

Episcopal Relief & Development – Annual Report 2010

Episcopal Relief & Development is the independent, national and international relief and development agency of the Episcopal Church and since 1940 Episcopal Relief & Development has been working to heal a hurting world. We have transformed the lives of millions of vulnerable people. In the past year alone our programs impacted nearly 2 million people.

In partnership with the worldwide Church and ecumenical agencies, Episcopal Relief & Development has programs in over 40 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the United States and the Middle East.

In our diocese we have over 60% of all churches represented in the objective of letting all Episcopalians know about ERD and its work by having parish representatives who get the word out in their congregations. Even those churches without an ERD parish rep have done an exemplary job this past year of spreading the word of Episcopal Relief & Development's mandate from Matthew 25: *“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”*

This is why we do what we do –we are responding to Jesus' call to serve those who are suffering and to meet their needs. We partner with churches, ecumenical and local agencies, the people we serve and YOU to heal a hurting world. The work of Episcopal Relief and Development is based on relationships and working together. We could not do our work without your generous support.

In 2009 Episcopal Relief & Development spent 85% on programs; 5% on administration and 10% on fundraising. Because of the support we receive from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in the form of contributed services as well as our own investment income, **92% of every donor dollar goes directly to programs.** And still a child dies every 5 seconds from hunger.

A reminder that this convention adopted a resolution two years ago designating the first Sunday in Lent as Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday. We hope every parish will do something special this coming first Sunday in Lent – raising generous amounts to help continue the good work of Episcopal Relief & Development.

On behalf of our neighbors in need in this country and around the world, THANK YOU for helping us to heal a hurting world! Because of your generosity, we are strengthening communities today, to meet tomorrow's challenges. What can you do to help with this mission?

- Pray
- Spread the word about Episcopal Relief & Development and its work
- Donate

Thank you so much for your prayers and gifts. Because of support from you and your churches, Episcopal Relief & Development is **indeed** helping to heal a hurting world.

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Episcopal Relief & Development