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CANADA**

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*Celebrating 15 years of Hope!*

**WORLD HOPE CANADA'S ANNUAL REPORT OF HOPE 2014**

# Dear friends,

WOW what a year! Ebola in Sierra Leone and the war in Ukraine plus countless other countries dealing with very difficult circumstances have placed suffering and trials front and centre in the news. It can all be so overwhelming, leaving one with the feeling that not a lot can be done to help; but TOGETHER, we helped many people this year.

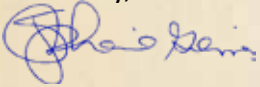
THANK YOU to each of you for generously supporting World Hope Canada in 2014. Your support is greatly appreciated, especially when there are so many other places you could put your gifts.

Just as Jesus did, WHC touched people with the love of God through the many practical programs that provide hands-on assistance to those in need, many of whom are children and youth! We are able to do that because of your partnership. Whether it is through education, healthcare, clean water, aquaculture/agriculture training, each of our programs is designed to make life better for those in need.

We are excited to see our sponsorship program in Ukraine grow this year. Long-time WHC volunteer to Ukraine, Kerry Allison, turns 70 in July and to celebrate, we are inviting you to sponsor a girl in his honour. Your investment of only \$31 a month or \$1 a day transforms the life of vulnerable teen-aged girls who come to live at Hope House. Will you join the WHC celebration and help wish Kerry a happy 70th birthday? Just think 70 sponsors in 70 days for Kerry's 70th birthday!!

We hope you enjoy reading our Annual Report! ☺

Sincerely,



Stephanie Gilmer  
Executive Director



# A story of hope from the field in Swaziland



Reach4Life Volunteers and Co-Ordinator, Irene

The Reach4Life program continues to be successful in Swaziland, Africa. At the close of 2014, the Reach4Life volunteers worked in five different high schools reaching a total of 3,637 students with information about how to make informed life choices and the Gospel. An amazing 56% of students accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and were disciple in a local church.

Thabsile Thwala reports,

“The first school in which we launched the program is Emoyeni High School with a total intake of 719 students, a launching that took two hours, the first of its kind. I was so encouraged by the response of both the students and the teachers. At the end of the two hours, the Principal called us to his office and told us that he is so grateful for the program. Since he had been posted to the school he had been looking at ways of helping the children to change their behavior because the children are so wild and have no moral values. He also told us that he thinks God has answered his prayer. This school is giving [their] career guidance class periods so our team is in the school for two hours teaching tirelessly in different classes on Mondays and Thursdays. In the history of the Reach4Life program, no school has ever given us so much time, this is indeed a praise to our living God!” You can become a part of this amazing ministry too! Reach4life Bibles are only \$4 each! ☺



# The Impact of Hope in 2014



**80** Young women have graduated from Hope House to date.



**\$5,900** Was raised through the Hungry for Hope campaign we launched in the fall of 2014



A school has been started in Balkuy, Burkina Faso.



a solar-powered generator has been installed in the Tandal Hospital in Congo allowing for surgery at night!

**25**



25 people donated almost **\$3000 in Honour gifts**. These gifts honour a life and give hope to others.



**5**

Generators have been installed at Community Health Centres in Congo!



**185**

WHC has provided **Community Health Education** to 185 communities in Congo.



**64**

Children were sent to primary school in Sierra Leone.



**\$19,700**

Was raised for the Ebola Crisis in Sierra Leone.



**56**

56 churches supported WHC totalling **\$235,310!**



**\$8,500**

was raised to support refugees in Ukraine.

Anne Medders appointed Executive Director of World Hope Canada

A 40-foot ocean container is packed and sent to Sierra Leone with medical equipment, educational supplies & fish

Kerry & Carole Allison began volunteering in Ukraine

Anne Medders resigns from WHC

2000

2001

2002

2003

2004

2005

2006

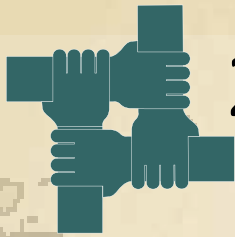
2007

Sergiy Svystun was hired and First Step Centre opened it's doors

The Office at First Step Centre was opened and Hope House was purchased

Work began in Swaziland with The Fortress Ministry

Peter Moore appointed as Executive Director



20

Volunteer teams or **75 people** have worked on Hope House II to date.



