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**THE
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The Cross on the Mount

On the summit of the highest mountain in the world, there lies buried a cross. This fact did not come through in the shouted reports among Londoners late on coronation eve in 1953 as we made our way to a choice spot of sidewalk on the parade route, where we would snatch a few hours sleep before the rains came next morning. But the message that Hillary and Tenzing had conquered the "harsh and hostile immensity" called Mount Everest came through in proud tones which reflected the appropriateness of the timing as a tribute to the new queen.

Great teamwork had been required for the long awaited feat. Among the previous failures had been that of Maurice Wilson, who in 1935 lost his life in a futile attempt to climb the mountain alone. In luminous contrast the 13-man expedition of 1953, under the leadership of John Hunt, was outfitted to such an extent that 362 Nepalese porters were required to carry in the gear and supplies. Nine camps were established up the mountainside, and then the climbers were divided into two-man assault teams. After all this, Edmund Hillary placed on top of the peak a little cross which Hunt had given him down the mountainside, a fitting place for the symbol of the

crucial peak of history—the watershed for all mankind.

This is a special issue of *World Vision*, its second half being devoted to our "first annual" report (pp. 12-23), office by office, to you our larger family. As I read over these varied pieces, I thought that in a sense the whole *World Vision* team was working together in fine cooperation to place the cross on the mountain in so many countries across the seas. This can take the form of an evangelistic crusade in the Orient (p. 8). Or there is the reaching out of the support lines to a picturesque country in the heart of Asia now suffering under the awful weight of famine (p. 4)—the cup of water in Christ's name.

There is a mountain which soars above Everest for significance because upon it was erected *the Cross: Calvary*. There was also the "holy mount" (II Pet. 1:18) upon which Christ was transfigured as He looked toward His approaching sacrifice. And there is yet another mountain which bears a cross—the Mount of Temptation.

Jesus was led into the Wilderness of Judea to be tempted of the devil. George Adam Smith describes the area in *The Historical Geography of the Holy Land* as one of "blistered

and peeling limestone" with bare and jagged rock that "glowed and beat with heat like furnaces." In that solitary, forbidding place the Lamb of God surrendered Himself to His sacrificial mission in the face of Satan's clever deceptions. On "an exceeding high mountain" the devil showed Him "all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them," offering them to Him in exchange for a moment of worship. In *Paradise Regained*, Milton pictures the Savior answering with disdain:

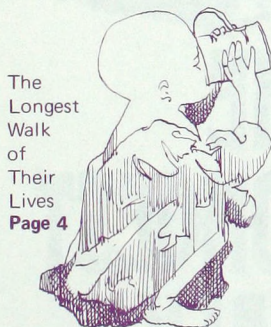
"I never liked thy talk, thy offers less; Now both abhor, since thou hast dared to utter The abominable terms, impious condition."

Our salvation was swinging in the balance, but the Messiah disdained the short cut, the futile compromise, and chose to ascend the throne by His Father's way, which was the way of the Cross.

One afternoon, a few weeks after the coronation, I climbed the traditional Mount of Temptation near Jericho. Halfway up, the path led through a cliff-hanging Greek monastery, where five monks lived. On top of the mountain, with its view of the bleached, barren desert, I was amazed to find some thorns. I thought immediately of Jesus' choice, which involved the crown of thorns. The cross was on this mountain, too.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; . . . that publisheth salvation . . ." The *World Vision* team looks forward in this New Year to pushing back further the borders of Satan's dominion in the power of the Cross, in the power of the Resurrection. You are part of that team.

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The Year Ahead

WORLDWIDE

According to some church growth researchers God is now adding to His church faster than babies are being born. Missionaries have done a great job of telling the Good News in Asia. Unfortunately, some of them resent national churches in many lands wanting to exercise more control.

In Europe, where the growth of Christianity has been rather static, observers pointed hopefully last year to signs of revival in Rumania, Yugoslavia, and Denmark. More encouraging signs are anticipated from this part of the globe, especially during the next 18 months as Christian leaders throughout the world prepare for the '74 International Congress on World Evangelism in Switzerland.

For Christian missionaries and nationals worldwide, much remains to be done. Christians are still in the minority throughout most of the world and more than half the globe is "off limits" to missionaries.

FAR EAST

KOREA—Korea is 10 percent Christian and highly moralistic. Korean Christians are making great strides in extending their outreach, particularly among the nation's military. The trend will continue, observers feel, and evangelistic crusades scheduled during the next four years are likely to be the most successful ever.

Recently North and South Korea have agreed to stop aiming any kind of "propaganda" at one another. But when the gates dividing North and South Korea are opened from time to time, as they eventually will be, you can be sure the Good News will be taken North.

