

To: Classis Heartland
Re: World Renew Update
From: Rod De Boer, Delegate from Classis Heartland
Date: August 24th, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In lieu of being able to give a verbal report at the September 7th Classis meeting I wanted to provide you with this brief written report. **PLEASE** feel free to contact me or Wendy Hammond (800-552-7972) at World Renew if you have ANY questions about World Renews

** Please give THANKS with us for your continued support of World Renew through your prayers and financial gifts. The generous donations of many of you allow World Renew to continue to help our brothers and sisters around the world improve their daily lives and meet God through the loving support of our partner organizations that live/work in the communities where your funds are used.

** Give Thanks that the Holy Spirit continues to change hearts as people see the Love of Christ as they participate in training sessions and implement what they have learned in their farming operations or business activities. Thanks that training on conflict resolution can help long-term animosity and mistrust be reduced and forgiven.

**** FLOOD RESPONSE UPDATE:** In early June DRS (Disaster Relief Services) sent a team to Bristow, NE for 2 weeks to help assess future needs. They specifically worked with the Southern Baptists Disaster Response on homes impacted by flooding in Bristow/Lynch/Niobrara area. Some of the folks from the Platte area churches have already been down there to help with clean up, but that was suspended when additional rains came in later June/July and areas again experience high water levels and/or were unreachable.

Going forward the most likely area where we will be able to help will be in the Fremont and Kearny areas. DRS is currently assessing the needs and would anticipate having more definite options for our churches to be involved in the next few months. I will pass this information on as it becomes available.

NOTE: Please continue to pray for the people who are dealing with this disaster. The time frame for "starting over" has been delayed due to a wet summer and has made this hardship drag out for a longer time period. Pray for weather conditions favorable to beginning recovery and for people in our area who will be willing to help when it is needed.

** Feel free to contact me at 712-395-0388 if you have any questions/feedback.