13,000

Fish For Hope is supporting **13,000 fish ponds**. Some that began back in the 80's and new ones that have been dug through the Fish for Hope program.



\$3400

**TWINS!**

Twin sisters used their 40th birthday party to **raise funds for twin beds at Hope House II**. Over **\$3400** was raised!



52 Students **attended** Klefe Vocational School in **Ghana**.

52

33



People donated **\$11,600 in Memorial gifts**.



3637

Students have **accepted Jesus** as their saviour through the Reach4Life program in Swaziland!



70

WHC supports **two feeding stations** in Swaziland that serves approximately 70 children, twice daily.



2

water powered mills have been **re-furbished** and are grinding corn for flour, hulling peanuts and pressing palm nuts for oil.

700



Men and women have been **formally trained** in the Fish For Hope program.



3 member medical team **ran a four day clinic** in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.



5560

5560 hours have been put into Hope House II saving World Hope Canada, **\$127,690!!**

Began work in Niger and Clint Curle hired as Executive Director

Supports victims with Haiti Earthquake Relief and Stephanie Gilmer hired as Executive Director

Fish for Hope program began & construction of Hope House II

Sponsorship Program begins for girls at Hope House

*Celebrating 15 years of Hope!*

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

The Alpha Program began a partnership with UNICEF and the program tripled in size overnight!

The wedding of our very first Hope House girl, Lena gets married to a wonderful Christian man!

13 people each cycled 25km in the Ride for Refuge and raised over \$6000 to support the girls in Ukraine!

Chicken Coop built in Swaziland for the Fortress Ministry

# Giving hope to

## Refurbishing Water Mills



Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada

Affaires étrangères, Commerce et Développement Canada

An African proverb, “Mpasi na kotuta ezali ndenge moko na kobota”. ( “The pain to beat corn into flour is the same as the pain to give birth.”)

In Congo, women spend hours every week beating corn into flour with a mortal and pestle. Its hard, tedious work.

In the 1990’s, the Canadian government assisted with the funding of several water powered flour mills. The mills have been through a lot! They have survived two civil wars and thousands of hours of running time with little to no maintenance. Through our **Community Health and Economic Stability Project**, they are now being refurbished with bearings, belts, concrete repairs and other parts that have worn out over time. These mills are sustainable as they as they run off water power, grinding corn into flour and extracting palm oil from the palm nuts.

Each mill serves hundreds of people and saves a woman up ten hours per week of back breaking work. This frees up women to have time to focus on other important duties. The mill owner receives a portion of the produce he processes in payment. ♪



Grinding corn by hand



Flour mill inaction



Water channel to the turbine



Water in the turbine

## Fish For Hope

World Hope Canada’s **Fish For Hope** project has been providing support to the fish farming sector in the northwest province of Equateur, Democratic Republic of the Congo since the fall of 2012. Through updated training, small tool subsidies, and extension support, the objective has been to revitalize a food production method previously proven to be very valuable in this region, but left unsupported and thus depleted for twenty years.



Fingerlings ready to be put into the pond.



After six month, the fish is ready to be harvested.

**Papa Dibere and Mama Augu (on the left with Peter Corey)** are a husband and wife fish farming team. In 2014, they earned revenue of \$3,000 (this is HUGE for Congo!) from the sale of fish raised on their farm. Farmers like these who have received assistance from FISH for HOPE and the CEUM are encouraged to pay it forward in assistance to other entry-level farmers. Papa Dibere and Mama Augu have provided fingerlings to thirteen new farmers for stocking their ponds...free of charge! The fish they gave away were worth around \$400. That’s four times more than many people in rural villages earn in a year! Our work is energizing communities and bringing hope to families. Thank you for contributing to this transformative project. ♪



# many in Congo

Democratic  
Republic  
of Congo

## Community Health Training

How do you learn about germs, viruses and diseases if you live in a remote location like many of the places in the Democratic Republic of Congo? There is no TV, no radio and no telephone, and certainly no Internet! Your world is made up of only what you can see with your eyes and the rest is left to your imagination!

