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Partners in Mother, Newborn and Child Health

Children are precious, offering hope for the future. But in many countries too many children are dying from preventable diseases before reaching the age of five.

Improving the health of mothers and children is a key priority of the Canadian government and a priority embraced by The Salvation Army.

The Canada and Bermuda Territory is working in partnership with territories in the developing world to address the health services available, to improve nutrition and to reduce preventable diseases.

In the Kenya West Territory a partnership has been developed with Health Partners International Canada.

This will make a difference to 1,500 mothers and 3,000 infants and children through the network of women's ministry groups and with the support of the Medical Fellowship.

We are building a foundation for further initiatives with Zimbabwe and Malawi Territory; addressing literacy, creating village savings and loans groups and providing training through the locally developed program named "Farming God's Way".

With the Canadian Government's announcement of the availability of matching funds, World Missions is working with Malawi project staff to develop a project that will dig boreholes to bring safe drinking water to communities, work with a local company producing a peanut butter supplement for severely malnourished children, as well as training leaders to use health flip charts to teach women on the care for a variety of preventable illnesses.

These are a few ways that the World Missions office is working in partnership with territories in the developing world to make a difference in the lives of mothers, newborns and young children.

To support this initiative, please visit www.saworldmissions.ca or contact the World Missions office at 416-422-6224.

The Mother & Child Health project is making a difference in Malawi



In Zimbabwe, community-based programs include immunization, counselling and family health services.



'Tis The Season!

These have been busy months in the World Missions office.

Responding to the Ebola epidemic, particularly in Liberia as our partner territory, began during the summer and continues through to today. Recent reports suggest that Liberia has been able to finally curb the epidemic, although it is too early to relax. Sierra Leone however has continued to see the epidemic spread. As with most disasters, the months following a crisis involves a recovery period where the support of the Canada and Bermuda Territory will play an important role.



Major Gillian Brown
World Missions Director

We have also launched a new name and logo for the Child Sponsorship program – Brighter Futures. This has been well received and we are grateful for the positive feedback we have received. Thank you!

With the Call for Proposals issued by the Canadian government as part of its Mother, Newborn and Child Health initiative, the Canada and Bermuda Territory is working with the Malawi Territory to submit a project proposal to receive matching funding.

As we near the end of 2014 we have much to be grateful for! The generosity of Salvationists and friends who have embraced the concerns of the international Salvation Army, the privilege of partnering with territories around the world who continue to teach us about joy in the darkest of days, hope in the midst of sorrow and trust in a Sovereign God. May your Christmas celebration be full of holy joy and thanksgiving for Immanuel – God with us!

Gillian Brown

Gillian Brown (Major)
World Missions Director

Women of Vocational Training, Haiti



A graduation is an event that changes lives. One by one, graduate's names are called on stage to receive their certificate and from that point on, they begin a new chapter in their lives. In Haiti, individuals who graduated from The Salvation Army Vocational Training Program are now on that journey.

The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory has partnered with the Caribbean Territory to rebuild lives and provide opportunity to those affected by the deadly earthquake in January 2010. Vocational Training provides skills, techniques and tools needed for men and women to find work or open their own business.

Members of the World Missions team had the opportunity to participate at the graduation ceremony in Haiti on November 4, 2014. Once the ceremony had ended, three young women stood wearing the same dress with the same red ribbon tied around their waist. Guerlina, Deuslismene and Eve are three recent plumbing graduates.

These women exuded confidence as they stood and spoke about their next steps which includes the National State exam in December. "I am ready for that exam and I will pass it no matter what," said Eve. Upon successful completion of the exam, they will be certified plumbers and can begin working.

Deuslismene has her employment goals set. "There is a University that is being constructed in Bel Air, where I live. By the time I pass the exam, the University will be ready for plumbers."

The young women felt that although they were in a male dominated occupation training program, they were given the same learning opportunities. "We had a great experience with the teachers, classmates and The Salvation Army program staff."

The graduates thanked The Salvation Army and its supporters for the opportunity to develop new skills and potentially provide income for themselves and their families.

Graduates Guerlina (left), Deuslismene (middle) and Eve (right) are three of the recent women plumbing graduates

With the support of donors from The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory there have been:

- 90 out of 260 permanent houses built
- 680 vulnerable youths have graduated from the vocational training program
- 583 beneficiaries received livelihood support
- 786 farmers received agricultural support

Manjita Biswas (left), from the World Missions department, stands with Kendy as he receives his construction certificate.



Don't forget about us in Liberia

The Salvation Army response to Ebola

Don't forget about us!" Those were the closing words of Major Samuel Amponsah, General Secretary for the Salvation Army Liberia, during a recent interview.

For some time it did seem as though the world forgot about West Africa. Following the initial lag time, the global community provided the necessary support to help the countries address the Ebola epidemic. By mid-November Liberia had over 6,000 cases and just fewer than 3,000 deaths. It was not only the international community that was slow to respond, in Liberia many did not recognize the seriousness of the virus until two or three months had passed.

The international Salvation Army, including the Canada and Bermuda Territory, have provided significant support to quarantined families, survivors of the virus, orphans and vulnerable children, as well as groups often forgotten during a disaster – prisoners in the Monrovia Central prison. Most emergencies, including the Ebola epidemic, disrupt almost every aspect of community and family life.

While agencies with medical expertise responded to the health concerns, the Salvation Army provided basic food supplies in a country that saw food prices double. Protective equipment, like gloves and masks and buckets, were also distributed.

In the coming months the Salvation Army will provide support to children orphaned due to the virus, providing a practical response to ensure that they will receive an education and pastoral and psychological support as they deal with the trauma of losing parents and family members.

Stranded on Mountains in India

Rain came down, hard soaking the people in Uttarkhand State and flooding their homes, leading to action from The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory. Within a two day period, a series of cloudbursts created wide scale flooding leading to confusion, 5,700 deaths and severe damage

The floods swept away mountainsides, vehicles, homes, people, roads and animals. It left nothing unturned. In the days following the unexpected cloudbursts, it was estimated that 80,000 people were being evacuated by rescue teams and 30,000 more individuals were stranded in various places. Continued rain in the area remained a hindrance for rescue teams as roads were totally destroyed and thousands of demolished homes blocked routes to extricate distressed survivors.

The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory responded to the needs as identified by The Salvation Army Headquarters in New Delhi. In response to their requests, World Missions sent funding for blankets, tarps and bed sheets giving immediate relief to 2,000 affected families. This was all possible through your donations to our Disaster Relief fund.

"I am pleased to you and your team to help the victims of severe floods. This has proved to be very timely and fitting to help our people. They are very thankful to The Salvation Army New Delhi" -- President, Tihri District

Major Tarsem Masih, Emergency Officer of India North Territory in New Delhi, gives blankets to a woman who lost her home and belongings in the floods.



Damaris Frick, International Headquarters Field Operations Officer, offers a blanket to someone affected by the deadly floods.



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