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I saw the powerful  
impact CWS-supported  
projects have had on  
individual communities  
and families.

Jody Santos  
PBS *Visionaries* Producer/Director



Church World Service works with partners to eradicate hunger and poverty  
and to promote peace and justice around the world.

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God bless you,

Rev. John L. McCullough  
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### Change the equation!

We live in a world where there is enough  
for all, yet hunger persists. After 66 years  
of working to overcome hunger and poverty,  
Church World Service understands well the daunting  
challenge of our mission, but we remain hopeful –  
inspired both by our faith and by the astonishing  
changes that are happening in communities around the  
world through their own efforts and a little support from  
us. We know that it is possible to change the equation  
of hunger. We see it happening every day. This annual  
report is but a brief glimpse of the hope-filled stories  
you make possible.

Across nations, cultures, languages and faith traditions,  
the resilience, creativity and unflagging aspiration of  
hungry people for a better life inspire me every day.

People like young Tun Tun Oo, who lost most of his  
family in Cyclone Nargis. Alone after such traumatic  
losses, he is building a new life step-by-step with the  
support of CWS. Or Chanda Timsina, whose family was  
forced to flee their home in Bhutan and live as refugees  
in neighboring Nepal before being resettled to the United  
States with the help of CWS. Starting from scratch.  
Changing the equation – they know what that means.  
They've done it. We are honored to accompany such  
courageous people.

We were also honored this year to be profiled by the  
award-winning PBS series *Visionaries*. They felt the  
CWS approach to its mission was extraordinary. I hope  
you will make sure to watch their depiction of our work.

We're working to change the equation because we do not  
believe hunger is inevitable. There *is* enough for all.

Thank you for sharing and supporting that vision.

### ‘There’s always hope’

By Sean Hawkey, documentary photographer

“Petrona wasn’t feeling well one morning and I gave her a lift from Nebaj to the villages. She had a very young child, and when I visited again about seven months later, she had another younger one, so I guess that’s why she was feeling sick. She was full of innocent fun as you can see in the picture. She met her husband when she was a waitress in an indigenous rural restaurant. A young man had his eye on her and came into the restaurant several times every day to see her and, eventually, shyly proposed. The families agreed and they married in a simple indigenous evangelical ceremony.

“Petrona was a picture of human kindness – that comes across in this picture of her in a greenhouse. I think she’s about three months pregnant in this picture, and I think you can see that, too – there’s a glow of hope.

“Nebaj, Guatemala, has suffered terribly. Military repression, massacres of indigenous people. Many ran away to escape, some came back. There is some of the worst poverty in the Americas there, and I often got the sense that people in the villages were still living the horrors they’d suffered before. But there’s always hope, and it’s shining through in this picture of Petrona.

“And CIEDEG, the CWS partner working there, does a culturally and politically sensitive job that goes well beyond helping people grow food. It is about rebuilding crushed people and crushed communities, restoring hope.

“It was a privilege to be there for CWS.”

# Building a world where there is enough for all starts with you!

## Join a CROP Hunger Walk

This past year, caring people in some 2,000  
U.S. communities joined together in 1,434 CROP Hunger  
Walks and other events to support the work of CWS.  
They raised some \$13.4 million to help end hunger  
around the world. One quarter of the funds raised are  
shared with local hunger-fighting programs – food  
banks, soup kitchens and community gardens across the  
U.S. Find out more at [cropwalk.org](http://cropwalk.org).

## Give creatively

Contributions to CWS help neighbors at home and around  
the world today so they can help themselves tomorrow.  
We support sustainable self-help development, meet  
emergency needs, and aid refugees. Can you make a  
monthly gift? A planned gift? Is CWS in your will? Does  
your congregation have a foundation that could partner  
with us? To learn more about these vital avenues of  
giving, please call us at 800-297-1516, or call your  
CWS regional office at 888-297-2767 (888-CWS-CROP).

## Shop for a better world

At Thanksgiving, Christmas and birthdays, instead  
of giving more things, give more meaning! Shop the  
CWS Best Gift Catalog to make a major difference in the  
daily lives of vulnerable people around the world. Visit  
[cwsbestgifts.org](http://cwsbestgifts.org).

## Take up a Blankets+ offering

The CWS Blankets+ Program gives your group the  
opportunity to respond to disasters and to assist  
communities with the tools they need to build  
sustainable lives. Blankets+ provides not only  
blankets, tents, bedding, food, medicine and other  
emergency supplies in the wake of disasters, but also  
long-term development assistance such as seeds,  
tools, wells, livestock, microcredit, education and  
training. Find out more at [cwsglobal.org/blankets](http://cwsglobal.org/blankets).

