



SPRING STORY

By Gillian Southey, CWS communications coordinator.

Refugee children are happy to be close to Germany where their father has already found refuge.



A THOUSAND ACTS OF PEACE

On the border between Serbia and Hungary, ACT Alliance is giving help in the form of food, water, clothing, blankets, hygiene kits and psychosocial support to newly arrived refugees. Staff spoke with a Palestinian teacher and her three children who had fled Aleppo, Syria when their house was destroyed in an air raid a month ago. Like many others the family had walked and slept on the streets, carrying a few belongings and eating when they could. Knowing that her husband is in Germany but without work keeps the mother going. They are extremely tired but grateful for the help that comes from people who have chosen to welcome them with food and assistance.

Desperation drives their journey just as it drives the hundreds of thousands who have fled Syria before them. Satellite pictures in March showed 83% of the country in darkness with no electricity or residents at home. For over four years our partner the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees has been there for Syrians and Palestinian refugees formerly resident in Syria. In Jordan and Lebanon they have welcomed them and provided relief supplies, education, health care and training. They have stretched the grants we have given them to breaking point in an effort to respond to refugees seeking help.

The Middle East is shattered. The United Nations agencies cannot meet the needs and have been cutting services to refugees in neighbouring countries. The refugees have used up their savings and available credit. Life has become increasingly miserable and hunger is spreading. Despite pleas at the Security Council, member nations have met only a third of the budgets put up by UN agencies. The pressures on Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey are enormous and they cannot meet the gap. So the refugees push

on to Europe where they cross paths with Afghans, Eritreans, Iraqis, Somalis, Sudanese and others fleeing violence at home.

The one way to stop the surge of refugees is to tackle the causes of the conflicts, but for now action is needed to give the refugees what they lack: safety, food, water, medical care, shelter and support. It is work that our partners do well.



Their mother is grateful for the help she has found on the way.

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70 YEARS OF SERVICE

There are echoes in this story of where Christian World Service began. Seventy years ago New Zealand churches raised funds for Europe in the wake of World War II. Archbishop West Watson launched the first Christmas Appeal for Greece recognising "the generosity and self-sacrifice" that Greeks had shown New Zealanders during the war "when they were in desperate need of help". The appeal was launched when the memory of war was very real. Helping rebuild Europe was the highest priority but in 1947 funds were sent to feed children in the Punjab, India. In 1949, New Zealand churches raised funds for Palestinian refugees, making the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) our oldest partner.

CHANGING THE STORY

While relief was the highest priority in the first appeals, CWS was part of much bigger debates that began to

question why people were hungry and homeless. At a time when there were growing movements pressing for independence, the tables began to turn. Instead of seeing people as helpless and giving as a one way street, CWS listened more carefully to the groups they were funding and what they wanted. When gaps between rich and poor were widening despite aid given, CWS realised something more was required. Working at the grassroots with local people has transformed the way CWS works. The one way street became two ways when partnership became the model. We are part of the same story of determination to make the world a fairer place.

None of this would have been possible without the help of the thousands of donors that have given to make a difference. Over seventy years, our partners have worked with millions of people to find what they need to make their lives better. They have stood up

LESSONS LEARNED AT 70

Poverty and injustice can be stopped when action is taken to tackle their causes.

Local communities know best what they need and must be at the heart of their own development.

Women, children and indigenous people must be involved in community decisions.

The fabric of a community is made strong by people working together over time.

Religion can be a dynamic force for good but it can be used to divide and harm people.

We are inspired by the resilience of local people after a disaster and their ability to survive conflict.

Our partnerships offer a very special window into the lives of others that must be treasured and respected.

There is a lot more to learn as we work with our partners to make sure the poorest people have a decent livelihood and are treated fairly in our increasingly complex world.



After a brief stop, their journey continues along the Hungarian border.

against apartheid and rebuilt homes after the South Asia tsunami. In partnership we have confronted the violence of poverty family by family, community by community. People have found food for today and planted seeds for tomorrow.

We have helped one person. We have helped a thousand. We have helped millions. When people work together big changes are possible. Justice, dignity, freedom – there is no work that is more important. Thanks for joining us.

At its September meeting, the UN will adopt the Sustainable Development Goals as a global commitment to 'Leave no one behind'. Goals like ending poverty and hunger are ambitious and are being agreed for every country including Aotearoa New Zealand. Where the previous Millennium Development Goals were aimed at aid delivery, these are designed to focus governments' priorities. They are a collective response to environmental pressures like climate change and economic challenges in a changing geo-political context.

Looking out for the most vulnerable and poorest people in the mess of global politics is what our partners do well. When so much is changing, we have come to rely on their analysis as well as their actions. They need your support so more people can be helped to meet the challenge they face. Please give generously to the Spring Appeal so refugees get what they need and poor people can improve their livelihoods – make it another act of peace. ■

GIFTED

Gift giving can be simple with CWS at any time. We have a range of products from water (the most popular) to chickens to a home garden. We send you a card but families in Uganda, Palestine or Nicaragua get the gift. It's easy and comes with the guarantee that your gift will multiply the good. **Take a look at the catalogue or go on line at: gifted.org.nz**

Special thanks to the members of **1st Kamo Girls' Brigade** who held a cake stall. With some of the funds raised they chose to help rebuild a school in Haiti and buy footballs and books for South Sudan through Gifted.



