

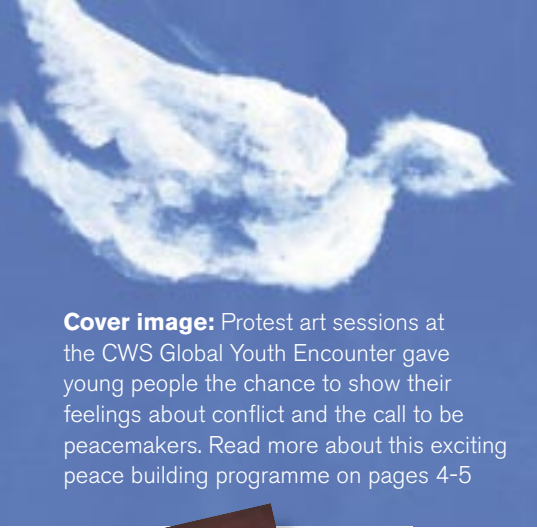


Conflict, Peace and Compassion

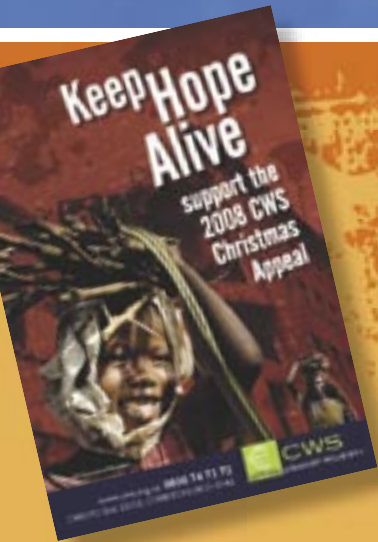
CWS responses to a world in crisis

- Helping young people build peace
- Ending economic exploitation of women in Sri Lanka
- Emergency aid for Darfur, Burma and The Philippines
- Gifts with a difference

Plus annual review
of CWS @ work
2007-2008



Cover image: Protest art sessions at the CWS Global Youth Encounter gave young people the chance to show their feelings about conflict and the call to be peacemakers. Read more about this exciting peace building programme on pages 4-5



Keep Hope Alive

The 2008 CWS Christmas Appeal focuses on how people live with conflict. It is a celebration of how millions of people struggle against the odds and hold on to hope for a better future despite living in violent environments. The Christmas Appeal is your chance to support the CWS partners working tirelessly so their communities can survive and plan for improved times.

A new feature this year is the appeal song "A child for peace". Colin Gibson composed the music and adapted the words from a poem by David Manton as a gift to CWS. A copy of the lyrics and sheet music has been included in the resource kit sent to all parishes. Please contact CWS if you have not received one.

“Christian World Service is the development and aid agency that my wife and I have always chosen to support. The 2008 CWS Christmas Appeal helps keep hope alive for people in need and I confidently recommend it for your support.”

Sir Paul Reeves.



Cakes with a Conscience

Inspired by a love of baking and the desire to do something to help take action against poverty, Sarah Clarke, of Kaiapoi near Christchurch, has established a fair trade cake business. Offering six cake varieties (including chocolate and chilli), three desserts, two types of biscuits and a delicious Almond Hit Biscotti, she uses certified fairtrade products wherever possible. These include chocolate, sugar, cocoa, dried fruit, nuts, coffee and spices. Hopefully icing sugar and bananas will soon be available. When she cannot source a fairtrade ingredient, Sarah uses organic ingredients.

“I get a real kick from knowing that when someone enjoys my baking they are directly helping to support the families who produce the primary ingredients,” says Sarah. “To know that I am helping to put food in children’s mouths, clothes on their backs and being able to help provide medicine

and education for them rather than slowly drive them to feeding stations - this is living out my faith.”

Using fairly traded ingredients ensures producers in developing countries get better incomes and community funding for education, health and environmental needs. “Fair trade is part of the solution to poverty,” believes Sarah. “We win by being able to bake with great ingredients - and the grower wins by gaining a steady income from us.” She hopes to raise awareness of fair trade and grow a successful business. Ten percent of net profits will be returned to communities in developing countries through organisations like CWS.

