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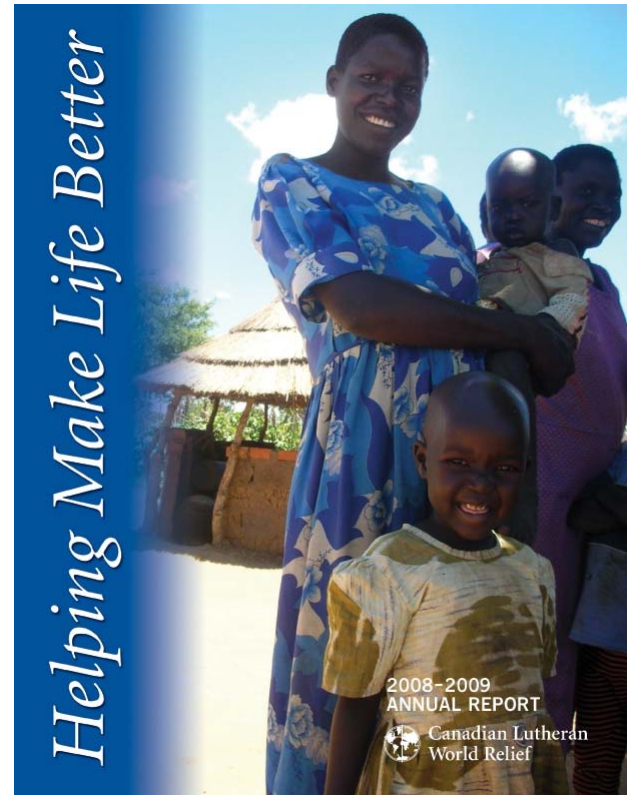
How many shade and fruit trees were planted as part of Canadian Lutheran World Relief's (CLWR) development projects in Mozambique last year? How many Ethiopians benefited from CLWR-sponsored small scale irrigation projects? How many We Care kits were shipped overseas? Answers to these and other questions can be found in the recently released *CLWR 2008-09 Annual Report*. The report provides an overview of CLWR's ongoing work in the areas of community development, refugee resettlement, commodity shipments, emergency relief, alternative trade and international volunteer service.

In past years, CLWR has printed and distributed thousands of copies of its annual report. As part of our efforts to be better stewards of both the environment and the financial gifts of our supporters, we are inviting you to view this year's report online at [www.clwr.org](http://www.clwr.org). A limited number of paper copies have been printed primarily for display purposes at events but also for distribution to those who request one. Please call 1.800.661.2597 (or locally in Winnipeg at 204.694.5602) to have one mailed to you.

### **World Aids Day resources available**

Addressing the needs of those with HIV and AIDS, as well as educating people about the disease, is an integral part of community development projects Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) is supporting in Zambia and Mozambique. You and your congregation are encouraged to lift up this work as part of World Aids Day 2009.

World AIDS day is celebrated every year on December 1. It is an opportunity for individuals and groups all over the world to come together to remember and demonstrate worldwide



support for people living with and affected by HIV and AIDS. It is the one day in the year where issues surrounding HIV and AIDS can take center stage.

The global theme for 2009 World AIDS Day is "Universal Access and Human Rights," chosen by The World AIDS Campaign, a network of civil society groups active in the response to HIV and AIDS, including the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance (EAA).

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This theme encourages us to deepen understanding, develop partnerships and challenge discriminatory laws, policies and practices that stand in the way of access for all to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support. When human rights are not respected, people living with HIV are vulnerable to stigma and discrimination, illness, economic insecurity, and reduced access to treatment. Where rates of HIV prevalence are high and treatment is lacking, communities are devastated by the impact of the virus.

The Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance (EAA), of which CLWR is a member, has worship resources available for marking World Aids Day, including a World Aids Day liturgy. Why not consider incorporating parts of the liturgy in your November 29 worship service. To download the liturgy, visit [www.clwr.org/Resources/print.cfm](http://www.clwr.org/Resources/print.cfm). You may also visit the EAA website for additional ideas and information about World Aids Day. The link is [www.e-alliance.ch/en/s/hivaids/world-aids-day/](http://www.e-alliance.ch/en/s/hivaids/world-aids-day/).

### Winnipeg event celebrates the work of CLWR

On the evening of Thursday, October 29, about 100 Canadian Lutheran World Relief supporters and staff came together at the Park Theatre in Winnipeg to celebrate the successes of CLWR.

Inspired by the various regions of the world where CLWR engages in community development work, the program included performances by dance groups from the local Ghanaian and Indian communities and a light buffet featuring appetizers such as causas (Peru), hummus and flatbreads (Middle East), samosas (India) and plantain fritters (Africa). Robert Granke spoke about CLWR's work in Ethiopia relating first-hand stories of how water well projects change the lives of people. Greetings were also brought by Ruth Vince, Executive Director of Evangelical Lutheran

Women and Rev. Dieter Kays, President and CEO of FaithLife Financial. Their organizations, along with Regehr's Printing, were presenting sponsors for the evening. Through the generous support of these and other sponsors, as well as those who purchased tickets and attended the event, the evening was also a financial success. Interested in planning a similar event in your region? Call CLWR at 1.800.661.2597 and ask for Resource Generation.



**Four Corners**  
An Alternative Trade Organization

Four Corners Christmas Open House  
549 King Edward St.  
Winnipeg

December 3 – 5

Watch for details on the  
CLWR website.

### Shipping Address for We Care kits and quilts

When shipping We Care kits and quilts to Winnipeg, please remember to address them to:

549 King Edward Street  
Winnipeg, MB R3H 0N9



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- At [www.clwr.org](http://www.clwr.org)
- Toll free at 1.800.661.2597 (CLWR) or in the Winnipeg area 204.694.5602
- By cheque or money order to:  
Canadian Lutheran World Relief  
302-393 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg MB R3B 3H6

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