



Launching a new project – our first in Brazil

Now that all the funds have been raised for our two microfinance projects – in Peru and Burma (Myanmar) – we are launching a new project, this time in Brazil. Our goal is to raise \$61,600 Cdn to build a training centre in a poor area of northeast Brazil. This Centre, which will be known as the Anglican Center of Holistic Mission, will be built adjacent to Christ the Liberator Anglican Church, a parish in the Diocese of Recife.



Once complete the classroom complex will house an educational and vocational training centre, as well as a mission centre. It will be used to teach unemployed people new marketable skills, provide children and youth with literacy and educational classes, and train lay missionaries to take the Good News to the poor and unreached in the interior of Brazil. By funding this project we will help Christ the Liberator address community issues of low education, unemployment and violence while meeting people's spiritual needs.

Learn more about this project [on our website](#).

ARDFC Christmas gift cards

For the third consecutive year, ARDFC is selling [Christmas gift cards](#) to raise money for our current project. This year cards come in four options - \$10, \$25 and \$50 cards, as well as a card with no dollar amount printed on it. This "priceless" card is new this year and will allow the giver to choose the amount of their donation to ARDFC. (A minimum of \$10 is requested.)

For many parishes, the Christmas gift cards will be available for purchase through your local ARDFC ambassador. If your parish doesn't have an ARDFC ambassador or the cards aren't available to you locally, please [contact Daniel Hartwig](#) to make arrangements to get cards.



Children's Advent Calendar

ARDFC is offering an Advent Calendar that will help children think about giving this Christmas. As they follow the daily activities, they will learn about Brazil and enjoy interesting ways to collect coins to bless Brazilians through our ARDFC project. You can download and print both the calendars - as well as labels to make accompanying mite boxes - from the [ARDFC website](#).

Growing track record

With God's help and the generous support of people across Canada, ARDFC has been able to send \$180,000 to fund four projects on three continents since our inception in 2010:

- **Congo** – A [partnership with the Diocese of Kindu](#) helping war refugees get reestablished through farming and peace-building – \$50,000. See the [final report](#) on our website.
- **Kenya** – A [malaria prevention and health education project](#) working with the Diocese of Maseno West – \$50,000. See the [final report](#) on the ARDFC website.
- **Peru** – A [microfinance project](#) working in partnership with Five Talents, helping women escape poverty through entrepreneurship – \$40,000. (Final report to come.)
- **Burma** – [Supporting a local Anglican Mother's Union](#) savings and loan program to help impoverished women achieve economic stability – \$40,000. (Final report to come.)



In addition to sending \$1.5-million in emergency funding for disaster relief work, our US partner, the ARDF, has invested nearly \$5-million in more than 100 carefully researched projects around the world. All projects undertaken by both the ARDFC and the ARDF are vetted and approved by the Global South Primates who sit on the board of international trustees of ARDF.

Welcoming ARDF-Australia

With the launch of [ARDF-Australia](#) (ARDF-A) this year, our partnerships expand and together we can do even more to alleviate suffering and *restore health, hope and dignity in Jesus' name*.

Introducing new board members

ARDFC recently welcomed several new board members recently:

- The Rev Bill Klock is rector of [Living Word Reformed Episcopal Church](#) in Courtney, BC
- Victoria Huyer is a lawyer in Ottawa and active at [Blackburn Hamlet Community Church](#)
- Ed Lewis, of Hamilton, is a professional engineer and active in [St George's Burlington](#)

They join Bishop Don Harvey (chair), Claus Lenk, Eleanor Muise, David Quayle, Nona Leung and Marilyn Jacobson.



ARDFC launches on social media

ARDFC Board member, the Rev Bill Klock, rector of Living Word Episcopal Church (REC/ACNA) in Courtney, BC, has created a Facebook page for ARDFC. If you are on Facebook, be sure visit us at: www.facebook.com/ARDFC.

2011 Anglican Relief & Development Fund annual report

The 2011 ARDF annual report, which is posted on our website at ardfc.ca/pdf/ardf_annual_report_2011.pdf, provides interesting statistical analysis of how and where funds raised for development projects – as well as emergency aid – have been used. (ARDF is our partner in the US.)



About the Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada (ARDFC)

ARDFC is a registered Canadian charity associated with the ARDF, the Anglican Network in Canada, and the Anglican Church in North America. It undertakes carefully selected and monitored aid projects in partnership with Anglican dioceses in developing nations.

Why partner with ARDFC?

As he visited past projects in Africa, the Rev Bill Haley blogged about his experiences and the evidence of the difference ARDF was making in the midst of much suffering. [On the blog](#), he gives five reasons why he loves ARDF: 1) The care with which projects are researched; 2) That the decision-makers are Global South primates; 3) The quality of the leadership; 4) The strengthening of ties with our Christian brothers and sisters in the Global South; and 5) “It’s *how Jesus is showing his good news and life-changing power to so many people*”. Learn more about why you should consider including ARDFC in your regular giving [here](#).

Parish partnerships

Has your church considered partnering with us by including ARDFC in its annual budget? Your congregation – or groups within the congregations – might enjoy doing small, creative, community-building fundraiser projects on behalf of ARDFC’s projects.

How to partner with ARDFC

Donations to ARDFC can be made:

- Online using the secure CanadaHelps website. See: www.ardfc.ca/donate.htm
- By sending your cheque to: ARDFC · Box 1013 · Burlington, ON · L7R 4L8

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