CHINA—Ping-Pong teams, certain

government officials, businessmen and journalists aside, the great wall of China will stand as impregnable as ever. There are "secret" Christians and some Bibles may be smuggled through, but missionaries with their bags packed will wait more months than 1973 has to offer before their visas are approved. The China missionaries of the 1970's and 1980's will have to be expert engineers, scientists, teachers, and other professionals—who happen to be dedicated Christians.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

PHILIPPINES—A major revival of Christian love and concern may be started this year as World Vision, World Impact, Jesus People Inc., and Filipino evangelical churches start a 10-month program of "REAL" (revolution: evangelism, action and love) on the island of Mindanao.

However, the nation is so heavily Roman Catholic, some observers feel that really significant progress will have to come through that church. If true, perhaps the pentecostal revival now sweeping the Catholic Church in the United States will be felt in the Philippines by the time "REAL" starts.

SOUTH ASIA

CAMBODIA—After years of suppression, the Christian church in this war-torn country is beginning to grow. Two evangelistic crusades in 1972 have added significantly to the church and encouraged both national evangelicals and missionaries who have returned.

For the immediate future, however, Cambodian church leaders are looking for encouragement, financial assistance and guidance. Years of the

unwanted Indochina war that has spilled over into Cambodia have reduced the land area presently under control of the Khmer government to 30 percent of the total. Within this segment, the needs and opportunities for sharing Christian love and concern are as great as anywhere in Asia.

SOUTHWEST ASIA

INDIA—Christians here represent only two to three percent of this country's bulging 570 million. With odds like that against them, Indian Christians cannot afford to be weak in faith. And they are not. Although a few states have adopted "Hindu protection laws" most of the subcontinent is open to the Good News. The secret lies in being perceptive and adaptable, and in offering the national church more than "lip service" in the way of support. Foreign missionaries who resist change and insist on sticking to their traditional roles are going to find the Indian government increasingly difficult to deal with in 1973.

NORTH AMERICA

U.S.A.—The fad of the Jesus People has diminished, but the movement will linger on and grow. How strange that so many "religious" people will not praise God for the means He uses unless their direct involvement assures them a movement is genuine.

The largest national combined evangelistic effort in history—Key '73—has been receiving enthusiastic support from all of the 130 denominations and groups involved. If all of these Christians can work together effectively for *one* year, imagine what they could accomplish for Jesus Christ if they really tried throughout their entire lives.





Some of the most rugged country I have ever seen raced beneath our jet wings. There seemed to be no settlements or roads. Only glimpses of distant snow-laden mountains relieved the scene of parched terrain. Down below, over 20 centuries ago, Alexander the Great had swept through the Persian world.

Afghanistan—the name conjures images of tortuous mountains, shaggy sheep, and brilliant silks. Mention Afghanistan and one easily hears the bazaar din, camel bells, and Islamic chants.

But when I received a telegram from a World Vision representative in Afghanistan, I saw the pitiful faces and heard of the heartrending sobs of starving people. Afghanistan is in the midst of a staggering famine.

I flew to the troubled country to see how World Vision could help.

A severe drought, which began in 1969, has created starvation conditions in at least four northwestern provinces. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) reports that more than 70 percent of the country's sheep—a main food source and export item—have been lost due to the drought and related problems of animal feed shortage. Wheat loss has been estimated at 600,000 tons.

My survey covered the Hazarajat, an area of about 50,000 square miles consisting almost entirely of deep, narrow valleys, high ridges, and mesas. The region is entered by passes as high as 13,000 feet, and the valleys themselves vary from 7,000 feet to over 10,000 feet. Passes in that area may be blocked by snow for five months of the year. Only about three to five percent of the land is arable. There are virtually no exports from the Hazarajat because the people need everything they produce to survive.

It is this area, where problems already abounded, that the famine has hit hardest. The old-timers cannot recall a winter that had less snow than the winters of 1969, 1970, and 1971. The result has been scanty water for irrigation, and thus, famine.

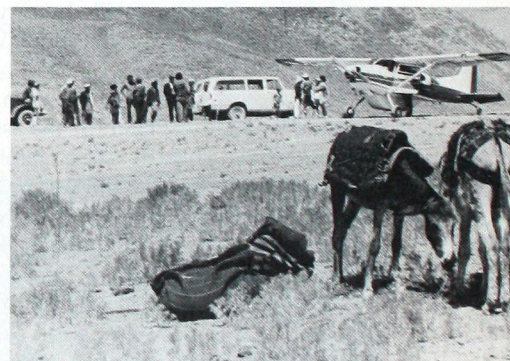
Starvation was evident by the fall of 1971. Most animals which had not been slaughtered for food or sold for cash to buy wheat, died for lack of fodder. Seed grain was eaten. People flocked to the cities, adding to the growing numbers of homeless and unemployed. Others lived in caves, barely surviving on roots and animal blood. In one village, which had had a total of 70 families, all the members of 15 families had died, and another 15 families had lost one or more members.

