Christian World Outreach

2014

Annual Report

Making a Difference

CHRISTIAN WORLD OUTREACH, INC.

A Note from Our President

Dear Friends—

I am continually humbled that God would love us so much to send His son and also that He would give us the opportunity to share His love with others by participating in His work here on earth!

God was good this past year as He always is. There have been ups and downs, challenges, changes, transition, joys and more for all of us and He has been with us every step of the way. We have seen and heard about lives that have been changed not just making life easier here on earth but giving eternal hope. This should inspire us to continue on and never to be discouraged.

… our main purpose is to share Jesus Christ with those we serve.

I look forward to what God has in store for us this year and to see what He does through us and in spite of us. We seek to continue the work we have begun and look for new ways to touch lives for eternity.

I would also like to share with you my goals and vision for 2015. First, I believe we need to evaluate every program and ministry to ensure that the main purpose we offer is to share Jesus Christ with those we serve. If we provide food, give education, clothe, give medical care, counsel, etc. without the goal of sharing Christ, what good are we really doing? We will be only helping them for today and not eternity.

The goal of CWO is to share Jesus and we always need to make sure this is our focus. Are we making this our goal?

Making a Difference ...
One Life at a Time

Secondly, we will continue to look at our programs to see in what ways we can improve our work and our processes to ensure we are offering the highest quality programs and ministries possible. If we are honest and ask ourselves can we improve, I am sure God will give us the wisdom to do so. How can we do better?

We continue to ask ourselves ... how can we do better?

Our goal is to sustain ministry through responsible evangelism.

God has been good and supplied for every need since the beginning of CWO. So our final goal should be putting our trust in God while doing our part to make sure we are using the resources we have in the best way possible.

Increasing fundraising and raising awareness for what we do is crucial. We must continually seek to tell others about what God is doing through CWO. Who do we need to tell about the work God is doing through CWO?

I encourage you to look through the pages of our Annual Report, read the stories and see the impact and tell others about the ministry.

I look forward to serving with you this year and in the future. My hope for 2015 is that we can look at ways to grow the existing ministries and programs to reach even more for the Lord!

Serving Together,

Greg Yoder
President

Burkina Faso, Africa

Young women in Burkina Faso face greater poverty, higher illiteracy rates, and fewer opportunities for education and employment than men. But this has not deterred the young women at the Village of Opportunity from improving their lives through education. Our first class graduated in June 2014 and all the graduates have found work, are receiving more training, or started a business with the CWO microloan process. Additionally, the CWO Shade Houses are producing regular and abundant produce to feed the women at the VOO while offering them a means to learn about gardening and agriculture in Burkina Faso.

The Mobile Medical Clinic continues to provide health care and outreach to surrounding villages near Ouagadougou. Physical care is second only to spiritual care. This year we worked with local churches to bring God's word to remote villagers through Bible distribution, teaching, and prayer. CWO's ministries are thriving in Burkina Faso!

Mobile Medical Clinic outreaches allow CWO staff in Burkina Faso to go into villages and provide medical care while sharing Christ with both children & adults.

BURKINA FASO 2014 IMPACT NUMBERS:

20 Students in the first VOO graduating class, June 2014
36 Students currently attending the VOO
1,109 received treatment from the CWO Mobile Medical Clinic
1,775 reached through evangelistic outreach with the Mobile Clinic

"This school has not only taught us about sewing but about life, friends, and having a love for others."

Serving Others—Giving Hope

Five years ago on January 12, 2010, Haiti was devastated by a horrific earthquake that killed more than 230,000 people and left over a million homeless. Today, as Haiti continues to rebuild, CWO remains a partner to those seeking help and hope. The Feminine Training Center (FTC) in Port au Prince is 25 years old this year, and the Mirebalais FTC has been in operation for 10 years. Nearly 3,000 women have been educated at the FTCs since 1990, and more than 90% of FTC students pass their final exams. We give thanks for their faithful journey to support themselves and their families. They are truly remarkable.

At least 80 children each week come to CWO for a hot meal. More importantly, these little ones are learning Bible songs and how to pray. We're excited to have Johann, a local nursing student, lead our children. She is a blessing to this ministry!

