



### VBS introduces One Community to Rocky Mountain House

“Kids Church”, a group of 20 enthusiastic children ranging in age from three to 10 meet every Sunday at Immanuel Lutheran, Rocky Mountain House for Bible learning and some fun time. This past spring, they chose *One Community* from Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) as their mission project. The children engaged in active discussion about what could be done with the money they gathered. Like what’s more important—a school or medical supplies? Chickens or goats? When summer came, the Vacation Bible School (VBS) carried on with the project. Deanna Friesen reports that “about 100 kids from our community gathered for one week to hear about God’s love and how we can share it. The VBS program, BAOBAB BLAST, was well suited to the CLWR project. They learned how the jungle animals can teach us about God’s love.”

Snack time was used to share stories about the *One Community* project with a somewhat unusual approach. Kitchen staff prepared a scrumptious plate of fruits, vegetables and goodies, which they set down in front of the speaker. She dug into the snack with great relish while the kids looked on. “Oh! Are you hungry too?” she asked. “Yeah!” they all hol-

lered. “You should share!” The point was made. At each table she shared photos of some of the *One Community* items we would buy. Later these photos became a visible reminder of the project when they were mounted on the back wall of the church for all to see as they scurried to and from classes.

Thank you to the children of Rocky Mountain House who raised \$890 to support the community development work of CLWR.



VBS participants at Immanuel Lutheran, Rocky Mountain House enjoy a snack while learning about community development.

### Updates from Haiti on CLWR Blog

CLWR Executive Director Robert Granke and Community Relations Director Tom Brook travelled to Haiti this past Tuesday. They will be spending a week there visiting projects supported by funds raised during CLWR’s Appeal for Haiti. Lutherans in Canada donated almost \$1.2 million following the devastating earthquake that struck last January 12.

Tom Brook is posting to the CLWR blog while in Haiti. We invite you to follow along by visiting <http://clwr.wordpress.com/>. Blog postings will also appear on the CLWR Facebook page.

## Sunscreen for Tanzania and Burundi

The latest shipment of commodities by CLWR's We Care program left Winnipeg the third week of September, destined for Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. Included in the shipment were nearly 500 containers of sunscreen. The request for sunscreen came from CLWR's long-standing partner, the Tanganyika Christian Refugee Service (TCRS) in Dar Es Salaam. This agency, which has been the recipient of 10 previous We Care shipments, provides emergency and humanitarian relief to refugees and asylum seekers in Tanzania. On average, it assists 300,000 people annually, including highly marginalized albinos living in rural areas of Burundi and Tanzania. According to Patrick Stewart, Coordinator of the Donated Commodities Program at CLWR, the shipment was one of the largest he has seen during his time with CLWR in terms of the amount of goods he and his loading crew were able to pack into the 40-foot container. Aside from the sunscreen, the shipment in-

cluded 4,500 quilts, 1,600 blankets, 2,400 baby layettes, 2,200 We Care kits and about 1,025 kilos of boxed hygiene supplies and soap. When everything was in, the final total weight reached 13,800 kilos.



Fred Mann, a volunteer from St. Mark's Winnipeg pitched in to help load the container. Photo: P. Stewart

## Foodgrains Bank helping to reduce hunger in the world

The Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) reached over 2 million people in 32 different countries in 2010 through food aid, food security and food nutrition programs. In total, CFGB allocated \$36 million this past year to 96 projects. These and other highlights of the work of CFGB can be found in the agency's recently released 2010 Annual Report.

The Foodgrains Bank is an ecumenical organization comprised of 15 churches and church-based international development agencies, including Canadian Lutheran World Relief. In 2010, CFGB received donations of grain and cash totalling \$10.5 million. Of this,

just under \$500,000 was designated by donors to the CLWR account. Currently, CLWR has one active project that it is funded through this account, a food security program in the Afar region of Ethiopia.



## Gifts from the Heart catalogues arriving soon

The 2010-11 version of the CLWR Gifts from the Heart catalogue will soon be arriving in individual and congregational mail boxes. Catalogues being sent to individual donors were delivered to Canada Post this week while bulk mailings to ELCIC and independently-affiliated Lutheran congregations will be sent the first week of October. Lutheran Church-Canada members should look for their catalogues in the October issue of *The Canadian Lutheran*.

This year's catalogue features a new booklet format. The new format facilitated the use of a larger font for the text and some larger photographs. Popular gifts from previous catalogues such as pairs of goats, chickens and sacks of seed potatoes have returned but there are new items as well.

Congregations requiring additional copies may contact CLWR using our toll-free line (1.800.661.2597) or by email to [clwr@clwr.mb.ca](mailto:clwr@clwr.mb.ca) to place an order.



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