A warm welcome

IN ECCLESIASTES I verse 9 we read

"...so there is nothing new under the sun.” Within the context of PWRDF I would refute that statement! At the meeting of the Board held after the Annual General Meeting in November 2016 the Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz shared his decision that after nine years as President of the Board of Directors and given the demands on his time of the work of primacy, he had discerned after much prayer not to allow his name to stand as President of the Board for the coming year. This was a very difficult decision for the Primate who has been and continues to be a wonderful ambassador for PWRDF. We are most appreciative of his leadership of PWRDF and delighted that he remains a member of the Board. And so there is a new President! At the same AGM we welcomed John Clarke, Margaret Dempster, David Irving (representative for the House of Bishops), Asha Kerr-Wilson (representative for Youth Council), Judith Moses (representative for Anglican Council for Indigenous People) and David Schulze (partner from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada). Dr. Cathy Campbell is the liaison between PWRDF and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. So...we have five new members on the Board, a new partner and a new liaison bringing new ideas, new experiences and of course new questions!

Executive Director, Will Postma, completed his first year with PWRDF in June. Will visited many partners and saw the work of programs, met with government officials and like-minded organizations and spent time with Bishops and in dioceses and spoke at theological schools. Now Will is introducing ways to maximize the work of PWRDF.

Sadly, something which is not new is the plight of refugees around the world. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in 2016 there were 22.5 million refugees worldwide, and another 40.3 million Internally Displaced People (IDPs), more than the population of Canada! Over 17 million refugees live in camps, where PWRDF supports projects. The rest live in towns and cities as urban refugees, usually in impoverished conditions, unable to access the help they need.

In this issue of Under the Sun we are focusing on PWRDF’s work with refugee populations. Supporting refugees encompasses so many of PWRDF’s themes: preventive health, food security, income generation and poverty reduction. It also directly relates to PWRDF’s humanitarian relief work, since natural disasters so often cause people to become refugees or IDPs. The stories in this issue describe the work we support in the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya, and five Burmese refugee camps along the Thai border. I am sure you will find the statistics about Sponsorship Agreement Holders who help welcome refugees to Canada enlightening.

On the back page is the financial report for 2016. Spending on disaster relief and refugees is second only to the amount spent on PWRDF’s All Mothers and Children Count program through the retrofit of another 10 homes in this remote Northern Ontario First Nations community, with indoor plumbing and water tanks.

The dedication of all the PWRDF volunteers is making positive change around the world. I have had the opportunity to meet the Diocesan Representatives and the Youth Council members on several occasions. Their enthusiasm and dedication is inspiring.

The Board of Directors is a wonderful group totally committed to the success of PWRDF. However very little would happen if it were not for the support of the many parishioners and friends who support PWRDF programs through their parishes or by direct contributions. My sincere thanks to all of you. As Bishop James said “Tumshukuru Mungu...Glory be to God.”

Maureen Lawrence
President, PWRDF Board of Directors
LIFE AT KAKUMA

The Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kakuma, Kenya, was established in 1992 to accommodate 70,000 refugees. By 2015, that number had grown to more than 180,000, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Since 1994, PWRDF has been supporting the work in the camp of the National Council of Churches of Kenya.

What are the health challenges faced in Kakuma?

According to the UNHCR needs assessment for 2016, Kakuma refugees said they were affected by malaria, typhoid, skin conditions, HIV and AIDS, and other sexually transmitted infections, pneumonia, and tuberculosis. Interaction with different communities means a breakdown of the social fabric. The family in transition is prone to challenges, including gender-based sexual violence. Sexual activity is currently being used as a tool of war, putting many youth and adolescents at risk of contracting diseases and unintended pregnancies.

How are PWRDF supported projects making a difference?

NCCK’s field officers provide effective health education, counseling, and home visits to ensure young people have access to HIV, sexual and reproductive health services. In order for women to be able to enjoy safe pregnancies and motherhood, they must have the same opportunities for health, education, and employment as men.

During the World AIDS Day celebrations people living with HIV continued to declare their status publicly: a sign of the decreasing levels of stigma and discrimination that has been the norm in the camp. There is increased condom uptake, attendance of safe motherhood sessions and support groups, and adherence to therapy. We have also seen a decrease in unintended pregnancies among school-going youths.

DARE operates in all but Ban Don Yang and the two Karenni Camps. Red dots indicate cities. Map: DARE Network

For 17 years, PWRDF has been supporting DARE, a community-based addiction recovery program in the refugee camps along the Thai-Burmese border. Refugees are finding a way forward.

BY PAM ROGERS, FOUNDER, DARE NETWORK

M	YANMAR/BURMA is the world’s largest producer of methamphetamines, according to the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime. Production, distribution, and forced use of drugs across Burma have fueled war efforts and disabled local communities. In some rural villages, usage rates are as high as 80% for the methamphetamine-based drug “yaba,” translated as “crazy medicine.” It is cheap, widely available and often wrapped in brightly coloured wrappers to resemble candy, which puts children at high risk. Factory and farm owners have been known to give it to their workers to increase short-term productivity, meaning that “everyone except kids and old people” are taking the drug (quote from a well-known Karen National Union Leader). Trauma, stress, loss of opportunity and freedom are the root causes of drug and alcohol abuse for the persecuted ethnic minorities of Myanmar.