If you would like to purchase a cake or find out about using Cakes with a Conscience as a CWS fundraiser contact Sarah on 03 327 4459, 021 256 7741 or go to www.cakeswithaconscience.co.nz

Walk for the Planet

Climate change, violence towards the planet and each other, and the increasing pressure on the very finite resources of the earth have compelled a group of church people into action. They are organising a Walk for the Planet to promote more just ways of living and healing at every level of our lives - creation, ourselves, our communities, our country and our world. It will be an opportunity for church and community people to share stories of what is being done to protect and enhance the environment. Walk for the Planet will begin at the end of February 2009 on Rakiura

(Stewart Island), traverse the South Island and culminate in Wellington for Holy Week. It is hoped that people will join the walk especially through towns and cities en route and attend events along the way. The Christchurch based organisers are challenging North Island communities to organise their own walk during Lent 2009.

CWS is supporting this initiative that grew out of the Otago Southland Methodist School of Theology earlier this year and now involves people of many traditions. Please contact Gillian at CWS for more information.



Vigils for Darfur

CWS and Caritas have launched a joint appeal to raise awareness of the humanitarian crisis in Darfur and funds for ACT International-Caritas relief efforts. In its sixth year, the conflict in western Sudan has affected 4 million people, with 2.5 million homeless and reliant on international aid. Vigils have been held around the country featuring candle lighting, prayer, images and inspirational talks from Sudanese living in New Zealand. In Christchurch, the Cathedral hosted a compelling photographic exhibition showing the reality of day-to-day life in the camps. These images are available for display in other centres. Contact CWS for more information.

“Let us protect workers’ rights and fight violence against women”

These were the rallying calls of the Women’s Centre in Sri Lanka for 2008. Based in the Free Trade Zones, this long-term CWS partner is addressing the needs of women who endure civil war, economic exploitation, gender violence and social discrimination.

Women workers are viewed as inferior. Bosses use this to justify exploiting them, leaving them vulnerable to rape and other violent abuse. The Women’s Centre describes the free trade zones “not so much places of freedom for workers” as places for “investors to exploit labour”.

The problems in the factory zones are numerous. Young women with no other opportunities move far from home to get jobs. The zones are exempt from most of Sri Lanka’s labour and environmental laws. Women work long hours in dangerous conditions and have to live in primitive accommodation, three or four to a room, with no furniture, cooking or cleaning facilities.

Toy factory workers say they feel like “beasts of burden”. Their pay is low, they are made to work Sundays unpaid and on busy days have to work till midnight

without overtime. Bosses dock their wages if they fail to meet the unrealistic targets. In a garment factory women report that their salaries are never paid on time, they have unachievable targets and are abused for not reaching them. In a rubber factory women injure their hands because safety gloves are not provided. Conditions are so dangerous their lives were saved only in the nick of time when a fire once broke out.

The Women’s Centre was set up in 1982 to stand up for these women. It gives advice, represents the women in disputes and gives them a place to cook, wash, get health care and relax.

When a factory making Polo and Columbia garments recently shut without warning, women workers were thrown onto the street. Benefits and two months salaries went unpaid. The Women’s Centre is taking legal action against the owner on behalf of the 50 affected women. The centre has a history of such actions, winning women labour rights, fairer pay and safety equipment.

The Women’s Centre recently instigated a tireless campaign for a living wage. While the government gave public servants a cost of living adjustment in

the face of price rises, workers in the zones - who work longer hours for less than half the civil service basic salary - received none. Some factories have already responded with a Rs1000 pay rise.

The economic violence faced by women is set against a background of civil war since 1983. Fighting between Tamil separatists and the Sinhalese-dominated government is rooted in racial discrimination. The conflict is one of the world’s most persistent, damaging the people, economy and environment. In response, the Women’s Centre has brought together women from war-threatened villages and Free Trade Zones to find solutions to each other’s problems and build understanding between women of different races. The Women’s Centre was so affected by women’s suffering through war it has provided them goats for milk production.

Your donations to CWS help fund the work of the Women’s Centre and its aim that 2009 be a year that ushers in peace and protects women’s rights. Please give generously to this @world appeal and return your coupon today.