When a child is bitten by a mosquito and contracts malaria or drinks contaminated water and gets giardia, what is a parent to do? Regrettably, parents go to a traditional healer who tells them that they either offended a god or someone has placed a curse on them. No matter what, he often tells them they have to pay for a sacrifice to be made to appease the gods and heal the child. But the child dies any ways.



Imagine if the parents had the simple knowledge that a mosquito infected their child and for just \$2, they could purchase the medicine to cure and save her life. A mosquito net can prevent most cases of malaria all together. The point is that **knowledge is power** and without it, you're left vulnerable and troubled, wondering what in the world is happening!

World Hope Canada is using Community Health Education in the Democratic Republic of Congo, a program that seeks to address the needs of the whole person – physical, spiritual, emotional and social – by providing basic knowledge. It is a training strategy to empower people to identify their problems and find ways to solve those using locally available resources. **WHC has trained teams who work in over 185 communities** raising awareness with thousands of people of the cause, prevention and awareness of many sicknesses. They teach improved and sustainable agricultural practices which often see family food production double in a single year. It promotes gender equality, human rights and conflict resolution. This approach is preventative rather than curative and empowers people to take charge of their own lives.

Community Health Education is part of our Canadian Government supported Community Health and Economic Stability Project. When you invest in this project, your gift is matched 3 to 1. That means more people receive the help they need to live a better quality life. You can give and simply designate your gift "CHESP" to take advantage of the matching funds! ☺



Foreign Affairs, Trade and  
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Hope House Family, April 2015



Hope House Family - From left to right - BACK ROW: Dina-Sergiy's wife and Foster Care Co-ordinator, Ina, Tanya, Yana, Kristina, Ira, Aloyna - House mom, Olya, Innesa, Lena, Katya, Tanya and Sergiy Svystun - Director of World Hope Ukraine. FRONT ROW: Albina, Valya, Inna - Housemom, Vika, Snezhanna - Albina's sister who is married now

## *If God is with us, then who can stand against us?*

Our work in Ukraine continued to thrive in 2014, in spite of the many difficulties brought on by the war. And it has been difficult: about 1.5 million people were forced to evacuate their homes and find refuge. The streets are filled with “merciless devastation of civilian lives and infrastructure”. People have run out of basic necessities and are fighting for food and water. Bread, that is delivered only once a week, is gone within an hour! In March 2015, the exchange rate climbed from last year's rate of \$1 US = \$8 Hrivnia to \$1 US = \$24 Hrivnia. The people of Ukraine are pleading for the fighting to stop as there is just no place for them to go. Although the fighting has not spread to Odessa, the increase in rates of all necessities is seriously affecting our ministry. Food costs, utilities, building materials for Hope House II, bus passes for the girls – everything is more expensive.

In speaking with Sergiy Svystun, President of World Hope Ukraine about the devastation and how it is affecting our work, he said, “Yesterday all public transportation went from \$3 Hrivnia to \$5 Hrivnia in the city [an increase of 66%]. Outside the city where the Hope House girls attend college, the rates went from \$12Hrivnia/day to \$25Hrivnia/day [an increase of 208%]. All utility prices have been raised three times from what they were and we have been told they will continue to rise every three months. It is difficult to heat big buildings like Hope House that are heated with natural gas. On warm days, we turn off the heat but I am scared for next winter.”

