

Christ is “the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12 ESV). And in His Word we have a light lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Ps 119).

DECEMBER 2020

Winter 2020 is soon upon us, and we are nearing the end of Advent. By the time you read this newsletter perhaps Christmas will already have come and gone. It will be a very different Christmas, the gatherings of family and friends in many places is forbidden this year, and certainly is recommended against for us all to help keep us safe. However, we can gather virtually, something a year ago most of us never would have considered. (Many of us had never heard of Zoom, and now it is a most common tool). We can communicate in real time with our families, see them and even share a meal with them (as long as nobody slurps too loudly). Our blessings are indeed many. How about those we have blessed and continue to bless through our donations at ARDFC? This year news is travelling slowly, and projects have been put on hold, with the promise to continue as restrictions are lifted.

PARAGUAY

Our partners in Asuncion are eager to begin the construction of the second phase of the school, but as noted earlier will only be able to begin upon receipt of the funds (plan for October/November 2021). This is, of course, subject to current COVID conditions at the time. To date the donations that have been received total about \$28,000, with a requirement for about \$111,617 CDN.



GIZA

The Giza project donations were completed this past year, and we understand through communications that construction and tuition will be completed upon full return.



CUBA

The car purchased for Cuba has undergone extensive renovations (body work inside and out) and at the present time is ready to “hit the road”, but due to COVID 19, transportation is at a standstill. We will hear more when Cuba also starts up again.

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KAREN ANGLICAN MINISTRY AT THE BORDER (KAMB)

This is an ongoing ministry fully supported by the Church of the Good Shepherd Vancouver. Through this financial support the Anglican Church in Thailand runs several boarding schools for school children among the many refugees from the border of Myanmar and Thailand. Some are unable to go home, and are housed, fed and nurtured in Christian ways, though many are of different faiths.

**SOUTH SUDAN**

This year the board supported a one-time donation made to the Diocese of Wau in South Sudan, Africa. The original plan was to provide PPEs in preparation for the COVID 19 pandemic. Upon communication with the bishop of Wau, it was determined that with relocation and lockdown measures, food and water were of prime importance. The funds were spent on procurement and distribution of wheat, flour and water. This was completed and received with much joy.

SYNOD 2020

Synod like many other conventions was moved to a virtual process this year. It consisted of two three-hour sessions. Instead of a presentation at Synod, it was decided to have a short "ad" run at Synod. Scott Hunt, the ANiC Communications Director, prepared a short (around 30 second) video to announce your ARDFC project, Paraguay. To view it, [click here](#).

ABOUT THE ANGLICAN RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT FUND CANADA (ARDFC)

ARDFC is a registered Canadian charity, associated with ARDF Global. It undertakes carefully selected and monitored aid projects in partnership with Anglican dioceses in developing nations. See our website www.ardfc.ca for more information.

HOW TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF ARDFC

Donations to ARDFC can be made:

- Through your parish
- Online at www.ardfc.ca/donate.htm
- By sending your cheque to ARDFC, Box 1013, Burlington, ON, L7R 4L8

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