



GOD'S GOOD GIFTS

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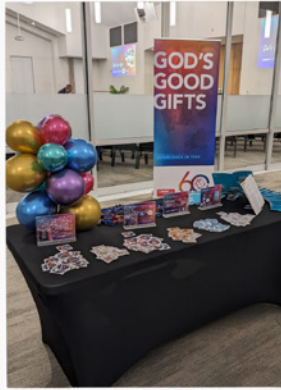
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CRWRF'S YEAR IN REVIEW

Chairman

The year 2025 was a historical and special year of remembrance – CRWRF celebrated 60 years of operation!

That is no small thing – and we did so with much thankfulness. The theme was “God’s good gifts,” which had us focus upon all that we were blessed with, and the gospel work that could be done by CRWRF, as agents on behalf of the many faithful supporters.

We do well to pause on occasion to mark milestones. Our 60th anniversary was our opportunity to step back and reflect on the 60 years of blessings in so many ways. Yes, there have been challenges! Yet, when we reflect, we stand back humbly and see the hand of God guiding us.

Luke 11:13 says that if we “... know how to give good gifts to [our] children, how much more will [our] Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!” We are taught that our giving must be both wise and effective, guided by the gospel.

The year 2025 presented with brokenness and conflict throughout the world. But even in that brokenness, we were so blessed and supported that we were able to provide international support at record levels. That, in and of itself, speaks volumes, and our annual report is intended to communicate this activity. Praise God!

Personally, I would like to express a special thank you to all board members and staff for their tireless efforts – especially with the demands of a 60th anniversary celebration. We also thank you, our donors, church reps and supporters, for your prayers and financial support, and we pray and hope that our service may be fruitful and effective in 2026!

– **KARL J. VELDKAMP**

Administrator

Last year was full of activities which pointed to our Good God.

As you can see by looking at the map and the other articles in this report, God has blessed us all richly. And after celebrating our 60th Anniversary, we are greatly encouraged to continue in this work that he has given us.

Immediate short-term relief was provided in eight countries and included aid for earthquakes, hurricanes, flooding, drought, civil unrest, and emergency medicine. Two longer-term relief projects were supported in Lebanon and India, the latter of which has finished and, the Lord willing, will be self-sufficient moving forward.

We continued supporting fourteen long-term rehabilitation and development projects around the world. Attend our AGM to hear more details and stories! What an

incredible blessing to be involved in this life-changing work.

A new addition to our development projects is the Trade School in Timor. This project aims to equip graduating students with hands-on skills in agriculture, culinary arts, and garment design and sewing. It is our prayer that the students, armed with a solid Biblical foundation and four years of training, will become a light of the gospel in their communities while also providing a living for themselves and their families.

Our 60th Anniversary events in Ontario, Alberta, and British Columbia were a special highlight last year. Held in November, these evenings of praise included song, prayer, speeches, video, 60th anniversary swag, and fellowship. A cherished memory will always be when Ed Vanderboom and Euiyun Kim spoke about the earliest CRWRF project in South Korea – the Love Home Orphanage. They also answered a few questions for us elsewhere in this Annual Report.

The workshops on poverty were stimulating and encouraging. The leaders engaged on a wide variety of topics and answered many difficult questions. We thank everyone who made all these events a success! A special thank you to our leaders and panelists Natalie Vanderlaan, Rev. Winston Bosch, Jerome Lengkeek, Konnie Peet and Kathleen Vanderveen. By God's grace we have come this far, and we pray for his continued guidance in the coming decades.

— SARA KINGMA

Treasurer

When we reflect on God's good gifts given to mankind, we can be confused if we simply think in material terms and forget about the spiritual aspect of these gifts.

It is apparent that the blessings of material resources and opportunity can vary greatly, both within countries and across this world. And in mankind's fallen condition, this can lead to confusion, jealousy, uncooperative competition, and conflicts.

We may occasionally try but fail to understand why these disparities exist. Jesus' disciples exhibited this in the context of the man born blind as described in John 9. They looked for reasons why this beggar had to endure such difficult circumstances, when it was revealed to them that, in this case, the underlying reason for this poor man's condition was in order to provide an opportunity to display the glorious works of God.