## Welcome a refugee family

Thousands of volunteers, including congregational  
and student groups, work hand-in-hand with CWS to  
welcome refugees upon arrival to the U.S. and assist  
them as they strive to attain self-sufficiency. This past  
year, with support from participating denominations,  
CWS and its network of 36 resettlement offices in  
21 states resettled 5,322 refugees, including 64 Iraqis  
with Special Immigrant Visas. CWS also assisted 9,027  
newly arrived Cuban clients with cultural orientation  
and other resettlement services. As these newcomers  
become neighbors and friends, we are all enriched.  
Visit [cwsglobal.org/refugees](http://cwsglobal.org/refugees) to learn how you can  
get involved.

## Provide CWS Kits

CWS Kits are small packages of supplies assembled by  
volunteers for neighbors in need at home and around  
the world. In the last fiscal year, CWS provided some  
186,557 Kits – School Kits, Hygiene Kits, Baby Care  
Kits and Emergency Cleanup Buckets. Kits make a  
huge difference in disaster relief and recovery, and in  
ongoing development programs. Learn more at  
[cwsglobal.org/kits](http://cwsglobal.org/kits).

## Speak out for a better world

With information and strength in numbers comes power  
– the power to advocate for change. By joining our  
voices, we can build a better world. CWS is expanding  
its ongoing anti-hunger work with advocacy on food  
security, water rights, climate change, and  
immigration and refugee issues. Through the CWS  
website, educational resources, “Speak Out” advocacy  
alerts and its e-magazine, CWS keeps you informed  
about these and other hunger-related issues important  
to us all. Go to [cwsglobal.org/register](http://cwsglobal.org/register) to sign up and  
get involved.

## Connect with us

You can join other Church World Service supporters and  
staff from around the globe on Facebook, Twitter,  
YouTube and other social media. There you can get  
news on vital CWS programs and become part of a  
community of people working to make hunger and  
poverty a thing of the past.



## You’re the key!

You are our most important partner! Your prayers and  
gifts help make everything we do possible. Please  
continue your support and prayers for Church World  
Service, and consider becoming a monthly giver. Call  
today to learn more.

With your help, we’re nurturing a world where there  
truly is enough for all. Thank you!

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**800-297-1516**



# You're helping the world. Here's how...



**CROP Hunger Walk**  
What the L.A. Times calls the "granddaddy of all walks" is alive and well in more than 2,000 U.S. communities. These community-led events provide funds to help CWS fight hunger in each Walk community and around the world.



**California** Rosie, a Lai Chin refugee from Myanmar (Burma), and her husband were resettled to Sacramento from Malaysia. Her daughter was born shortly thereafter. CWS resettled more than 5,300 refugees to the U.S. last year and continues to be a leading refugee assistance agency.

**Kentucky** When violent storms ravaged much of the U.S., we provided CWS Blankets, Kits and Emergency Cleanup Buckets. But that wasn't all. CWS emergency response specialists helped communities plan, fund and manage their own recovery, focusing on those most vulnerable and least likely to receive other help.



**North Carolina** CWS initiated citizenship education and naturalization legal services, which have benefitted more than 1,500 refugees and other lawful permanent residents.

**Haiti** The 2010 earthquake continues to impact daily life, and CWS is there providing support for people with disabilities, helping Haitians to grow healthy food in farming cooperatives, and helping to protect and empower children living on the street or as "restaveks" (domestic laborers).



**Guatemala** Though marrying and having children by age 20 is the norm for indigenous women like Maricela, her life took a different and empowering turn. CWS training helped Maricela learn organic farming, business and leadership skills. Now able to provide for herself and her grandmother, she has become a community leader in the process.

**Nicaragua** CWS prevents violence against youth who work in markets in Managua by training the children and involving community members in their protection, while assisting sexual abuse survivors with shelter, psychosocial support, health care and vocational training.



**The Gran Chaco** Dredging and engineering work had damaged fisheries in the Pilcomayo River so badly that 79 percent of families who depend on the river for food were going without eating during an entire day at least once a week. Today, indigenous communities report growth in the river's food supply thanks to CWS assistance in advocacy and training.



**Serbia** Eastern Europe experienced such gripping cold in 2012 that more than 800 people lost their lives. Responding with CWS Blankets and other emergency aid, CWS continues to work with the region's most vulnerable people, supporting children's programs, adult literacy classes and vocational trainings to help them build better lives for themselves.



**Moldova** CWS helped Marcos and his brother Kosta have more food to eat for the long-term. Their family received a grant that helped them buy chickens, which their dad has turned into their community's leading poultry supply despite debilitating economic depression.



**Pakistan** Sameena, an Afghan refugee, has learned embroidery and beadwork through a three-month CWS-Pakistan/Afghanistan skills development course. Her skills helped her to start her own business, allowing her to pay for her husband's addiction treatment and to provide therapy for her disabled daughter.

**Syria** Civil war has forced more than 2.5 million people from their homes and into neighboring Jordan. You are helping meet their needs as CWS provides shelter and emergency assistance.