The Women’s Centre and Darfur relief operations are two of the partners highlighted in this year’s Christmas Appeal. A five minute DVD/video will be available on the work of the Women’s Centre. Contact CWS to request a copy.



The world is in our hands

Young people
building

peace.



Hundreds of young people gathered at events over three weeks sharing one goal: to spread the word that violence doesn't have to be a way of life. In the process they learnt much more about conflict in different places and the challenges they share.

The Global Youth Encounter (GYE), held in July and August, brought young people from international hot spots Sri Lanka, Timor Leste and Fiji to meet with young people from all over New Zealand. They were chosen from CWS partners working on conflict issues in their local communities.

The overseas visitors, who arrived at the peak of major storms, were Onoria and George from Fiji, Alcina and Fidelio from Timor Leste, and Sandun from Sri Lanka. Four of them were on their first trips overseas. Finding New Zealand a cold and wet place did not dampen their enthusiasm. "We saw the rain as like the challenges to young people making peace," said Onoria.

The GYE was an exhausting and rewarding series of public meetings, church and school visits and tourism, topped off with weekend GYE conferences in Ohope, Wainuiomata and Christchurch. Activities at the

weekend GYEs were diverse. Through drama, art, discussion, devotions and interviews, the young people looked at issues of violence, peacemaking and youth concerns.

The overseas visitors were surprised to learn that New Zealand young people were concerned about gang violence, bullying, teen pregnancy and youth suicide but they all shared the need for a feeling of belonging. Young people developed relationships across cultures over just one weekend and opened up about problems that are usually off-limits.

"We're working with young people for whom the world is their oyster... but the globalised world has led to the breakdown of community," says CWS's Liz Whitehead, who coordinated the three week event. "So they are asking: who am I as a New Zealand-born Cook Islander living in West Auckland, an indigenous Fijian living in tribal lands in Fiji or a young Maori living in the Urewera but still being aware I'm part of a world that's bigger than myself. A lot of young people don't know who they are, where they come from or where they fit in the global structure."

What impressed everyone was the desire to learn. Participants were shocked to hear how much war actually costs – US\$1339 billion in 2007 alone. The powerful stories the visitors told made them more aware of the impact of violence on other young people. Sophia, from Christchurch, was especially touched by Alcina's story of having to run and hide in the mountains to escape



Spotlight on Fiji

Fiji's four coups since 1987, the last being in December 2006, are teaching young Fijians a dangerous lesson. Time and again they have witnessed a violent response from military leaders when they disagree with the direction of civilian government. Often based on fear among indigenous Fijians of losing political control to Indo-Fijians, who dominate the economy, this recent history creates racial division and instability, exacerbating poverty. It sends a message that disagreement should be solved with violence. CWS's partner in Fiji, Ecumenical Centre for Research, Education and Advocacy (ECEA), is challenging that message.

"The past two coups in Fiji were about racism. ECREA's aim is to get indigenous Fijians and Indo-Fijians of our land to have discussions. We want to get youth from different ethnic backgrounds to come together in workshops," George says. "We can use our differences and similarities to create peace in our communities and abolish the idea of racism." ECREA's wide range of community programmes include efforts to get workers decent wages, youth programmes, working with people in squatter settlements, community leadership courses, and courses teaching peace between ethnic groups.

the violence leading to Indonesia's withdrawal from Timor Leste in 1999 and the street fighting of 2006.

Sophia said "I was aware through media of what was happening in the world. However, I was allowed to be distanced from it." The GYE experience brought it much closer because "the story telling came from young people themselves." It made the issues of conflict, violence and poverty more real and raised questions on how to meet the Christian challenge to be peacemakers.

A highlight of the GYE was the conference at Ohope's Te Maungarongo Marae. "My stay at Te Maungarongo was an amazing experience I will remember forever," said Peyton, of Wanaka. "Even though not all of us spoke clear English, or English at all, we communicated and formed bonds strong enough to bring tears when we had to say our goodbyes. Coming from Wanaka, which is a primarily white community, to experience the Maori culture was amazing."