Haiti

Rice, beans and nutritional supplements are the base of the meals for the Children's Feeding Program. CWO cooks add in local meats and vegetables.

"The women's center has helped me a lot. It has given me strength and helped me become what I am today in my country."

Haitian pastors and leaders who seek to serve and increase their Bible knowledge are thankful for our annual Leadership Conference. Knowledge truly is life-giving to these leaders. Our Great Discovery Camps reach out to young adults with the good news of Jesus and opportunities to get involved in a local church. Education, opportunities to connect with churches, and growing God's Kingdom is lived out daily through CWO in Haiti.

HAITI 2014 IMPACT NUMBERS:
71 FTC Graduates
271 Great Discovery Camp attendees
120 Leadership Conference attendees
11,840 Meals served to local children

Zambia, Africa

Working with the forgotten and shunned young men in Zambia, we've learned both humility and how great God's grace really is. These young men face daily obstacles, yet return to CWO each week for a meal, encouragement, health information, to share their struggles and most importantly to know they are forgiven and loved by God. This year some of the young men graduated from high school and one has even completed his first semester of college. The Discipleship Group continues to amaze us with their desire to soak up God's word while lovingly reaching out to others. The CWO Zambia team offered HIV/AIDS prevention education to numerous groups throughout Zambia this year. Whether reaching out to the young men in the program or offering HIV/AIDS education to the community, God continues to be glorified in this work!

School supplies give these young boys the tools and encouragement they need to stay in school!

ZAMBIA 2014 IMPACT NUMBERS:

70 Young men in the program
608 reached through HIV/AIDS Prevention Education programs
1,077 visits to the Zambia Learning Library

"I have been coming to Christian World Outreach in Zambia for seven years. The organization has helped me in so many different ways! They have played an important role in my academic life by making sure my needs were met where school was concerned. They have helped pay my school fees through the years, provided English tutoring, and made sure I was always healthy. From the time I started coming to CWO, I have learned more about God and grown to know Him better. I've been challenged to know what I believe."

Josphat Sichula, part of the CWO program in Zambia and a first-semester student at the University of Zambia

Growing Needs

Need is growing in Zimbabwe possibly more than in any other country where CWO serves.

We work with local families to provide home care, food and scholarships to 300 AIDS orphans. There is a need to serve at least twice that many children in Zimbabwe. It's exciting to see some of the children we work with now graduating from high school, and some have opportunities to pursue a college degree. Seeing these children, once neglected with little hope of a future, now excited for what's ahead and knowing God is with them!

Zimbabwe, Africa

Pastors eagerly desire more Bible knowledge to teach and lead in their communities.

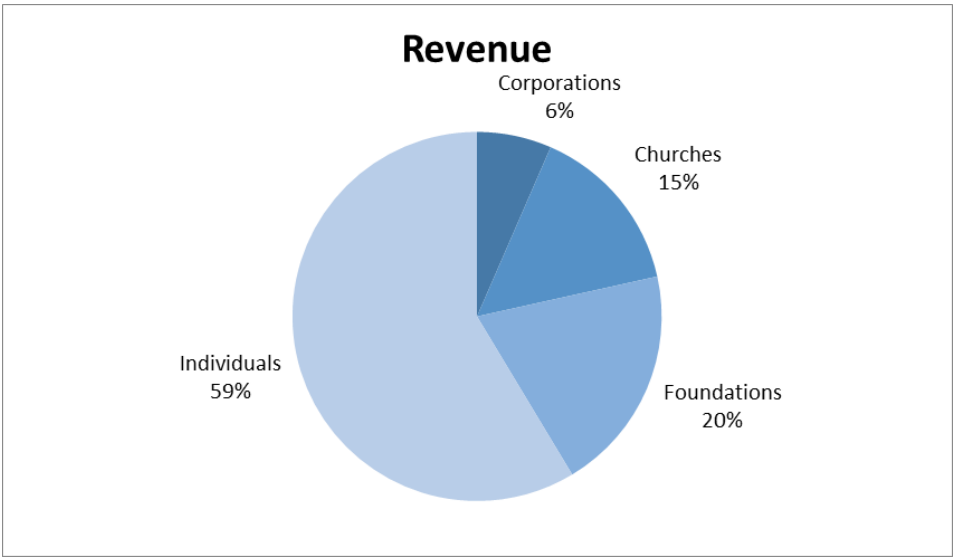
Praise be to God for how he has blessed the Leadership Development ministry in Zimbabwe! Monthly leadership training encourages pastors to grow in their knowledge of the Bible and seek answers to the challenging questions they are asked in their villages. Leadership training is equipping pastors who have little or no seminary training with Biblical knowledge and the confidence to guide their communities. God is at work in Zimbabwe!