**Burkina Faso** Drought in Africa's Sahel means nearly 16 million people don't have enough food to eat. The CWS response helps communities have an emergency supply of food for today's needs and the tools to handle future crises, such as drought-resistant varieties of crops and resilient water supplies.



**East Africa** CWS continues to be a major player in resettling refugees around the world. In Nairobi, Kenya, a new Resettlement Support Center will help CWS usher refugees through the process and provide those resettling to the U.S. with cultural orientation to life in their new country.

**Kenya** Jennifer Sindiri joined a literacy class sponsored by CWS. Not only did the mother of four learn to read and write, she developed business skills that helped her find a way to feed her family, sustainably. "I want to thank CWS... for changing the lives of communities through this program and empowering me to be where I am," she says.



**Rwanda** At 12-year-old Clementine Twagirimana's age, her brother Jean was caring for his much-younger sisters and helping others also orphaned by AIDS. Because of the CWS Giving Hope program, Jean is now training to be a mechanic, and Clementine (shown here with a Giving Hope mentor) and her sister go to school together.



**Vietnam** Nguyen Thi Tan is one of the rural villagers who has learned innovative techniques that fight pollution, thanks to a CWS program. Now, instead of letting household wastewater drain into the pond where her family gets water, that wastewater is reused for crops. Once black with pollution, "the color of the water looks much healthier," Nguyen says of the pond, "and there is more algae for the fish to eat."

**Cambodia** While 1 in 6 people worldwide don't have safe drinking water, in Cambodia those odds are getting better thanks to CWS work. Providing the most appropriate, sustainable solutions helps us to win the battle against waterborne diseases that cause diarrhea, the leading cause of death for children under 5.



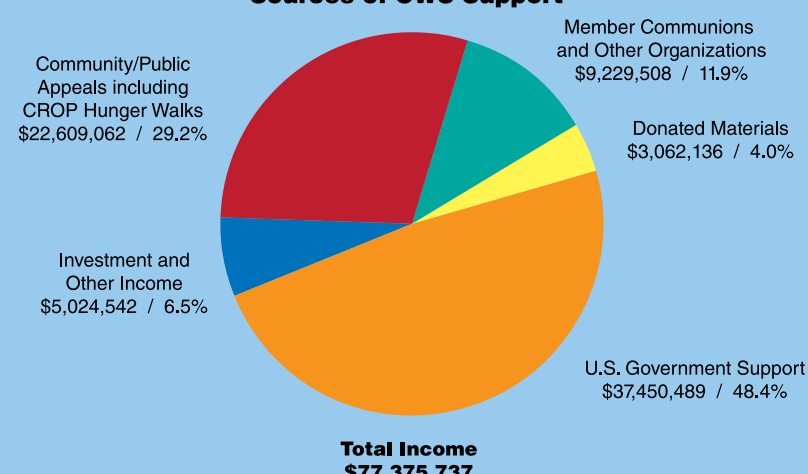
**Indonesia** Aras Mendrofa, of Nias, Indonesia, used to be listless and often fell sick. Today, however, after taking Vitalita™ multivitamin and mineral supplements for several months through a CWS program, the 11-month-old is active, has a good appetite and is at his ideal weight of 21 pounds.



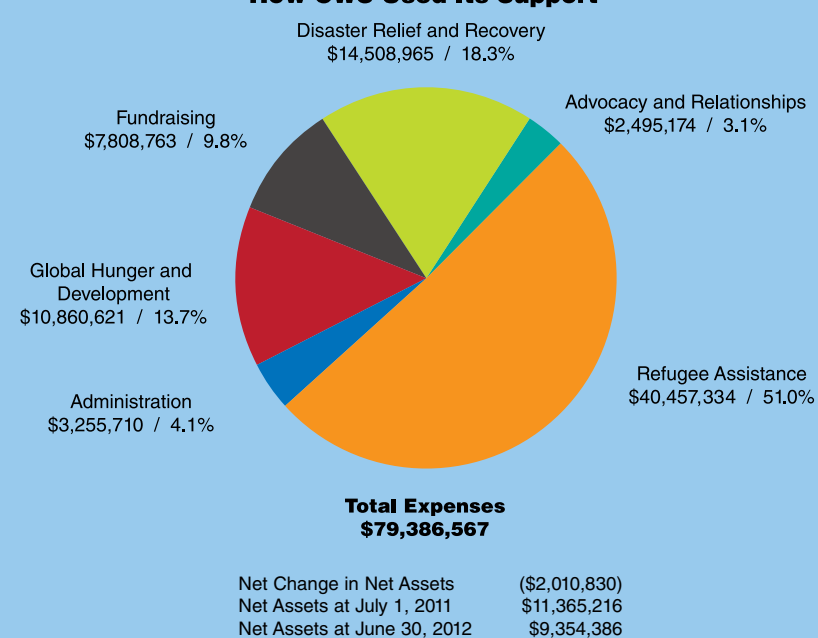
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### How CWS Used Its Support



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