“On a positive note, World Hope partnered with the Baptist District in the Odessa area to provide hot meals to the many refugees living in Odessa. First Step Centre is seeing 20-30 children a day. They receive food, homework assistance, stationary [school supplies], medical supplies, clothing and we help them get proper documentation. That is very important in Ukraine. And Ukrainian people have never been so united. From the west to the north, people are joining together to help one another and stay safe. All people are against this war and the aggressor.”

We are also happy to report that the RE-Vision Project (formerly LifeStart Odessa) has been seeing great results. Over the last nine months we have taught the Life Skills Program in one public school and one orphanage. We also taught the program at four summer camps, so close to 300 children and youth have received training in the Life Skills Program.



# Ukraine...where it all began!

Hope House continues to be a beehive of activity with 13 teenaged girls living there! We are so delighted to see how their young lives are being transformed through basic care mixed with the Gospel of love! They go to school, they learn to do chores, cooking, cleaning . . . all those things that you would learn while living at home. In the end, when it's time for them to leave, they blossom into beautiful, confident young women.

We are hoping Hope House II will open at the end of the summer, God willing, and we are very thankful that an additional 14 girls will have a safe and loving home. Only one team went to work on the house in 2014 but in 2015, teams are starting to line up to go back to volunteer!

There are many ways for you to support this important work in Ukraine. Just \$40 a day will ensure that First Step Centre is open and caring for vulnerable children. For \$31 a month, you can sponsor a girl living at Hope House. You can give to the general budget for Ukraine so the funds can be used where needed most. Will you consider becoming a monthly donor and helping us help vulnerable kids? ☺



Yura, a young boy who attends First Step Centre.



Hope House II Construction - 2014



Girls at Hope House II with the new twin beds.



With your help, we delivered coal to the refugees in Donetsk.



Albina's first night home after spending three-four months in the hospital recovering from TB.



Tanya: TOP April 2015  
BOTTOM: spring of 2013.  
An example of a fine young woman growing up at Hope House.

*Our vision for Hope House is to be a loving and supportive home where vulnerable girls can learn family and life skills, and receive an education so they can live successful, independent lives that are honouring to the Lord.*

# World Hope Canada

## Revenue vs Expenses 2014

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	2014	2013
<b>Revenue</b>		
Grants from CIDA	\$ 434,423	\$ 334,992
Donations	497,675	493,021
Other revenue	66,047	77,607
	998,145	905,620
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Administrative	7,995	8,933
Amortization	929	1,742
Fundraising	19,318	14,770
General	23,371	22,408
Office	23,417	19,318
Personnel	163,060	158,701
Project and program costs	792,228	679,283
	1,030,318	905,155
<b>Excess of revenue over expenditure for the year</b>	(32,173)	465
<b>Net assets (deficit), beginning of year</b>	603	138
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	\$ (31,570)	\$ 603

\*NOTE: To view a copy of World Hope Canada's Audited Financial Statements, please visit <http://worldhope.ca/financial-statements>

## **Mission**

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World Hope Canada works with national partners to develop and implement life changing strategies empowering people with opportunities, creating dignity and inspiring hope by addressing poverty and its many effects.

## **Stewardship**

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We are stewards of God's resources and accountable to our stakeholders; therefore, we are intentionally cost-conscious so we can respond to the needs of people with the generosity that Jesus modeled.

## **Honouring Relationships**

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World Hope Canada understands that relationships are vital to everything we do: our relationship with you, with our partners and beneficiaries; your relationship with us and our partners; the relationship between our partners and their mentors; and our collective relationship with God. We seek to honour relationships.

## **Focused**

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We can't solve the problems of the whole world but just like Jesus invested in the twelve, we are prayerfully realistic about what we can effectively accomplish and we invest in those goals, objectives, people and places. Committing to fewer projects helps us to be more effective, providing quality rather than just quantity.

## **Dependence on God's Provision**

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We are committed to providing opportunities for donors to participate in the work God is doing through World Hope Canada through praying, giving and going. We believe that God provides and that He uses each of us as individuals, churches, businesses and organizations to do so!



# Our 2014 Team

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