of scripture are more prevalent, and where much of humanity lives in a state of anxiety and confusion.

In contrast to this gloomy situation, it's so good to be reminded that God is not surprised by any of these developments. He is not changing his plans due to encountering unforeseen events but continues to unfold his plan for this world exactly as he intends. As it says in Psalm 115:3, "Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases."

With that in mind, our response can and should continue to be to show our trust in him and thankfulness for his grace by reflecting the light he shines on us onto the increasing numbers of those in need. What the Board of CRWRF has witnessed first-hand in the past year was a wonderful response by our donor base to do just that – to be a light to those in need. In fact, increased donations allowed us to increase our programmatic spending by 27% in 2024 as we continue to expand into new opportunities to show love and compassion to our neighbours around the world on behalf of our members.

We give thanks to our heavenly Father for our generous donors and for our Christian-motivated partners through whom this work is accomplished.

— MIKE DE BOERSAP



2024 REVENUES

\$16,400	■ Designated Donations from Individuals and Corporations
\$25,100	■ Interest and Other
\$86,100	■ Sponsorship Donations
\$214,900	■ Donations from Churches and Schools
\$260,500	■ Designated Donations from Churches and Schools
\$770,000	■ Donations from Individuals and Corporations

\$1,373,000



2024 EXPENSES

\$0	□ Project Monitoring
\$10,300	■ Faithworks
\$25,200	■ Promotion
\$41,300	■ Administration
\$206,900	■ HIV/AIDS Response
\$326,500	■ Child Development
\$229,700	■ Community Development
\$444,000	■ Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation

\$1,283,900

did you know?

2024 IN NUMBERS



LIBERIA (ELWA)

42
NURSES
& PHYSICIAN'S
ASSISTANTS

received emergency triage training and salaries.

THIS IS
NEW
IN 2024

Provision of therapeutic milk for children under 6 months old.

9000



KENYA (EBF)

CHILDREN UNDER AGE 5
are seen monthly in the ELWA
malnutrition treatment clinic



18&22

BOYS

GIRLS

have received full or partial sponsorship for their secondary education to date through the Education Bursary Fund.



KENYA (BUSIA)

Over 1.6 million CAD saved collectively overall by program participants with...

46

WOMEN trained in bookkeeping.



KENYA (CRC)

79

CHILDREN were supported at Achego, Mufu, and Tumaini (Child Rescue Centres) and 9 children were successfully reintegrated back into the community.

FLIP TO SEE MORE NUMBERS





NIGER

495

PEOPLE enrolled in literacy classes, learning basic math and reading through Megaphos.



WEST TIMOR

163

CHILDREN attend Christian school through the New Hope Foundation, of which 35 also live at the orphanage.



1,630,000

144

VILLAGE SAVINGS AND LOANS ASSOCIATIONS involving 3,723 participants.



83%

IMPROVED HARVEST for participants who have put into practice the sustainable agriculture they've learned about.



SENEGAL (SLDS)

WOMEN received one-on-one support during pregnancy and early motherhood.

767

317

PARTICIPANTS grew and cooked more nutritious meals with the food from their community gardens.

MALI (AMAFEP)

PEOPLE benefited from the Women's Health, Abuse Prevention, and Christian Family Life training sessions (*double the expected reach!*)

Relief

PROJECT NUMBERS

30

AFRICA

SEWING MACHINES

and 100 Hymnals and Bibles were distributed to internally displaced people.



29

INDIA

STUDENTS

received training in tailoring, along with 30 in driving and 40 in computer skills, while internally displaced. Due to civil unrest, nutritional support was also supplied for 231 internally displaced families.



144

UKRAINE

TONNES OF FOOD AND HYGIENE SUPPLIES

were partially funded and sent to war-torn regions.



300

MIDDLE EAST

PEOPLE received a weekly meal and support of 24 orphaned children due to earthquake.



&

DISPLACED FAMILIES received emergency food, medicine and kerosene.

400

8,100

BAGS OF POWDERED MILK, 6,330 packages of infant and adult diapers and 28,050 packages of feminine pads, were distributed to needy families.



LEBANON

8

WEST TIMOR

TONNES OF RICE AND CORN were distributed due to drought.

Board

NUMBERS

- > To assist with project monitoring, Board project liaisons typically call their local overseas contacts anywhere between **1-5** times throughout the year, via Zoom or WhatsApp.
- > The CRWRF Board and subcommittees include individuals from **3** Canadian provinces.
- > The CRWRF Board met **11** times in 2024.
- > Family and child sponsor letters are distributed each year to over **150** sponsors.
- > **93** Social Media posts in 2024.

did
you
know?



TOGO (CESA)

12

THIS IS
NEW
IN 2024

VISUALLY
IMPAIRED
STUDENTS
are sponsored by
Canadian families
as well as 4
full-time visually
impaired staff.

1,200

SOUTH AFRICA

HOME-BASED CARE VISITS were made to patients and
their families by 31 volunteers through the Zisize program.



US, TIMOR, MEXICO

175

SOUTH AFRICA

PATIENTS
receive care monthly
through the home-
based care program
at Khothatsong.

FAITHWORKS SERVICE
AND LEARNING TRIPS
totaling around 60 participants
aged 16-60+ from 4 different
provinces (ON, BC, AB, MB).

4,320

VISITS were made by nurses and caregivers, and support
was provided to 7 children in 2 foster care homes.

CRWRF IS
CELEBRATING



YEARS
IN 2025

Thank you

for your generous financial
and spiritual support
throughout the years!

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