

Christian World Service - Annual Review

July 1, 2010—June 30, 2011



Summary of the year's events



This has been an exceptional year for Christian World Service (CWS). The earth literally moved below us on many occasions, we were thrown out of our office twice and we lost significant funding from the Government because of policy changes. The message I want to convey however is that CWS is in business.

Impact of earthquakes on CWS work

After the earthquake on 4 September 2010, CWS had to vacate its offices for a month. In February we had to leave again and we are very grateful to the Christchurch North Methodist parish for providing us with work space because our office in the central business district is still out of bounds. In response to the February earthquake CWS played a key role in recovery efforts. We stepped up to the challenge, and renewed our sense of purpose

Nick Clarke, CWS staff member, within minutes of the February earthquake put into practice his emergency response skills and was pulling people out of the rubble. He worked with Civil Defence and the Urban Search and Rescue people. He was given a desk at headquarters and coordinated the National Disaster Relief Forum (NDRF), the coordinating body for aid and development agency normally used for coordination efforts in response to an emergency overseas. In a world first they became operational in response to a natural disaster in a developed country. The sorts of services provided were the provision and delivery of food and water and psychosocial services.

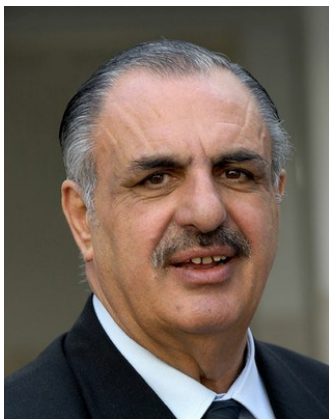
Rev Katrina Hill, CWS youth and schools coordinator, was seconded to coordinate the recovery response centre at St Faith's Anglican Church in New Brighton. Katrina is a deacon attached to St Faith's and a Brighton resident. She will be continuing this work for twelve months at the request of Bishop Victoria Mathews, Bishop of Christchurch. It was very satisfying that CWS was able to respond in these very practical ways to a disaster within its own midst.

CWS responses to changes in Government Funding

In recent years CWS has received considerable government funding for our work overseas and some very positive reviews but with a major change in government policy this has dried up. We have gone from a \$4 million budget to a \$1.8 million one. This has led to a major restructuring to live within our means which has meant staff cuts and reducing all other costs to the bone.

The CWS Board made the decision that budgets for the next two years would not include government funding, although we have received some small grants for one partner. CWS is now a donor-based organisation and any funds from government would be seen as an added bonus. The Board has ring-fenced investment funds to develop and find new donors. We feel a moral duty to our partners and supporters to make this work. In June 2011 we began the process of reconfiguring the staff as the revised budget meant that we had to reduce the staffing level from 11.3 full time equivalents (FTE) to 8.3.

We are developing new ways of supporting our partners such as the Direct Partners programme which puts groups into closer direct contact with partners we support overseas. The concept is that groups select a CWS partner to support, commit to raise an agreed sum each year and in return they receive two video based reports on their work and a personal story and pictorial images in hard copy.



Partner News

In August 2010 we had a visit from Constantine Dabbagh from the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) and his visit coincided with the inaugural Christ Church Cathedral Lecture by Helen Clark, the former Prime Minister. CWS co-sponsored the lecture and Helen acknowledged Constantine's presence at it. Later in the year we organised an exhibition from Gaza featuring a DSPR art programme helping children and adults cope with trauma. Following its showing in Christchurch it went to Auckland, Napier, Wellington and Dunedin.

Following flash floods in Pakistan in July 2010, CWS launched an appeal and the response to it was very generous making it one of our most successful appeals. Twenty million people were affected and about one tenth of the population and six million people were left homeless.

After decades of war, South Sudanese took part in a referendum on independence. The January 2011 vote progressed safely and the result was overwhelmingly in favour of independence. On 9 July 2011 the new country of South Sudan came into being. CWS partner, the Maridi Service Agency, in South Sudan provided civic voter education using the FM radio station which CWS funded. The radio was a crucial instrument in mobilising people for the referendum because many people cannot read or write.

I trust that this summary of the year's events has shown that CWS is still in business and with your support will continue doing a world of good. It may have been the most challenging year since its inception in 1945. However we draw on this longevity to face the challenges of the future.

Pauline McKay
National Director
August 2011



Photo: ACT Alliance/N Carstensen

Community Development and Humanitarian Partnerships 2010-11

Africa

South Sudan *Maridi Service Agency* youth training programmes, recreation centre, radio station, peace building, voter education, HIV and AIDS awareness

Uganda *Church of Uganda Planning Development Rehabilitation* economic livelihoods, food production, plant nursery, savings and credit societies, environmental education, peace building, conflict resolution, refugee support and assistance for HIV/AIDS affected families

Regional Total \$62,296



Photo: Church of Uganda PDR

Asia

Regional *Christian Conference of Asia* for Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam

Cambodia *Church World Service Cambodia* local institution development and support, home gardening, health programmes, literacy, income generation

China *ACT* relief efforts following landslides

India *EKTA* Gender Training, women's participation in local government and prevention of violence against girls and women

Human Rights Foundation empowering women in local government

NEYTHAL coastal protection and empowerment of coastal fishing communities in political processes.