DARE Network (Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Education) was founded jointly with local ethnic leaders, after the atrocities committed against the ethnic peoples of Burma and subsequent family and social destruction caused by orchestrated drug and alcohol dependence. Together, the team created a cutting edge program to prevent and treat addiction for local people and communities in a meaningful context. Our vision is that ethnic people from Burma can use the power of recovery from addiction as a means to freedom from the personal, social, and community issues caused by addiction.

DARE has treatment centres in five refugee camps along the Thai-Burmese border as well as in a migrant community. The treatment program has a 61% success rate over more than a decade and has 20,000 direct beneficiaries a year. The 2012 ceasefire between the Burmese Army and the Karen Freedom Fighters has opened the door to safe passage of drugs from Northern Burma straight to Karen State. Many ethnic people of Burma are exposed to drugs they have never seen before. Most rural villagers do not know that there is hope for recovery from addiction or have any options for addiction treatment. Additionally, the imminent repatriation of 130,000 refugees from Thailand will put pressure on villages and cause stress increasing the risk of addiction or relapse for both those returning and the villagers.

Community involvement and support is the core of DARE Network’s philosophy and operation. All but one of our 60-plus strong workforce are locals, who work for their own people.

Each year we look for new ways to expand our programs and analyze the current environment. While the big issue — supply of drugs and alcohol — is out of our hands, we do the best we can with the resources available to assist those affected by the trade. The work can be dangerous. In 2016, treatment was also complicated by nearby fighting between military supported troops and a faction of the Democratic Karen Buddhist Army, causing some of our clients to leave in fear. Our staff and the majority of the clients remained and completed the treatment cycles.
SUPPORTING REFUGEE SUPPORTERS IN CANADA … AND AROUND THE WORLD

BY SUZANNE RUMSEY, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

IN THE MONTHS following the September 2015 publication of the photo of three-year-old Syrian refugee Aylan Kurdi’s lifeless body washed up on a Turkish beach, Canadian Anglicans opened their hearts to some of the 40,000 refugees seeking to call Canada home. There are currently 15 Anglican dioceses that are Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs). SAHs are recognized by the government (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada) to undertake the private sponsorship of refugees. When the Refugee Coordinators from those 15 dioceses gathered together with PWRDF in Edmonton in late May, they documented the number of refugees that have been sponsored through Anglican SAHs between that fateful moment in September 2015 and the end of 2016. Together, the group tabulated a total of 2,442 individual refugees who had arrived in Canada by the end of 2016, along with a further 2,088 still waiting to arrive. Many of those are Syrians, but they have also come from Afghanistan, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Pakistan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Myanmar, Somalia, Rwanda, Burundi, Liberia, China, Gambia and Colombia.

Once those waiting to arrive have landed in Canada, a total of 4,530 refugees will have been welcomed by Anglicans and the communities and groups they work with across the country. That’s a remarkable achievement; one that we should all be proud of and one for which we need to say “thank you” to the communities and groups they work with. For their efforts represent the often very challenging, at times overwhelming, practical response to the biblical imperative to “welcome the stranger.”

So if you know the Refugee Coordinator in your diocese – or even if you don’t – please, go and give them a hug!

15 Anglican dioceses in Canada are Sponsorship Agreement Holders (SAHs)

2,442* refugees were welcomed to Canada in these dioceses

2,088* refugees have been processed and are still waiting to arrive

*between September 2015 and December 2016

Greece, Serbia and Hungary

Through ACT Alliance, PWRDF provided basic food rations to more than 12,000 Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in Iraq for three months and water and sanitation facilities to 4,000 IDPs.

South Sudan

Through its Connections program, PWRDF is supporting the Winnipeg Women’s Resource Centre in Bor, South Sudan, where women fleeing the conflict can take classes, talk and heal.

Guatemala

Two organizations operate in this country to help women who have returned after the civil war in the 1980s. The Asociacion Nacional de Mujeres Guatemaltecas (IIXMUCANE) and Madre Tierra in the South Pacific Coast region.

El Salvador

CoCoSi (Committee Against AIDS) delivers workshops for women, children and teens, people living with HIV, prison populations, and anyone who has returned to El Salvador after the civil war.

Egypt

Refuge Egypt provides services to newly arrived asylum seekers waiting for UNHCR refugee status determination, repatriation, resettlement or local integration into Egyptian society.

Sri Lanka

The Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation (OERR) has helped more than 10,000 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees return to their homeland since the war ended in 2009.

Iraq

Through ACT Alliance, PWRDF provided basic food rations to more than 7,000 food kits and adult hygiene kits, and 1,000 baby hygiene kits were distributed to Syrian and other refugees arriving in these countries.

Syria

Through ACT Alliance, PWRDF responded to the needs of Syrians displaced inside Syria, as well as in Lebanon and Jordan. The appeal covered food, water, preventive health, education, non-food items, and livelihoods to provide shelter, psychosocial support and protection.

Refugees welcomed in each diocese between September 2015 and December 2016 through SAHs.

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