SUMMARY ANNUAL REVIEW

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Emergencies have dominated much of our work this year. Cyclone Pam hit Vanuatu, Ebola spread through West Africa, Nepal was rocked by a number of earthquakes and conflict spread in the Middle East. CWS has been able to respond quickly and effectively thanks to our membership of ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) already at work in affected countries. In each case they have demonstrated the value of in depth local knowledge and strong networks to emergency response.

Our development partners are proving themselves as agents of change. They work closely with local communities to make sure families have food, education and healthcare while building networks of strong people who will work together no matter what happens. Most partners now include training in disaster preparedness and growing techniques designed to adjust to the changing climate. They have run workshops, provided counselling and campaigned to halt the violence that is damaging so many lives. The stories we tell show how they tackle poverty and injustice in their communities. We are very proud to be associated with them.

The need to help communities recover after disaster and conflict was the focus of the 2014 Christmas Appeal, Build Hope for Tomorrow. We are grateful for the strong support to our emergency appeals for Nepal and Vanuatu.

One of the highlights in the past year was a 24 hour musicathon organised by St John's in the City and St Andrew's on the Terrace Presbyterian Churches in Wellington. They raised over \$20,000 for the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees' programme to provide water for West Bank, engaging many people outside their congregations. We have begun work on some new fundraising initiatives including the Ration Challenge to reach beyond our church supporters.

In September we held the first meeting of the Supporters' Council made up of individuals and groups who have provided financial support to CWS in the last two years. Under the new constitution this is an opportunity for supporters to deepen their understanding of the work we do together.

During the year we have made plans to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the first Christmas Appeal. The inaugural appeal helped people recovering after World War II in Greece. We have come full circle, as the needs of refugees become more urgent. We are thankful for the generosity of our donors to our partners who are tackling poverty and injustice at the root.

Pauline McKay
National Director

SUMMARY FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

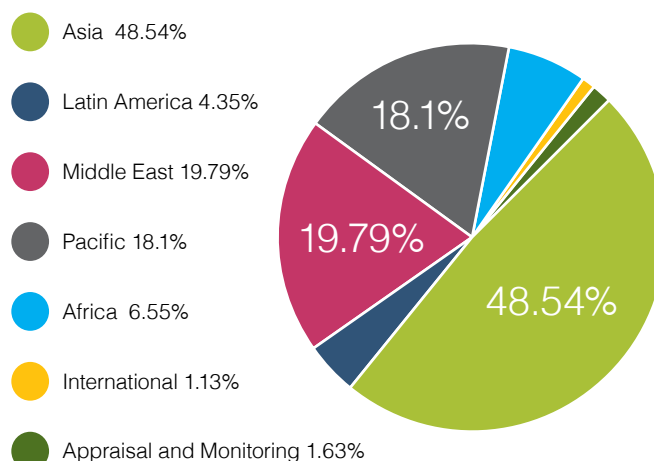
Income

Christmas Appeal	409,719
Regular Appeals	195,942
General Donations	216,864
Designated Donations – Development (including Gifted, Live Below the Line)	177,991
Bequests	173,083
Designated Donations - Emergency	320,579
Grants (Church and Government)	198,152
Interest	55,582
Total Income	1,747,911

Expenditure

International Programmes Funding	1,089,853
Education and Relationships	14,006
Promotions	103,884
Coordination (including all staffing costs and depreciation)	425,458
Total Expenditure	1,632,201
Excess of Income over Expenditure	115,710

TOTAL PROGRAMME FUNDING 2014-15



This summary is taken from the full statement of accounts that has been prepared for audit. The full audited accounts and annual review will be available after they have been accepted by the Annual General Meeting on 21 November.

PARTNERS FUNDED 2014/15



Fresh water for Vanuatu.
Act for Peace/J Loersch

AFRICA

Sierra Leone – ACT Alliance – Ebola
Sierra Leone – Kayima School Project
South Sudan – Maridi Service Agency
Uganda – Centre for Community Solidarity
Regional Total \$71,982

ASIA

India
 EKTA Gender Training Programme
 Human Rights Foundation
 NEYTHAL Coastal Protection
 Social Action for New Development
 Women Development Resource Centre/Federation for Dalit Women Empowerment
Myanmar – ACT Alliance
Nepal – ACT Alliance – earthquake response
Philippines – Developers Foundation
Sri Lanka
 Movement for Land and Agricultural Reform
 Women's Centre
Regional – Community World Service Asia
Regional Total \$532,627

LATIN AMERICA

Latin America
Chile – ACT Alliance- earthquake response
Haiti – Institut Culturel Karl Léveque
Nicaragua
 Consejo de Iglesias Evangélicas Pro-Alianza Denominacional
Regional Total \$47,840

MIDDLE EAST

Iraq
 ACT Alliance
 Community World Service Asia
Palestine/Lebanon/Jordan/Israel
 Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees
Syria/Jordan/Lebanon – DSPR: response to Syrian refugees.
Turkey – IndustriALL – relief for miners
Regional Total \$217,494

PACIFIC

Regional
 Joint Consortium DRR Simulation Exercise – Vanuatu, Tonga and Fiji
 Pacific Conference of Churches
Tonga – Tonga Community Development Trust Ama Takiloa
Vanuatu – ACT Alliance – Cyclone Pam response
Regional Total \$195,350

AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND

The Family Centre
 Te Whare Roimata
 Beneficiary Advisory Services
Total \$3,600

INTERNATIONAL

ACT Alliance
 Humanitarian Accountability Project
Total \$12,425

APPRAISAL, MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Total \$17,940
Total Programme Funding \$1,099,258



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