Exposure to Ngai Tuhoe was overwhelming and challenged notions about New Zealand's own history of

conflict and gave a different perspective on the October 2007 Urewera police raids.

Guest of honour at Te Maungarongo was Tainui MP and youth affairs minister Nanaia Mahuta. She was so enthused with the dialogue with young people she didn't want to leave.

Memorable moments at Te Maungarongo included a protest art session looking at work by contemporary Maori artist Ralph Hotere, repeated elsewhere, and a change in protocol that dictates young people do the kitchen work. The elders decided the GYE was too important and sent the young people to join in and adults were called in to cook.

The results of the GYE are many. Everyone went home having discovered a little more about themselves, having picked up a desire to make their communities safer, and having learnt of problems in their widest community – the world. The contacts between young people here and overseas will transcend CWS. Already pages on Facebook and Bebo have sprung up, a sign of the unstoppable will of young people trying to make a difference in their world.



A special meeting

The GYE featured a special meeting between 10-year-old Caitlin Ryburn from Christchurch and Alcina and Fidelio from Timor Leste. Last Christmas Caitlin busked with her recorder to raise money for Timor. The funds supported the Dominican Sisters' orphanage and youth training, of which both Alcina and Fidelio were beneficiaries. Alcina found it hard to believe a young girl in New Zealand would show such compassion for children she'd never met in another country. In turn, meeting Alcina and Fidelio motivated Caitlin to busk for Timor again this Christmas.



"All war should be in a museum" was the comment of the GYE visitors at the New Zealand Army Museum.



Culture shock at a Waikato dairy farm. Most farmers in their home countries have 1 or 2 cows, not 460!



Spotlight on Timor Leste

"Young people in Timor Leste do nothing", says Alcina Nunes. "They feel hopeless". With few job opportunities, a recent history of Indonesian occupation, a violent referendum for independence, ongoing civil unrest and massive poverty, young Timorese lack hope for the future. "They are not involved in making a better world," explains Alcina. "They turn to suicide, crime, drugs and violence."

Alcina feels lucky to have been part of the Dominican Sisters programme, which is supported by CWS. "I feel safe there, safe and happy. I have schooling and food." The Sisters are teaching communities sustainable agriculture, caring for young people in two orphanages, and providing schooling and vocational training. By addressing poverty and education, it is hoped more young people will find the hope Alcina has and share her commitment to building a better Timor.



Spotlight on Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka's young people are frustrated and marginalized. Over two decades of civil war has killed more than 130,000 Sri Lankans. Government policies have pushed many small farmers off the land and young women into the exploitative Free Trade Zones for work.

CWS partner, Movement for National Land and Agricultural Reform (Monlar) works to promote the welfare of Sri Lanka's largest economic group, poor agriculturalists.

Sandun says the forced transformation of the country's economy from small scale, diversified agriculture to large-scale commercial agriculture has driven young people

to take up arms, and more will follow.

"This changed economy has created lots of problems, especially in the rural areas. For the young generation, that economy can't ensure a good future for them anymore. It can't absorb all those young people so there's huge frustration, marginalization and hopelessness."

There's also the problem of lack of places at universities. "Only 12 per cent of people who pass higher levels can go to university because there's not enough space. The huge majority of young people have been just left in the middle of their lives."



Scaling the heights for Zimbabwe

Bold parishioners of St Mark's and St Anne's Anglican parish in Christchurch recently hit the wall indoor rock climbing to support CWS's Zimbabwe appeal. With some hearts pounding, everyone hooked themselves to safety ropes and picked their way up the walls at ClipNclimb for the people of Zimbabwe, where fear is the reality.

Organiser Faye Greenwood says rock climbing at ClipNclimb is a good fundraising idea. It features different wall heights for all abilities and ages, is safe and spectators watch for free.

The youngest climber was just three and the oldest over 60. One woman had bad arthritis but still managed. "One man bought a ticket partly for the donation and

partly to overcome his fear of heights. He's going hiking in the French Alps so found it helpful to learn to climb without looking down," says Faye. "Quite a few older people bought tickets for children but said they'd take part themselves next time."