SNEHA Integrated development of tsunami

affected communities, especially focusing on women and children

Social Action for New Development sustainable economic livelihoods, Dalit empowerment, women's participation in political process, education and awareness for child labourers

Women's Development Resource Centre/ Federation for Dalit Women's Empowerment sustainable livelihoods for Dalits and tribal people, political participation, violence against women, ending child labour, and children's associations

Indonesia *ACT* relief efforts following West Sumatra earthquake/tsunami

Japan *ACT* relief efforts following earthquake/tsunami

Pakistan *ACT* relief efforts for flooding and emergency response

Sri Lanka *ACT* relief efforts to flood affected communities

Devasarana Development Centre Rural development education programmes and activities for children and young people,



Photo: CEPAD

political education, cross cultural and religious understanding, sustainable agricultural training

Movement for Land and Agricultural Reform advocating policies and sustainable farming practices for small farmers, use of appropriate technology, women’s participation

Women’s Centre Programme for Workers education and empowerment for women workers in free trade zones, cross cultural and religious understanding

Regional Total \$869,659

Latin America

Brazil *House of Passage* education, training and support for children and youth from the streets, protection of child rights

Chile *ACT* relief response to earthquake

Nicaragua *CEPAD* Community development programme: sustainable agricultural training and support, psycho social training, peace building and human rights, radio programme and support for refugees

Regional Total \$91,512

Middle East

Afghanistan *Church World Service Afghanistan* emergency programme

Palestine *Department Service for Palestinian Refugees* human rights, education, healthcare, and economic livelihoods

Regional Total \$5,998

Pacific

Regional *Pacific Conference of Churches*

Fiji *ECREA* capacity building programme—rights and livelihoods for informal urban settlements, empowerment of rural communities in their own development, youth participation, cultural and religious understanding

Tonga *Tonga Trust Village* women’s programme—Ama Takiloa food security, women’s participation, income generation, environmental education and disaster preparedness

Regional Total \$109,400

Aotearoa

Council for International Development
National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies
Peace Movement Aotearoa
Saint Faith's Anglican Church New Brighton—
Christchurch earthquake response

Total \$16,356

International

ACT Alliance, including emergency response \$17,439
Partner Visit: Constantine Dabbagh Gaza, Palestine \$2930
Humanitarian Accountability Project \$1,200
Monitoring, appraisal, evaluation and management \$193,898

CWS Publications

CWS News

- ◆ @world: Sowing Seeds of Hope (Replanting food in Sri Lanka and Haiti), and The Emergency is Us (Responding to Christchurch's earthquakes, Haiti, Cambodia)
- ◆ Update: News, information and stories (7 times)

Youth and Schools

- ◆ Youth Topics: What controls the Global Menu? (Food)
- ◆ World Watch: Share the Care (school lunch programme in Zimbabwe)

Worship Materials

- ◆ Peace Sunday (child soldiers in Congo)
- ◆ World Refugee Day
- ◆ Fair Trade Fortnight



Resource and Events

- ◆ Resources for Presbyterian Women and Methodist Women's Fellowship Special Project for Haiti
- ◆ Promoted World Week of Prayer for Peace in Israel and Palestine
- ◆ Promoted Fair Trade Fortnight
- ◆ Promoted Churches Week of Action on Food
- ◆ Promoted food campaign to the Parachute Music Festival
- ◆ Official Development Assistance updates
- ◆ Website—regularly updated with resources and information.
- ◆ Participated in the Campaign to ban cluster munitions. The Convention on Cluster Munitions (ratified by New Zealand) came into effect on August 1, 2010.
- ◆ Visit of Constantine Dabbagh, DSPR, Gaza, Palestine
- ◆ Coordinated the Gaza Art Exhibition
- ◆ Government Submission—Marine and Coastal (Takutai Moana) Bill

Fair Trade

CWS is one of three shareholders in Fairtrade Labelling Australia and New Zealand which has responsibility for promoting, licensing and expanding the Fairtrade Label in both countries. CWS actively promotes fair trade and the fairtrade label.

Summary Statement of Financial Performance

Income	\$
2010 Christmas Appeal	518 977
Grants from the Government's Overseas Development Assistance	
-Subsidies under the KOHA-PICD Scheme	198 950
-Humanitarian Relief Fund (Emergency) grants	99 445
Special Appeals for	
-Pakistan	172 131
Methodist 2% grant	12 531
William Walters Trust	5 459
Christchurch Anglican Diocese	6 500
Association of Presbyterian Women/ Methodist Women's Fellowship (for Nicaragua – CEPAD)	50 221
World Day of Prayer Aotearoa New Zealand	21 500
Regular Contributors	142 465
Direct Mail Appeals	162 412
David Ellison Trust	7 500
Other donations from individuals, groups and parishes	311 895
Interest	61 280
Total Income for the Year	1 771 266
Expenditure	
Funding for Community Development Projects and Emergency Relief	1 370 688
Education and Advocacy	190 464
Administration	306 627
Fundraising and Promotion	258 501
Total Expenditure for the Year	2 126 280

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