



The Anglican Relief and Development Fund<sup>®</sup>

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**Strategies for Sharing the Gospel in this Ministry:**

We work within the worldwide Anglican Communion to maximize life changes in some of the most challenging parts of the world by:

- Mutually crossing cultural and economic boundaries to build partnerships with local Anglican churches in the developing world
- Focusing on Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East
- Supporting holistic, community-based development projects that incorporate evangelism
- Striving to use the highest quality project research and outcome evaluations available
- Providing a spiritually enriching, thoughtful, and satisfying giving experience for our donors
- Swiftly responding to domestic and international disasters by channeling funds to appropriate partners in North America and around the world.

**Financial Needs:**

In 2022, ARDF's Global Council approved [nine new projects](#) in Burundi, Cambodia, Egypt, Ghana, Madagascar, Mozambique, Nepal, Thailand and Uganda, totaling \$1.5 million dollars. These geographically diverse projects represent the highest financial commitment ever approved, but they also represent the large dreams and visions of our partners.

Because each project has a differing timeline that is subject to change based on local conditions, ARDF developed the Nehemiah Fund. Nehemiah, living in Persia after the Babylonian exile, heard that Jerusalem was in disrepair and disgrace. After prayer and discernment, he examined the situation and gathered the necessary resources to rebuild Jerusalem's walls. In the same way, our partners assess the needs in their communities and work with wisdom for sustainable solutions. This fund will give ARDF a steady resource to draw upon as we support local leaders working in their own communities. Nehemiah funds always go to the project with the most urgent needs, assuring no project is delayed due to lack of funding.

Also, to bolster our campaign to match church donations for relief events, we continue to raise funds for the Joseph Fund.

Lastly, ARDF launched the National Disaster Response Network. The goal is to have a Disaster Relief coordinator in every ACNA Diocese, creating an network of Anglicans coming to support their brothers and sisters on the ground by providing supplies and volunteer labor.

These are all large needs, but our vision - and that of our partners - is large and we are trusting in God and walking out in faith, and we are excited to take these next steps together.

**Prayer Needs:**

ARDF has committed more funds to projects than ever before. Our goal is to continue to increase as we are able, to we can support more leaders on the ground serving in their communities. More projects will create a need for more funds. *Please pray for ARDF's partnerships to grow within the ACNA.*

ARDF continues efforts to meet with churches to explore ways of working together to support the global church. Some churches are exploring global missions for the first time. Others have been building on existing relationships for years. We are learning a lot from the experiences of North American Anglicans, like St. Michael's, and are excited to continue to share our perspective on what healthy global engagement looks like. Developing a mutually beneficial partnership with churches has emerged as a main goal as we move forward. We would also love to know if there are any ways that we can serve St. Michael's better. We stand ready to be a true friend, partner, and ally in Kingdom building.

*Prayer support is vital to our growth. Please pray for:*

- Please pray for the National Disaster Relief Network to expand and grow in knowledge and excellence as it helps to bring much needed resources to families after disasters.
- Please pray that God would grant us favor in fundraising for our current development projects.
- Please pray that God would be with our local partners who are leading these projects.
- Please pray for safety for our partners as many are in uncertain circumstances. We also pray for the persecuted church around the world.
- Please pray that our team continues to work well together for God's glory as we grow.

**Short-term Mission Opportunities:**      Yes      No