The St Mark's and St Anne's mission committee holds regular CWS fundraisers. It is supporting the Zimbabwe appeal because of the "dire situation over there," says Faye. "Giving through a recognized organisation gives people confidence the money will get to the right people." They challenge other churches and community groups to climb for CWS.

The Compassion Concert

Pupils of Room 7 at George St Normal School, Dunedin were studying compassion when Cyclone Nargis devastated Burma in May. Learning that compassion was "showing mercy to those who are less fortunate than ourselves" the nine and 10 year olds decided to help. "We all knew about the Myanmar disaster because it was in the news," explains Ava Straw (10). "I felt sorry about what happened."

The pupils organised a Compassion Concert on July 1, the first event in their new state-of-the-art hall. It attracted 150 people and raised over \$400 for the CWS Burma Appeal and another charity.

All the class, even their teacher Mrs Yeoman, played musical instruments including saxophone, cornet, trumpet, trombone, guitar, ukulele, cello, glockenspiels and xylophones. They sang,



did kapa haka items and three boys did a haka. "After that, the class recited the longest place name in New Zealand: Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotama teaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokai whenuakitanatahu," says Ava. "It's long, isn't it?" They spoke on the situation in Burma, the meaning of compassion and wrote a Compassion Rap that finished: "I'll remember that when others hurt they suffer, starve or grieve. We're all connected family... it could be you or me!" Sunday School children of St Peter's Anglican Church, Upper Riccarton-Yaldhurst, also showed compassion by baking lolly cake "to sell for the people who don't have much food". They raised \$275.20. "We hope this helps you," they said in their letter to CWS. With most CWS programmes getting 4:1 matching

funds from the government's aid budget, their donation is worth \$1376 to our overseas partners. This will make a big difference.

The Grandmothers of Te Anau

Te Anau's APW has been busy raising funds for CWS partner, the House of Passage. The group, all 70+ and known as the Grandmothers of Te Anau, catered at the spring and autumn flower shows. Proceeds went to the APW/MWF special project whose overseas focus this year is Brazil. In the tourist town of Recife, over 60 percent of the population live in slums where violence, gangs, drugs and abuse are rife. House of Passage gives young girls in the slums a pathway to hope. It provides food, health checks, counselling, vocational training and life skills. When discussing this project the Te Anau APW invited Brazilians working in the area to their afternoon tea. "They were charming young people, and were impressed to think we were interested in helping their country from so far away," said Dorothy Fowle.



CWS support in the Philippines restores hope

On 21 June, Typhoon Fengshen battered the Philippines with winds over 120 km and more than 350mm of rain. Developers Foundation, a CWS partner since 1993, reported widespread devastation amongst poor rural and coastal communities in the Aklan Province, Central Philippines. While media attention focused on the sinking of a passenger ferry claiming 800 lives, the Aklan area became “disconnected” from the rest of the country. With communication facilities, roads, power and water systems and buildings destroyed, Aklan faced the aftermath with “disorientation, bewilderment and shock”, says Tet Golamco-Naraval of the Developers Foundation.



An altered landscape. This makeshift house stands defiantly in isolation near the bank of Aklan River.

Nearly 360,000 people, 72% of the Aklan population, were directly affected. Farms and aquaculture were ruined. Water was up to 3.6 metres deep, leaving behind 30cm of mud. For weeks adults and children alike became agitated during every rainfall, fearing the floods and landslides would return. Even now, the province is coping without full water, communications and power services. Clearing roads and cleaning buildings of mud and debris took over a month because of the lack of water and drainage.

CWS has sent over \$56,000 to assist with relief efforts. “This gesture of support and compassion has given many typhoon victims the encouragement to start their lives over again,” reports Tet.

The initial focus was on providing temporary shelter and safe water to victims. Developers Foundation, being locally-based, was able to reach the interior villages with greater speed to distribute urgently needed supplies. CWS funds are also being used for emergency roofing and building materials to repair 2800 houses.

“Thank you so much for your unfailing support especially during this time of intense need”, says Tet. “God bless you all!”

