

Newsletter

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First completed project: Malaria prevention in Kenya

With God's help and the generous support of people like you, ARDFC has raised all the needed funds for a malaria prevention project in Kenya. This project — which provided mosquito nets and health training — was undertaken in partnership with the Diocese of Maseno West in Kenya where the high incidence of malaria takes a terrible toll on people: killing many, especially children, and leaving even more chronically ill. In addition to the human suffering, this high incidence of malaria further depresses the economy, making escape from poverty even more difficult. We expect to receive a final project report from Kenya in October; however you can see an interim report and photos on our website: http://ardfc.ca/malaria project.htm.

New project: Helping refugees rebuild their lives in a war-torn land

Our new project is working with the Anglican Diocese of Kindu in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in central Africa, where years of brutal war has claimed the lives of an estimated three million people and forced millions of others to flee the country. Now with some measure of peace restored, refugees are returning home. In partnership with the Diocese of Kindu, we are raising the funds so the diocese can help these returning refugees reintegrate and rebuild their lives and livelihoods. The project involves providing agricultural tools and training, as well as seed and livestock. In addition, the diocese is promoting peace and reconciliation through Scripturally based training and events. More information is on our website: http://ardfc.ca/project.htm.

Why ARDFC?

With so much need in the world and so many organizations seeking to meet that need, what does ARDFC offer that is distinctive and worthy of support?

Careful stewardship – Like you, ARDFC is committed to wise stewardship; and wise stewardship demands that we direct our charitable giving thoughtfully and prudently. Through a demanding process of "objective philanthropy", we work to ensure your gifts are effectively put to work meeting needs, rebuilding lives, demonstrating the love of Christ, and building His Church. Through our partner aid agency – ARDF (based in the US) – project proposals are rigorously reviewed to ensure they meet our high standards; projects that pass this test are fully researched and this research report is submitted to a panel of Global Primates, representing Churches in developing countries, for their decision. Only projects approved by ARDF's Global Trustees proceed to the fund-raising stage. And once a project is fully funded and completed, careful follow-up research ensures the objectives were met.

Partnership with Anglican Churches in developing countries – Through ARDF, we are well connected to Anglican Communion leaders and Churches worldwide, allowing us to discover, evaluate and fund projects that target specific communities and needs. This results in dramatic, long-term life improvements for people in those communities.

Our methodology is to search out local ventures in developing countries that have high impact results and provide permanent life changes. Projects are designed and managed by

Global South Anglican dioceses to meet pressing needs in their communities, ensuring culturally appropriate implementation. Through our financial support we are privileged to partner with these Churches in tangibly demonstrating the love of God.

- Christ-centred values and worldview We believe that Christ's command to love our neighbours as ourselves is integrally linked to His commission to go into all the world and make disciples. That's why we support holistic, community-based projects that incorporate evangelism.
- Outstanding leadership ARDF is lead by honourary chair, Baroness Caroline Cox and president Archbishop Robert Duncan (Primate of the Anglican Church in North America). Its board of trustees is comprised of six Global South Anglican Primates who vet and approve projects and nine Anglican lay leaders from across North America.
- Growing track record Although ARDFC (ARDF-Canada) just completed its first project in mid-2011, our partner aid agency in the US, ARDF, has completed 106 projects around the globe for \$4.9 million since its inception in 2004 winning the confidence and respect of Anglican Church leaders throughout the developing world. In addition, about \$1.5 million has been channeled through ARDF to meet urgent disaster relief needs.

About the Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada (ARDFC)

ARDFC is a registered Canadian charity which works in coordination with the ARDF, based in the USA, and is associated with the Anglican Network in Canada. It undertakes carefully selected and monitored aid projects in partnership with Anglican dioceses in developing nations.

How to partner with ARDFC

Donations to ARDFC can be made:

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

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