



Forests without Borders

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

FWB continues to deliver projects around the world, and has many volunteers helping to raise funds across Canada. The Board of Trustees and various supporters are actively working on both fronts.

WORLDWIDE PROJECTS

FWBs is currently working on projects in Ghana, Uganda, Nepal (which has just been completed), and Kenya.

Ghana

The new charcoal mitigation project in Ghana is has the potential of having a major impact in controlling one of the major causes of deforestation in the world. This project has been receiving a lot of support and interest by local people. This pilot project, jointly organized and supported by the Forestry Commission of Ghana, UNDP's Small Grants Program and FWB.



Villagers and reps from the Forestry Commission and the UNDP, helping to establish the wood fuel plantation.

Charcoal is traditionally produced opportunistically by cutting trees growing and converting the wood to charcoal in pit and mound kilns. Both these practices are major causes of deforestation in the world. The trees are harvested faster than they can grow back and the traditional kilns are prone to causing fires that burn across the landscape killing even more of the natural vegetation and damaging village farms.



Fires caused by traditional charcoal production such as this one in central Ghana is a major reason for deforestation in many parts of the world.

FwB is developing a charcoal production solution that is financially viable and managed by local people. If successful and replicated this project can help stop forest degradation and deforestation, serve as a revenue source for villagers, help recharge fresh water aquifers and improve the quality of life of people especially women and children.

Villagers have been organized to establish wood fuel plantations on land not suitable for agriculture. The logs are transported to a steel kiln to be converted to charcoal. The villagers are required to contribute about 10% of their charcoal revenue to a fund that is used to maintain the project.



Steel kiln provided to the village. It converts more of the wood to charcoal and does not result in setting fire to the landscape.

At the end of 2018 FwB Trustees approved expanding the project to a women's group and another village. Every year the project will be evaluated and funding in the future will depend on progress of the work planned and funds raised. Would you be willing to help support this work? You can help organize a fund raising activity or donate directly.

Kenya

The Alberta Caucus adopted a project in Kenya, working to develop a well to irrigate a school tree nursery.

Uganda

Work continues on the new tree planting project at the National Farmers Training Center in Uganda tied into the Rotary District there. Rotary has set a goal of planting 5 million trees in the next 5 years in Tanzania and Uganda. Tree planting is increasing around the world, as one strategy to deal with protecting ecological services that all people depend on.



FwB is working with a Rotary Club in Uganda to help them plant trees. Rotarians around the world have a major initiative to help plant trees.

The fruit trees are growing well (oranges & mangos). They are talking about developing a fruit processing plant to create sustainable employment. They also plan to plant some eucalyptus seedlings as they are much in demand.

Tanzania

A proposed new project is developing in Karatu, Tanzania (near Arusha and the Serengeti National Park). It is a tree planting project that involves six elementary schools, the local town lands and local farmers. The local Rotary club in Arusha is working on a global grant application to fund this project. A local high school teacher in the town is working on a FWBs application to also plant trees. There are several tree nurseries in the town to support this project.

FWBs is evaluating its priorities. Instead of searching for new, small projects, it may be time to expand projects that have the potential for major impact.

Details of our FWBs projects can be seen on our website and on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

This has been a good year for FWBs fund raising efforts. We raised approximately \$ 31 000. We appreciate all of the efforts that many volunteers made toward raising this money. The projects vary from Christmas tree sales, tree planting projects, film festivals and silent auctions.



Various tree planting projects to raise funds for FWB have been held across Canada. In this photo, Lake of the Woods CIF Section members and friends spent a day planting trees for FwB

SOCIAL MEDIA

FWBs has connections to Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and our own website (fwb-fsf.org). Please look us up

FWBs Trustees

We have a stable board of trustees, and thanks to them for their hard work.

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You can contribute to FWBs at any CIF section or CIF Head Office at Mattawa. Or you can go to CanadaHelps.org for an instant tax receipt. You can also [donate Aeroplan miles](#).

Comments and questions are welcome

Peter Ackhurst
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