Burma: Building Back Better

Four months on from Cyclone Nargis, CWS continues to support the work of local partners through ACT International. Over 400,000 people have received food, water purification tablets, clothing, blankets, cooking utensils and medicines. ACT International has provided seed and ploughs that, along with the resilience of the local people, has enabled areas to be replanted, ensuring food will be available next season. However, one million people will need food aid for months to come. Trauma counselling, financial support to restart livelihoods and building permanent housing are other necessities. Local organisations are committed to rebuilding communities



for the better. One initiative is cyclone-resistant housing. Another new focus is disaster preparedness, which develops better community coping mechanisms to save lives in future disasters. “We want to rebuild our lives and move on,” says one survivor. “We are grateful for the help. Without it I don’t know how we would have survived.”



Election day March 29. Zimbabweans are still waiting for an end to the crisis.

Zimbabwe: Running on empty

On 21 July, President Robert Mugabe and opposition Leader Morgan Tsvangirayi met face to face for the first time in nearly 10 years. They were brought together by South African president Thabo Mbeki and signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoU) binding Zanu PF and the two MDC factions to intensive talks to break the political impasse in Zimbabwe.

The MoU prevents the parties from negotiating through the media but this secrecy is widely condemned. Media leaks show there are numerous hurdles to a transitional power sharing agreement. Hopes for a peaceful outcome remain uncertain. In the meantime, Mugabe’s party is still running the country and the suffering worsens for 11 million ordinary Zimbabweans.

A local bank has revealed that Zimbabwe’s inflation rate is well over 20 million%. Mugabe’s ban on food aid has hit 3 million people very hard. People now use petrol vouchers, coupons and other currencies instead of Zimbabwean dollars which are not even worth the paper they are printed on. Basic commodities are way beyond the average Zimbabwean’s means, leaving them largely dependent on remittances from the 4 million Zimbabweans living outside of the country. Zimbabweans desperately await a political breakthrough that will enable them to rebuild their lives.

CWS is appealing for funds to help partners in Zimbabwe deal with the crisis. While the ban on food aid has hampered some of their work, they have been working with internally displaced people in Harare to provide emergency food, household necessities and counselling. This work will be expanded around the country as soon as the situation allows.

Annual Review

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**From the
National
Director**

The highlights of the last year are as varied as the partners, people and issues involved with CWS. While the task is huge and poverty, conflict and disasters continue to adversely impact millions of people, we can take heart in the steps we are taking.

The sharp escalation in food prices and the cost of oil hurts those in developing countries the hardest. Basic food staples became unaffordable for many and families have had to reduce their intake to one meal a day. The global attention given to the world's food supply was a harsh reminder that the essentials for life are still denied to millions of people. The efforts of CWS's partners to provide poor communities with reliable food sources and to advocate for more just economic policies have been critical in providing some protection against hunger for the communities in which they work. We have been amazed at the concern and compassion people in New Zealand extend to their neighbours in developing countries.

The last year saw the Christmas Appeal, regular contributions and @world appeals increase. The Methodist Women's Fellowship and Association of Presbyterian Women focused on House of Passage for their special project, Opening Doors. House of Passage opens doors to hope for the young girls facing violence, poverty and abuse in the slums of Recife, Brazil. The National Committee of Church Women United chose to support partners in Tonga and South Sudan and our general emergency relief. Such ongoing relationships are much valued by CWS and our partners. Some of the most heart warming contributions we receive are from children. In the past year they have baked, busked, sung and done much more to raise funds to help others in need. Their efforts give hope that the future will be in good hands.



Toilet humour: Making a serious point about sanitation

The International Year of Sanitation was the focus for a number of activities in 2008 especially involving young people. Youth volunteers at the Parachute Music Festival enthusiastically confronted festival goers with the reality of toileting and hygiene around the world, getting hundreds to pose with a toilet for a photo petition. While talking about toilets may sound light-hearted, poor sanitation kills a child every 20 seconds and is a major contributor to poverty.

Visits from partners in Uganda, Pakistan, Fiji and Nicaragua allowed supporters in New Zealand to hear first hand how they help these programmes meet local challenges of poverty, conflict, HIV and Aids, and natural disasters. A visit to Choiseul resulted in an acclaimed documentary film on the Luru Land Conference's Women's

Programme. It graphically highlighted the problem of logging, women's efforts to save their culture and land, and examined the essentials of quality community development. The children's jandal band is an enduring snapshot for most viewers. For the international programmes team, the Partner Learning Exchange stood out – bringing together community development organisations from Philippines, Sri Lanka, India and Cambodia. From different contexts they found that they faced similar issues and were able to share strategies and learn from each other over five days.

