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Give a Gift that Keeps Giving



Christmas is quickly approaching, which means that CLWR has released a new edition of its Gifts from the Heart catalogue!

Gifts from the Heart are symbolic gift items that help families feed themselves, provide knowledge, improve health, strengthen communities and preserve creation. By purchasing these gifts for family members and friends on special occasions, you will be lending your support to CLWR's development work throughout the coming year.

Gifts for Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Lutheran Church–Canada ministries are also available for purchase, and for the first time these gifts are also available on our website.

Gifts can be ordered by cheque (send to CLWR, 302-393 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 3H6), or by credit card (call 1-800-661-2597 or visit www.clwr.org/donate).

Copies of the 2011-2012 edition arrived in CLWR supporters' mailboxes and at Lutheran congregations across Canada in early October. The entire catalogue is also available for viewing on our website at www.clwr.org/donate. Please [contact CLWR](#) if you would like to receive a hard copy of the catalogue.

Drought in East Africa: update

CLWR Executive Director Robert Granke and Community Relations Director Tom Brook are concluding a visit to Ethiopia where they have witnessed the benefit your support is having on Ethiopians affected by drought, specifically the food distribution and work-for-food projects CLWR is leading in the Goro region.

Visit our website at <http://www.clwr.org/What-We-Do/EastAfricaappeal.cfm> or follow the links on the next page for [photos](#), [video](#), and [firsthand accounts](#) of the work being accomplished.



Asha Haji Abdu, a food aid recipient, with Lutheran World Federation's Goro Project Coordinator Fekadu Genite and Emergency Assistance Coordinator Tesfaye Saboka

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Photo: Tom Brook

Young men on their way to the Ro' o Nagya work-for-food project, Goro, Ethiopia

UPDATES FROM ETHIOPIA cont.

BLOG POSTS: [Sometimes Impressions Can Be Misleading, Not As Different As You Think, I Can Keep My Children, "You Are Wrong to Think that Way"](#), [There's No Doubt - You are Making a Difference!](#), [There's a War No One Knows About](#)

VIDEO: Reflections from [Robert Granke](#) and [Tom Brook](#); a [welcome](#) from Abichu Gna village

[PHOTOS](#) of Goro, Abichu Gna, Sherkole refugee camp

The Ministry of Welcoming the Stranger: Refugee Sponsorship for Congregations

Is your congregation interested in refugee sponsorship? CLWR can help. Our new brochure answers questions about the process of welcoming a refugee to a new home in Canada. Topics covered include:

- Who are refugees?
- What does sponsorship involve?
- What are the benefits for my congregation?
- How do we get started?
- What have been the experiences of congregations and new arrivals involved with refugee sponsorship?
- How do we contact CLWR's refugee program team?



First Lutheran, Calgary, welcomed 18 members of a Sudanese family to Canada in 2010

The brochure can be read or downloaded online at

<http://www.clwr.org/How-You-Can-Help/Ministry-of-Welcoming-the-Stranger.cfm>.

Request hard copies at 1-800-661-2597 or jennifer@clwr.mb.ca.

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- At 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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