



# GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS FUND

## 2014 Global Food Crisis Fund Allocations

Church of the Brethren

Burundi: Cassava Mill \$4,030.00

*In 2014, a new partnership was developed with Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Services (THARS). Funds were provided to purchase a cassava mill for a new initiative with a women's group called RAMIRIZADUKORE, which means "Let us get serious with our work."*

Cuba: Well Project \$3,000.00

*Responding to an appeal from Living Waters for the World (LWW), a mission project of the Synod of Living Waters, Presbyterian Church (USA), the GFCF joined with University Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge, and the Presbyterian Church (USA) to support this ecumenical project. A clean water system was installed at the headquarters of the Cuban Council of Churches in Havana. The system enabled the Council to provide clean water to the families and people working and visiting their offices, and to neighboring offices and nearby residences. Total costs for this water system were over \$12,000.*

Democratic Republic of Congo: Banana and Cassava Project \$ 5,150.00

*The GFCF is partnering with the Shalom Ministry for Reconciliation and Development of Eglise des Freres au Congo (Church of the Brethren in Congo) by providing planting material for cassava and bananas for hunter-gatherer tribes displaced by violence.*

East Africa: ECHO Agricultural Development Symposium \$2,512.50

*Scholarships were given to representatives from 3 GFCF partners in the Great Lakes region of East Africa to attend a conference sponsored by the Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization (ECHO). A total of 7 delegates attended the conference from Eglise des Freres au Congo, the Evangelical Friends Church of Rwanda, and Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Services in Burundi.*

Haiti: Agricultural Mini-Grants \$74,120.00

*This is part of a 5 year project, building upon work done by Brethren Disaster Ministries' earthquake response. L'Eglise des Freres (Church of the Brethren in Haiti) agronomists are working with communities on water systems, rural famers on crop and livestock production, and with women in urban areas making value-added commodities such as peanut butter and fruit juices. These funds represent 2013-14 and 2014-15 commitments.*

Haiti: Agriculture Conference \$1,150 .00

*Christian organizations involved in agricultural development work across Haiti gathered to network, share experiences, attend workshops, and worship together at L'Université Chretienné du Nord d'Haiti. Funding from the GFCF allowed 10 Haitian Brethren farmers to participate.*

Honduras: "Producing to Grow" Animal Raising project \$20,000.00

*Through a partnership with Proyecto Aldea Global, the GFCF is providing chickens, pigs, bees, or fish to 54 families. Workshops on animal health, nutrition, and production are integral to this project. This grant was part of a 2-year project totaling over \$60,000.*

Nigeria: Improved Seeds and Poultry Initiative \$20,000.00

*Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria's (Church of the Brethren in Nigeria) Rural Development Program Staff implemented a large-scale poultry operation in partnership with the GFCF. Proceeds from the sales of egg and chickens supported the agriculture work of RDP, which included training seminars, and making improved seeds and fertilizers available to rural farmers. This competed a 2 year, \$40,000 GFCF commitment to this project.*

North Korea: Plant Breeding Research \$ 5,000.00

*Dr. Robert and Linda Shank continued their plant breeding work on food crops in North Korea with undergraduate and graduate students at Pyongyang University of Science and*

*Technology. The Shanks are serving at PUST through the Global Mission and Service office of the Church of the Brethren.*

Philippines: Fishing Supplies \$10,000.00

*Barangay District 1 Fisherfolk's Association was provided with financial support so that they might replace a boat, nets, cages, and fingerlings lost in Typhoon Haiyan.*

Rwanda: Potato and Maize Project \$ 5,000.00

*Funding the work of the Gisenyi Evangelical Friends Church as it reaches out to displaced hunter-gatherer pygmies and teaches farming skills -- this is the second year for this project*

US: "Going to the Garden" Initiative \$16,160.00

*In partnership with the Office of Public Witness for the Church of the Brethren, grants were given to church-based community gardens in the following communities: Champaign, IL, Boise, ID, New Orleans, LA, Akron, OH, Tipp City, OH, Wichita, KS, Whitewater, WI, Manheim, PA, Palmyra, PA, Mt. Wilson, PA, Arctic Circle, AK, Cuba, NM, Washington D.C., and Falffurrias, TX.*

US: Bread for the World 2014 Hunger Report \$ 1,000.00

*Advocating legislative reforms to provide policy analysis on hunger and strategies to end it*

US: Foods Resources Bank 2014 -- Member Contribution \$29,161.00

*Allowing Brethren congregations to participate in FRB Growing Projects, which raise funds for food security programs of ecumenical partners around the globe*

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Total allocations, January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 **\$213,448.50**

For more information on any of these programs or initiatives, please go to [www.brethren.org/gfcf/stories/](http://www.brethren.org/gfcf/stories/) to see copies of recent issues of E-news – the electronic newsletter of the GFCF. E-news is also available in print form to all Brethren congregations via the Source packet and to anyone upon request.

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