Fair trade has been a highlight of the last year with over 200 parishes taking part in a Fair Cuppa for Fair Trade Fortnight. So far 38 churches have signed up for the joint CWS/Trade Aid Fair Trade Church scheme. Sales of Fairtrade products have increased 60% in the last year. In 2007 CWS joined the global campaign to ban cluster munitions. With a formal treaty to be signed in December, the campaign is asking the NZ government to swiftly ratify it. CWS made submissions on the Immigration Bill, Free Trade Agreement with China and the Inquiry into New Zealand's relationship with the South Pacific and helped with visits from West Papua and food writer, Raj Patel. Support was given to the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance Week of Action on Trade and concerns raised about the police raids on the people of Ruatoki.



Capturing the work of the Luru Land Conference's Women's Programme.

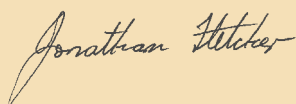
A fun new initiative was the launch of the 'Just Gifts' programme. In response to requests from supporters, CWS identified aspects of partners' programmes that could be neatly packaged as 'gifts'. Goats were the most popular present last Christmas, with fruit trees and mangroves also in demand. No one actually got a goat, the gift is much larger than that! Just Gifts passes on funds equivalent to the cost of a goat to a livestock programme that helps purchase goats, trains families to care for their goat, vaccinates the animals and sets up income opportunities for selling goat milk.

Every year, disasters strike poor communities that do not have the resources to survive and rebuild. CWS is proud to be able to respond quickly and efficiently to emergencies through Action by Churches Together (ACT) International. There were floods throughout South Asia; devastating cyclones in Burma, Nicaragua and the Philippines; and the massive earthquake in China. Many other crises got little public attention. Whether TV cameras catch their plight or not, people in places like the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Darfur, Sri Lanka and north Uganda are struggling to survive through longstanding conflicts.

The terrible situation in Zimbabwe certainly did get coverage. CWS was instrumental in linking New Zealand Church leaders with the Zimbabwe Council of Churches, and has continued to raise funds for food aid within the country.

These long term crises show there are no easy solutions to poverty and conflict. It is important that we continue to help people survive through the difficult times while working together to address the underlying causes of global injustices. In the year ahead, CWS will be developing its work on climate change, continuing to focus on ending conflict and returning to the basics to guarantee everyone the right to the essentials of life such as food and water.

Thank you for your continued support.

