



# CWRUPDATE

The Covenant World Relief Quarterly Newsletter

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## Recovery Continues in the Philippines

On November 8, Typhoon Haiyan, one of the biggest storms ever recorded, slammed into the Philippines. The current death toll is 6,201 with 1,785 missing. More than 1.1 million houses were damaged or destroyed. Thanks to generous Covenant churches and individual donors, more than \$190,000 has been donated to CWR in response to this terrible disaster.

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Because of your generosity, Covenant World Relief has:

- Provided primary health care services via clinics in more than 300 villages through RTR Hospital in Tacloban, as they executed their disaster response plan with Medical Teams International.
- Supplied emergency food and relief packages, temporary shelters, support for on-the-

ground coordination efforts and ongoing logistics for a disaster operation center with World Relief and PHILRADS (Philippines Relief and Development Services).

- Distributed relief supplies with the Jesus Covenant Church.
- Participated in the ongoing reconstruction of homes and rehabilitation of livelihoods with Operation Hope.

Because of the generosity of so many, CWR will be able to



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continue to work with partners in the Philippines in the long-term recovery phase for months and hopefully years to come.

Thank you to all who so strongly supported the initial relief efforts as well as the long-term recovery projects.

## Empowerment in Kenya

In West Pokot, an extremely arid region of Kenya, farmers struggle to provide enough to feed their own families. In general, women do the bulk of the agricultural work, while the men look after the animals. Jitokeze, the local CWR partner, works mainly with women's Self Help Groups (SHGs). The women meet regularly, save money, receive training, pray together, and encourage each other. During a recent discussion about the difficulty of farming in such a dry area, one of the SHG leaders exclaimed, "How will our children have enough to eat? How will we be able to pay school fees for our children?" After a brief pause she continued, "We must join together and we will be able to meet these needs." These women have a strong dependence upon God and a belief that he will bless their efforts to work together, as they depend on him and on each other.

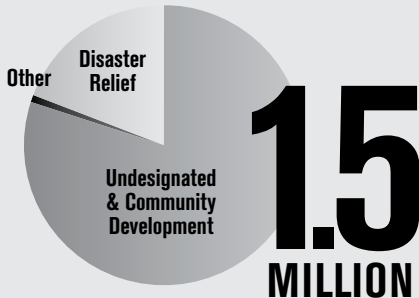


**"But as for you, return to your God, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God."**—HOSEA 12:6

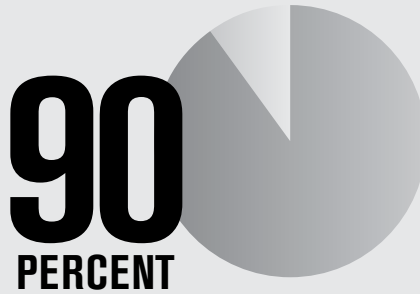
## Because of You, CWR Is Growing

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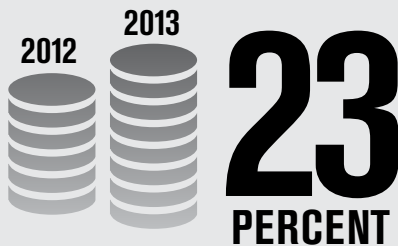
The total number of churches and individual donors contributing to CWR projects in 2013.



More than \$1.5 million was donated to CWR in 2013.



90 percent of giving to CWR in 2013 went directly to projects.



Increase in undesignated and project giving in 2013, totaling more than \$230,000 in additional funding.

**For more information, or to give to CWR projects, visit our website today at [CovChurch.org/cwr](http://CovChurch.org/cwr).**

## Emergency Relief in South Sudan



Partner with us in South Sudan.

South Sudan is the world's newest nation and has experienced incredible violence and conflict recently. At least 800,000 have been displaced and many have died. In this volatile situation, Covenant World Relief is providing emergency relief to refugees who have fled the country and to those who are internally displaced. CWR will be involved in a large scale, long-term response in South Sudan with the Evangelical Covenant Church of South Sudan and we need your assistance. Please give to these efforts at [CovChurch.org/cwr](http://CovChurch.org/cwr) or use the enclosed envelope and mark your check "South Sudan" in the memo line.

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## Clean Water in Honduras

In two remote neighboring villages in Honduras, eighty families have access to clean water for the first time. They are now the proud owners of a new water system that they installed with their own labor. They also provided some basic materials and continue to make regular financial contributions to the community water and sanitation fund.



Families in Honduras celebrate the water system they installed.

CWR and Water 1st provided the bulk of the funding and Cocepradil, a local NGO, provided the expertise and training. Cocepradil organized the two communities and every household committed to full participation. As an example of their cooperative efforts, each family contributed and carried twenty gallons of sand five miles to the site of the water tank. The people are so proud of what they have accomplished together. One leader said, "We are now a community of trained plumbers. With our own finances and expertise we can maintain our new water system." Now they have their sights set on bringing in electricity, and believe that by working together, they will be able to see another dream come true.

## CWR at Your Church

In the past year our team has been in 28 churches and 7 different Covenant events. We would love to come and visit your church, too. If you are interested, please contact us. **For more information on CWR, visit [CovChurch.org/cwr](http://CovChurch.org/cwr) today.**