What is made clear to us in 1 Peter 4 is that, in response to the rich spiritual gifts that God gives us, he calls us to use all the gifts given to us in service to one another in a spirit of stewardship and in a manner that glorifies him. CRWRF, in conjunction with our various Christian-motivated partners around the world, helps with that administration in a manner that blesses others in need in a God-honouring way. And 2025 was another year where



EXPENSES

\$0	☑ Project Monitoring
\$11,700	■ Faithworks (net)
\$33,000	■ Promotion
\$61,000	■ Administration
\$207,900	■ HIV/AIDS Response
\$509,800	■ Child Development
\$240,000	■ Community Development
\$450,500	■ Disaster Relief and Rehabilitation
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\$1,514,500	TOTAL EXPENSES 2025

REVENUES

\$26,300	■ Interest and Other
\$88,200	■ Sponsorship Donations
\$258,300	■ Donations from Churches & Schools
\$841,500	■ Donations from Individuals & Corporations
\$71,100	■ Designated donations from Churches & Schools
\$430,100	■ Designated donations from Individuals & Corporations
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\$1,715,500	TOTAL REVENUES 2025

CRWRF was blessed with many supporters who generously shared their good gifts with others, whether in the form of financial donations, in the giving of their time in one of many Faithworks service trips, or in their

prayerful support of CRWRF's work. For this we thank our heavenly Father and give him the praise.

— MIKE DEBOERSAP



AN INTERVIEW WITH Euiyun Kim

What was the Love Home and why was it created?

The Love Home was an orphanage that started after the Korean war for children between the ages of 5 and 18. There was extreme hardship and poverty in Korea following the war and many parents were simply not able to care for their kids. Often, we would find an abandoned baby on the doorstep in the morning, and they were then sent to another orphanage

that took care of newborns. In general, people looked down on kids raised in an orphanage, but we worked hard to make them feel wanted.

Can you share a bit about yourself and what your role was at the Love Home?

I was a teacher. Kids who were of school age would go to school during the day. These kids often had a variety of learning and emotional difficulties, and I would give them further help with their schoolwork. I also gave them piano lessons, and we had a children's choir.

My mom and I were also busy with chores and preparing food and snacks for when the kids returned from school. They were always very anxious and excited to receive their treats of an apple or a cookie!

In the early days it was very difficult to provide for the needs of the kids. We were grateful that there was an apple orchard on the property as this gave us an opportunity to raise some money so we could better provide for the kids.

Is there a fond memory or story from your time at the orphanage that you'll never forget?

Although it was difficult to keep everything going at the Love Home, we were also able to see the kids develop and grow in their faith. Each morning, we gathered for Bible reading, singing, and prayer. We enjoyed Christmas dinner with the soldiers at the American army camp and the kids looked forward to turkey dinner, getting to eat a big orange, and singing together in 3-part harmony.

These were difficult times, but also a time to develop a close bond with the children. When I returned to visit Korea, I visited again with several of the students I had taught. They had grown up, married, and were living a Christian life in a world so different from when we first met.

How was life at Love Home improved by the support from CRWRF?

The first sponsors came from 2 nurses in the Netherlands, after they had met with the pastor of our local Korean church, Rev. Hur. They supported the 20 kids at that time.

Later, the government told us we needed to have 60 students in the home. This added considerable financial stress. Sometimes we went to the nearby American army camp to ask them if they had any leftover food. Rev. Hur put us in touch with Mr. John Vanderboom of CRWRF and, following this, we received \$10 per month for each of the 60 children.

Despite the challenges we faced, we were highly regarded by the local government officials. We were ranked the "best running orphanage." Visitors noted how well-dressed and clean our children were. CRWRF regularly sent boxes of clothing, shoes and boots of every kind, as well as vitamins and treats for the kids.



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LEARN FIRST-HAND ABOUT OUR ROOTS



AN INTERVIEW WITH **Ed Vanderboom**

Can you share a bit about your Dad and what you remember of the early years of CRWRF? What is the motivation to reach out and help someone far away compared to someone nearby?

My father was motivated by Matthew 25: 35-36. "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." He felt an urgency to do something. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me" (Matthew 25:45).

