

Canadian Communities for Africa
President's Annual Report for 2017

The Year in Summary

Once again it was another busy year for the Canadian Communities for Africa Society. We have had some changes to our Board and Executive. We want to acknowledge and express our thanks to our founding members Margaret Stewart and Teresa Corbould for their tireless efforts and unbridled passion for CC4Africa. We are pleased that they will stay on as Founding Member Directors. We would also like to recognize Joan Cole's long service as Secretary on the Board. Thanks also goes out to our other long serving Directors and we welcome both David Corbould and Helen Comerford as new Directors on the Board.

The situation in Burundi and the Congo have not changed significantly this past year. Despite the ongoing challenges, we have been able to continue all of our programs, including support to child and teacher sponsorships, Gitega Clinic, The Rohero Clinic Surgery Recovery Room, and the Emmanuel Centre Children's home.

We give thanks to all who assisted us in our annual fundraising initiatives in Bella Coola, Kimberley and as part of the El Camino Walk to raise funds in Portugal. Administrative work continues in order to achieve the required transition to the new BC Societies Act by November 2018.

Teresa Corbould was able to visit Burundi and Uganda in April 2017 for 12 days and her full report can be seen on our Facebook Page. She and Board Director David Corbould intend to visit Burundi again in April 2018 to review progress on all our projects.

"In the end I was able to visit most of the CC4Africa projects and I can report that all the funds sent over are being well spent; those in charge work very hard at stretching funds and making do with what they have. We need to continue our fund raising supports."

***Teresa Corbould – Excerpt from Visit Report
April 2017***

Our core values regarding support to women, children and families recovering from war remain steadfast. Our focus on medical support and education continues as we partner with established NGO's and groups in Africa.

Update on CC4Africa Board

At the 5 February 2017, Annual General Meeting the membership voted to extend the following directors for another term:

Teresa Corbould
Margaret Stewart
Michel Bazille
Nancy Anderson
Joan Cole
Ron Bragdon
Andre Corbould

Two others were also nominated and voted in as CC4Africa Board Directors:

David Corbould
Helen Comerford

At two subsequent Board meetings there were changes voted in to the Board Executive and the current Board Executive now consists of:

President/Chair: Andre Corbould
Vice Chair: Margaret Stewart
Treasurer: Dave Corbould
Secretary: Vacant.

Update on Transition of CC4Africa to the new BC Societies Act

British Columbia Registries requires that all BC Societies must formally transition to the new Societies Act no later than 28 November 2018. In order to prepare for this transition new CC4Africa Constitution and Bylaws were considered and approved at the AGM on 5 February, 2017. The Board will endeavour to complete the transition as soon as possible in 2018 in order to comply with the BC Societies Act.

Financial Update

In 2017, CC4Africa brought in \$52,906.75 through monthly donations and five key fundraising events (two yard sales, one Arts and Crafts sale, an El Camino sponsored walk and a Kimberley Open House). Of this, the Charity disbursed \$47,740 as Charitable Gifts and \$2,232 in Administration expenses, which includes insurance.

Key charitable activities were: School Fees, Gitega Children's Home, Teacher Salaries, Child Sponsorships, Recovery Room at Rohero Clinic, the Well Project and General donations.

Holdings at end of 2016 were \$13,733. Current holdings at the end of 2017 are \$16,667.91.

Conclusion

Our future is bright, our finances are solid, and our Board is focused. We remain steadfast in our commitment to our core values and developing our operations in a way that allows CC4Africa to concentrate our efforts on the health and education of women and children. We truly appreciate all involved with CC4Africa and extend a vote of thanks to you all for your dedication and ongoing support.

Thank you!

Kenneth Andre Corbould
CC4Africa Chair

Approved at Annual General Meeting: 27 January 2018