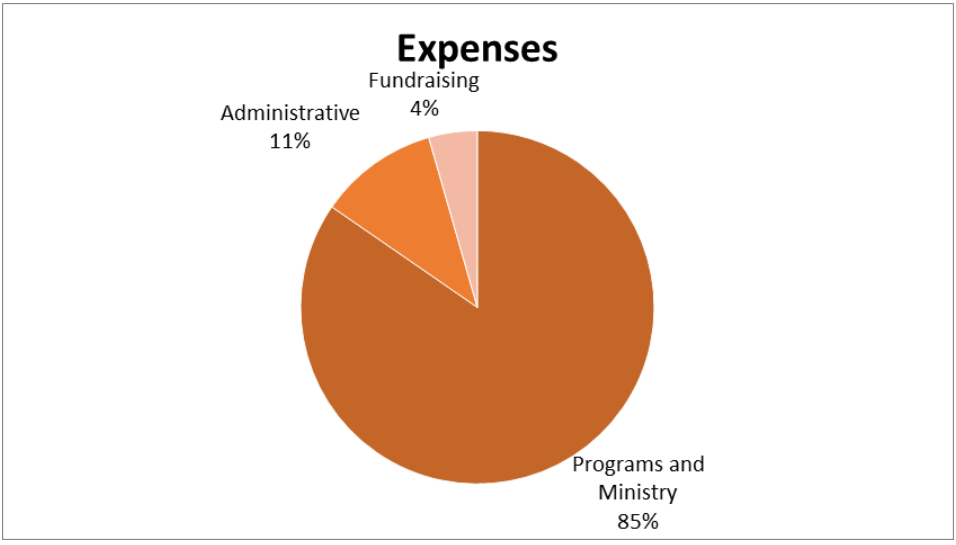
ZIMBABWE 2014 IMPACT NUMBERS:

300 AIDS orphans receiving care
354 Pastors attending monthly leadership conferences

The children we work with are graduating from high school, considering college and hopeful for a brighter future!

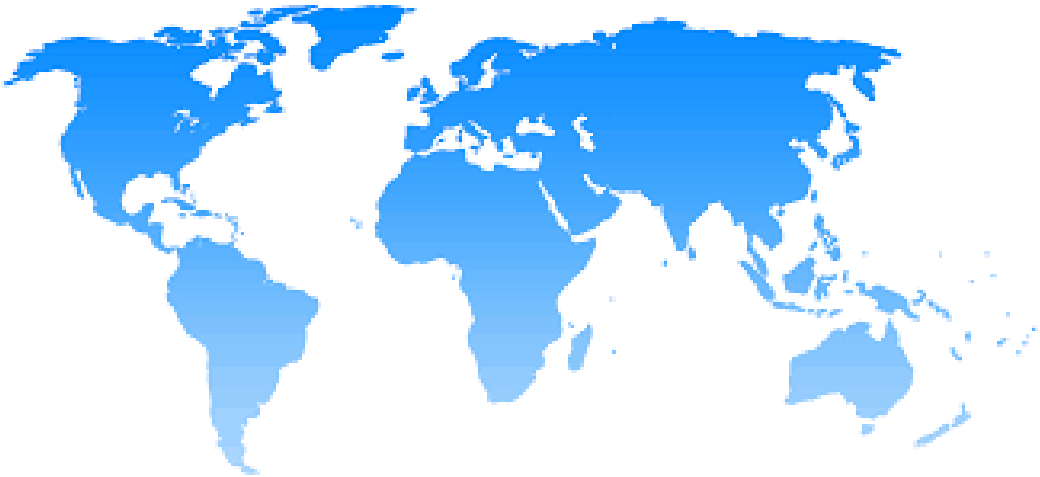
Financial Information





Ministry Success

Program costs vs. administrative/fundraising costs are a good method of measuring ministry success, but not the only way. Impact numbers, long-term sustainability, and the ability to involve and engage Nationals in the success of the program for the long term are key. CWO seeks to be God-honoring and successful in all areas.



Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is large, but the workers are few. So ask the Lord who gives this harvest to send workers to harvest his crops.'

Matthew 9:37-38 God's Word

Program Costs—

Burkina Faso
Village of Opportunity student sponsorship—$130/month
Mobile Medical Clinic annual program costs—$6,600 or $6/person

Haiti
Feeding one child per year — $130/year or approximately $11/month per child
Annual leadership training program costs — $44/person for an annual 5-day seminar
Annual tuition for one woman at the FTC— approximately $100/year

Zambia
Caring for one young man in Zambia for one year — $30/month

Zimbabwe
Pastor Leadership Training -$20/pastor for one 5-day seminar
Sponsorship for one HIV/AIDS orphan—$35/year

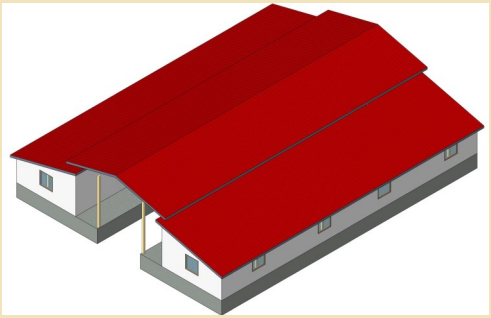
Sharing Our Vision

It is always our first priority to sustain current ministries and programs. When God places an opportunity before us, we engage in prayer and seek to honor our stewardship pledge before pursuing new projects. We're excited to share a few projects where God is already leading CWO.

Village of Opportunity Teacher Housing—Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

We recently completed fundraising for a $50,000 completion grant that helped to fund construction for teacher housing at the Village of Opportunity. We're excited to report that construction on the housing is underway. In addition to teacher housing that can also accommodate team and staff visits, the project includes completing the VOO administrator's housing, a carport for the Mobile Clinic van, sidewalks and drainage work and a wall surrounding the property. Construction is expected to be completed by year-end 2015.

Current Projects



CWO Health & Nutrition Center—La Jeune, Haiti

We had the opportunity to purchase land in La Jeune at a very reasonable price. This property is near where we are providing health and nutrition care for pregnant mothers and young children. Our hope is to conclude the purchase of this land, complete construction of the Health & Nutrition Center and to provide more educational and health services by the end of 2015.

CWO Activity Center—Mutare, Zimbabwe

Progress on the construction of the Activity Center in Zimbabwe has been slow. We're grateful that plans and fundraising are complete and construction is expected to be finalized late in 2015. This multi-purpose building will provide space for children's activities during camps. Additionally, this will be an ideal gathering place for leadership training.

CWO—Teaching About Missions

There is no better way to experience life in Burkina Faso, Haiti, Zambia or Zimbabwe then being there. In 2014 four teams visited Haiti where 40 people had the opportunity to come alongside the people CWO serves. Team members experienced their life challenges, saw what their needs are, and encouraged them. Some times those we work with have established meaningful relationships with our Savior and are active in a local church. Yet when teams have the opportunity to reach out to the community and be Christ to them, amazing and profound relationships happen!

Youth teams who lead VBS in Haiti share smiles, stories, prayers and time together!

Construction teams put in sweat equity while learning Haitian building methods and making new friends!

Impacting Lives for Christ

Short-term Teams

With Gratitude …

We are sincerely grateful for each of our stakeholders.

Our donors make ministry possible through on-going financial contributions.

Our Board members provide guidance and oversight to focus our efforts.

Our in-country leaders perform the front-line work every day, meeting needs and touching lives.

Our US staff provides support for missionaries while building and growing awareness for the ministry.

And our volunteers are at the heart of what we do with contributions of time and energy.

Foremost, we thank God for the opportunity and provision He gives us to Make a Difference!

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