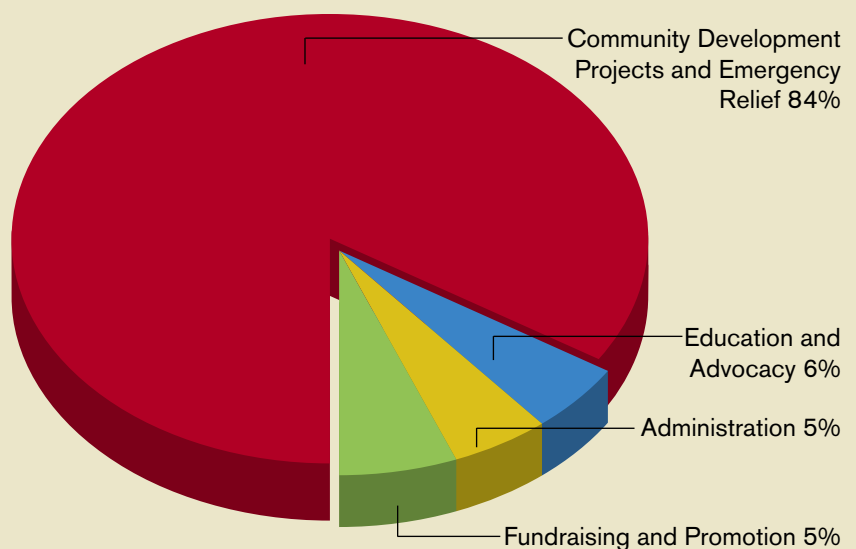


Jonathan Fletcher
National Director

Summary Statement of Financial Performance

| Income | \$ |
|---|------------------|
| 2007 Christmas Appeal | 615 844 |
| <i>Grants from the Government's Overseas Development Assistance</i> | |
| -Subsidies under the KOHA-PICD Scheme | 2 100 208 |
| -Humanitarian Action Fund (Emergency) grants | 726 831 |
| -Latin America grant for CEPAD, Nicaragua | 147 120 |
| <i>Special Appeals for</i> | |
| -Burma | 44 686 |
| -China | 22 085 |
| Methodist 2% grant | 11 532 |
| William Walters Trust | 5 676 |
| Christchurch Anglican Diocese | 7 922 |
| Association of Presbyterian Women/ Methodist Women's Fellowship (for East Timor – Youth Training & Sustainable Agricultural Programme) | 22 611 |
| World Day of Prayer (Nat. Committee Church Women United Aotearoa-New Zealand) | 19 500 |
| Regular Contributors | 112 149 |
| Direct Mail Appeals | 177 939 |
| David Ellison Trust | 7 500 |
| Other donations from individuals, groups and parishes | 343 500 |
| Interest | 197 373 |
| Total Income for the Year | 4 562 476 |
| Expenditure | |
| Funding for Community Development Projects and Emergency Relief | 3 690 348 |
| Education and Advocacy | 260 351 |
| Administration | 236 286 |
| Fundraising and Promotion | 202 518 |
| Total Expenditure for the Year | 4 389 503 |

CWS expenditure 2007-2008



Please contact CWS if you would like a copy of the audited financial report.

CWS 2007-2008: Celebrating 60 years of the Uni

Article 1



All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.

The Church of Uganda works to ensure families have food, training and a livelihood. A focus on community based care for people living with HIV gives them dignity and hope.

Article 3



Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

The crisis in Darfur, western Sudan, is continuing, forcing over 2.5 million people to flee to camps for protection and survival. CWS partners are providing food, water and sanitation services, health, education, shelter and counselling. They are also supporting international calls for peace.

Article 4



No one shall be held in slavery or servitude.

The Women's Development Resource Centre works with Tribal and Dalit communities in Tamil Nadu, South India so their illegal enslavement and discrimination will cease and these communities are recognised as full human beings.

Article 21



Everyone has the right to take part in the government of his country, directly or through freely chosen representatives.

Las Dignas programmes for women's empowerment in El Salvador helps women stand for local government as well as finding new income opportunities and protecting themselves from community violence.

Article 23



Everyone has the right to work, to free choice of employment, to just and favourable conditions of work and to protection against unemployment.

Thanks to the Women's Centre, workers in Sri Lanka's Free Trade Zone are winning some important protections such as adequate work breaks, safety equipment and fairer working hours.

Article 25



Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights



Article 6



Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

In Nicaragua, poverty and civil war have disadvantaged many communities and the state provides few services. CEPAD trains volunteer peace commissioners to help resolve neighbourhood conflicts and assist people in legal processes to realise their rights.

Article 14



Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.

The Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees provides water, health services, education, training and livelihoods to Palestinian refugees in the Middle East.

Article 19



Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression.

MONLAR in Sri Lanka not only helps people grow their own food and protect their environment and land, but assists communities to organise protests about the policy issues that impact on their lives such as escalating food prices, the civil war and privatisation of essential services such as water.

Article 26



Everyone has the right to education.

In the Bougainville province of Papua New Guinea, a generation missed out on education and schooling during the years of conflict. Now BAERDA is training volunteer teachers to focus on literacy in all local languages. This is a first step to people taking control of their future development.

Article 28



Everyone is entitled to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration can be fully realized.

Timor Leste continues to struggle with violence, instability and the legacy of hard won independence from Indonesia. CWS supports two partners who are helping people find refuge in times of civil unrest, as well as providing education, livestock and income generation programmes.

See www.unhcr.ch/udhr/ for the full text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted 10 December 1948

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