His empathy and passion for the downtrodden was likely shaped by his

We are excited to share with you two interview style articles. Ed Vanderboom is the son of John Vanderboom, who was one of the founders of CRWRF. Euiyun Kim was a teacher and caretaker for the orphans in the Love Home in Korea, which was the first project CRWRF supported 60 years ago.

early life in the Netherlands. His father (my grandfather) had worked his whole life with others from the Salvation Army, to reach out and rescue those caught in the grip of addiction and poverty. He took him along on these mission excursions and my dad was able to witness firsthand the devastating effect on families where lives were lived without Jesus.

He was conscious of his personal limitations as an immigrant in Canada and while he understood the need for our church community to establish itself in this country, he was driven by the conviction that we should be reaching out to the poor and downtrodden at the same time. The vision and desire were evident. What remained was the need to gather workers to put the vision into practice.

Was there a project in particular that you remember clearly, and if so, why?

The project that is most vivid in my mind would be the first – the Love Home in Korea. I recall packing boxes of clothes and sending them overseas. My mother saw to it that extra treats and surprises would be included.

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How has your dad's involvement in CRWRF formed how you view charity and non-profit work?

I think it's heightened my understanding of the need for offering oneself in the service of others. My professional work has given ample opportunity to travel around the world and be reminded of the privileges we have. My work in non-profit has given opportunity in some small way to address those needs while pointing to the riches of the gospel.

What would you say to future generations, regarding relief and development work around the world?

I've been a proponent of short-term mission trips to various destinations around the world. The benefits are not perhaps so much in terms of what can be accomplished by a visitor to such a country in a few weeks as it would be about what we as visitors can learn about ourselves in such an experience. CRWRF promotes this kind of experience with good results.



My vision would be that increasingly our churches would identify on their budget allocations, opportunities for mission minded groups to access funds on a shared basis with the subsequent commitment that they would afterwards share their experiences with their respective church communities. I think this would encourage and stimulate an increase in opportunities to reach out beyond our comfortable communities.

— ED VANDERBOOM



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2025 PLACES OF IMPACT

USA | KENTUCKY

Service and Learning Trips: Faithworks sends a team, typically during March break, to Harlan, KY. They help with building projects and food distribution.

MEXICO

Service and Learning Trips: Faithworks sends several teams to orphanage locations run by Children of Hope.

JAMAICA

Provided relief aid to those affected by category 5 Hurricane Melissa, which hit Jamaica in October 2025. CRWRF supported part of this large Samaritan's Purse project which treated 3,503 patients, supplied clean water to 10,000 people per day, and distributed hygiene and kitchen items. 5,600 Bibles were also distributed.

NIGER

Resilient Communities: Program aims to increase rural communities' resiliency through improved agriculture production, increased revenue, improved health, and promoting education. Among the nearly 10,000 participants touched by this program, 85% are reporting improved harvests and better health this year.

MALI

Women's Health, Abuse Prevention, and Christian Family Life: In the last six months, despite national insecurity and fuel shortages, 2,960 participants in 17 communities have received training, resulting in improved health and wellbeing of church members, particularly survivors of abuse and those with high vulnerability to abuse.

SENEGAL

Healthy Families and Communities: Besides the creation of community gardens and individual aid to orphans, vulnerable children and people with HIV and AIDS, this program trained more than 1,000 local women to provide vital educational health sessions and provided regular check-ups on pregnant women and new mothers. This has resulted in many saved lives and better health for moms and babies.

LIBERIA

Malnutrition Ward for Children Under 5: Program at ELWA Hospital provides a pediatric emergency room, inpatient and outpatient feeding programs for malnourished children, a ward for the most unwell children, formula for infants under 6 months who are unable to breastfeed, and an under-5 clinic for other unwell children.

TOGO

Lomé Centre for the Blind: Provides education and vocational training to students (school-aged & mature) who are visually impaired, with the goal of helping them lead productive and dignified lives in God's kingdom. In 2025, a new girls' bathroom was built and all 25 students attended school either at CESA or at the local schools. The students also participate in weekly Bible study & choir practice.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Bangui Pygmies relief provided urgent medical assistance among the indigenous Pygmies population living in remote equatorial villages. 1,421 cases of disease were treated, including malaria, intestinal parasites, and scabies.

