

Refugee Aid Report 2015

Donor: CLBC

Well Recipient Community: Dik

Dear friends at CLBC,

This last year, The CLBC donated money towards famine relief and wells for refugees that have come into Chad from war torn CAR (Central African Republic). This assistance and relief is ongoing, but I am pleased to report to you that during my recent visit to Chad, I was able to visit two separate wells around the community of Dik that have been installed thanks to CLBC donations. These wells are a great blessing to the refugee community living in the vicinity of Dik.



On the 26th of November, I visited three separate refugee camps, including the one around Dik, with a combined population of over 4,000 people. These are mostly “Wodaabe” people, a sub-clan of the greater Fulbe ethnic group. They are traditionally nomadic herdsman whose wealth and identity lie in their cattle. Because of the chaos and violence in their home country, many

have fled to Chad, bringing only what they could carry with them. They have left their cattle behind, many of them killed for food by raiding bands of soldiers. Many of their men have been killed when attempting to defend their cattle. And so they have come and squatted in a region of Chad where there is relatively little population pressure. And they are trying to start anew. As they don't have cattle, most are attempting to make a go of it through subsistence farming.



These refugees are receiving minimal help from the government or other outside organizations. LBIM is in the process doing what we can to help them settle and survive in the short term, so that they can subsist in the long term. LBIM is in the process of purchasing and distributing grain, beans, tarps, mosquito nets and blankets in these communities, using financial gifts provided by the CLBC and other donating CLBA congregations. We have most recently put in some wells, the two pictured in this report being the result of financial gifts coming out of the

CLBC. As this assistance continues, we will continue to report to you how God is using these gifts to minister both physically and spiritually to these precious people.



The pictures in this report are glimpses of what I saw as I visited these communities. May the images serve to express our appreciation for your gift, and may they prompt you to pray more. Pray that these refugees would be blessed not only by the physical water and food that we make available to them, but that they would also experience the spiritual blessing that comes through the word of God shared among them.

We will continue to serve these communities through the resources you have provided. This practical and essential ministry to the poorest of the poor is a great testimony to the love of Christ. And as we have and will be visiting these displaced people, we have a significant platform from which to share also the love of Jesus in the spiritual sense. Thank you for your prayers, as the Gospel of Christ is proclaimed and shared, both verbally and physically among these refugees.



On the following page are some more pictures and a map that indicates where Dik is located in the country of Chad. The circle represents where most of the refugees among whom we are ministering have settled.

Again, thank you CLBC! And may God bless you and the Wodaabe people. May He bring you together around God's throne on that Great Day!

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Dik

Where most CAR refugees are settling