AFRICA

This project provided food relief for those affected by the flooding in April 2025. Our partners Mission French African Ministries and their seminary students distributed the aid in the communities in which they minister.

LEBANON

In response to the crisis in Lebanon, this ongoing project focuses on the provision of powdered milk, diapers, feminine hygiene products, and other necessities to nearly 11,000 vulnerable individuals. This is all done through local churches.

MIDDLE EAST

Provision of emergency food packages, Bibles, Christian literature, and financial aid to vulnerable families affected by the 6+ magnitude earthquake that hit the area in August 2025.

This project distributed food packages and Bibles to 505 displaced Kurdish families for their New Year celebrations on March 21.

"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed."
— PROVERBS 19:17

KENYA

Children's Homes - Child Support Program: Children receive living accommodations, nutrition, education, as well as psychosocial counselling and spiritual care. Our three Rescue Centres in Achege, Tumaini, and Mufu continue to make a huge impact.

New Girls' Toilets: After heavy rain in March 2025, the girls' latrine collapsed. A new block of toilets with better plumbing and sanitation was built.

Savings and Credit Cooperative Organizations: Allows participants who have initially been part of smaller self-help groups to borrow larger amounts of money to establish businesses.

Child-Centered Community Development Program (Busia): Increases the well-being of the children in health, education, social, and emotional development through creation of a stable community around the children. This is done through training in business/farming and child-care. In 2025, farmers were trained on post-harvest management and mothers were trained in child development and nutrition.

Education Bursary Fund (EBF): Children from four Children's Homes receive partial financial support towards their secondary education, under the guidance and support of a local committee.

INDIA

In response to civil unrest, this project provided food support to displaced families, child support and learning materials for children, and a training program in tailoring, driving, and computer skills. It is now running self-sufficiently - praise God!

MYANMAR

After a 7.7 magnitude earthquake hit in May 2025, this relief and rehabilitation response helped individuals leading into the monsoon season. It funded the rebuilding of homes, access to clean drinking water, and provided community stability in unsettled areas of Myanmar.

THAILAND

In response to ongoing unrest due to rebel groups, this project assisted by providing essential food and rent assistance for 50 Pakistani refugee families over a 6-month period.

INDONESIA | WEST TIMOR

Phase 3 of the Drought Relief provided and distributed food (e.g., milk, rice and corn) together with seeds, to approximately 600 families in the West Timor area.

Full and Partial Sponsorships: Children at New Hope orphanage receive sponsorship for basic living needs and education, as well as spiritual support. Many children in the broader community also receive financial assistance for education.

Trade School: This new program aims to provide students with hands-on experience in agriculture, culinary arts, and garment design and sewing. This training combined with a strong Biblical foundation will enable them to enter the workforce confidently, and to be a positive influence in the community.

SOUTH AFRICA

Khothatsong Home-Based Patient Care: They cared for 154 HIV/AIDS patients this year, completing over 3,800 home visits across Soshanguve. These visits include medical care, prayer, and other support. Teams also walk nearly 10 km a day to some of the most vulnerable households.

Foster Care: Two dedicated Christian foster mothers support six children with daily care, schooling, and ongoing therapy.

Home-Based Care, Zisize Care Centre: About 5,000 individuals receive home visits and care annually. This project also includes food deliveries called Parcels of Hope, which have food staples and fresh vegetables grown by volunteers.

Map Legend	Relief and Rehabilitation	Providing assistance, especially in the form of food, clothing, shelter, or money, to those in special need or difficulty following calamities such as earthquakes, wars, or protracted crises.
	Child and Community Development	Supporting individuals and communities with the goal of increasing their capacity, resiliency, health, and flourishing.
	Faithworks	A sub-committee that sends service and learning teams across the globe to various partners to help with needs such as construction and repair, while also focusing on establishing and deepening cross-cultural relationships with brothers and sisters in the Lord.
	HIV/AIDS Response	Helping people living with HIV/AIDS, as well as others affected by the disease, including caretakers or orphaned children.

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