An official of the World Food Program (a United Nations operation) told us that some people had walked

THE LONGEST WALK OF THEIR LIVES

by W. Stanley Mooneyham

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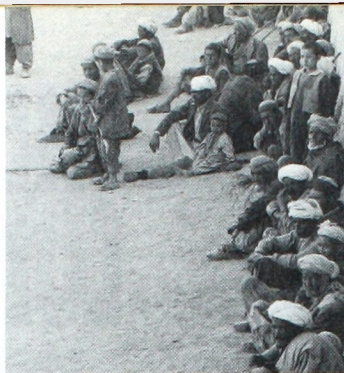


Relief arrives for desperate people





Dr. Mooneyham on inspection tour



Waiting for rice

six hours to his relief station to get their allowance of food. In one of the villages we visited, there were over 200 mothers with about 400 children waiting for an allocation of wheat. They left in the late afternoon with empty sacks—there was no wheat to be distributed. To get food for their sick children, many of these mothers will walk two days—one way—to a distribution center. To have to go home with empty grain sacks must seem like the longest walk of their lives.

The child mortality rate in Afghanistan for those under 15 years of age is 49 percent.

I did the only thing World Vision could do. I responded to the immediate need and promised to do more. In Chakcharan, financial assistance was given by World Vision to a children's medical center where a dedicated Afghan doctor treats 80 malnourished young victims of the famine.

An eye clinic will soon be opened in Kabul. Malnourishment and the driving sand cause many eye diseases and injuries. The clinic will also serve as a distribution point for food and vitamins which World Vision donated.

The Medical Assistance Program (MAP) was allocated \$12,500 by World Vision for the establishment of a clinic to provide health care to families and food to infants and expectant and nursing mothers.

We made a grant of \$2,500 to the Afghan Relief Organization. ARO is set up to deal with the desperately needy victims of the famine.

A British doctor ministering in Kabul wrote after surveying one area: "They are all grossly undernourished and vitamin-deficient. Many will die in the next few weeks. Perhaps the most pathetic thing is to see the sense of helplessness, listlessness and hopelessness written on their faces. Many of these human beings are living on grass and roots. They are drinking animal blood and eating any scraps that they can lay their hands on. They cry to us for help. If we cannot help them. . . it is my opinion that they will die when the cold winter sets in. They do not have the resistance to survive the rigors of another hard winter nor the resources to keep themselves alive."

Those lines jumped out at me: "If we cannot help them. . . they will die. . ."

They already are starving; they already are diseased. Last winter's temperatures dropped to 40 degrees below zero.

If we cannot help them. . . they will die.



Cave dwellers



Medical aid



Life-saving milk



Just another famine... except for those who are there

When news of a desperate famine in Afghanistan reached the West, one woman commented: "Oh, that area . . . they're always starving. It's just another famine."

Just another famine? Perhaps. . . except for those who are there. An ailing mother watching her infant son slowly starve does not think of it as

"just another famine." An old man who loses his home and flock of sheep—his life's work—does not regard this as "just another famine."

World Vision has already given \$25,000 to agencies working with Afghan famine victims. We have, by faith, committed an additional \$40,000 to ease the suffering in Afghanistan. You can share in this urgent ministry.

(1) For only \$16.00 you can provide a full year of medical care for an entire family of six.

(2) With construction work done by Afghans, just \$450 will purchase the necessary supplies to complete one of 25 satellite medical centers.

(3) Only \$2000 will completely finish a partially-constructed classroom at a training center for Afghan paramedics. These national assistants will greatly aid the existing medical staff.

Will you be a partner with us in this tremendous opportunity to serve people in Christ's name? Perhaps you would like to give \$16 to provide medical care for a family for one year. You may want to have a share in the construction of the medical centers or paramedic training center. May God grant you love and wisdom as you determine what He would have you to do for Afghanistan.

I want to stand with World Vision as you share the love of Christ with these victims of famine and disease.

Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ to be used to provide medical care for _____ family(ies) for one year.

Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ for _____ satellite medical center(s).

Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ to help in the construction of the training center for paramedics. H31-002

Pray for the choir helpers

Her expressive eyes communicate discipline and affection. A burst of animated Korean spurs the children into action. Lee Soon Hee, vivacious interpreter for the World Vision Korean Children's Choir, is loved and respected by both the youngsters and her colleagues.

Miss Lee is one of seven Korean adults who are traveling with the choir. Please pray for these dear ones as they work with the youngsters, and also for their families in Korea.

FINAL CHOIR CONCERT DATES

DATE	CITY	AUDITORIUM	TELEPHONE
Jan. 10	Phoenix, Arizona	Assembly Hall Phoenix Civic Plaza	(602)254-6356
Jan. 11	San Diego, Calif.	San Diego Civic Theater	(714) 460-5000
Jan. 12	Long Beach, Calif.	Long Beach Civic Auditorium	(213)424-0775
Jan. 14	Van Nuys, Calif.	First Baptist Church	(213)873-1415
Jan. 15	Bakersfield, Calif.	Civic Auditorium	(805)325-7217
Jan. 17	Fresno, Calif.	Fresno Civic Auditorium	(209)229-9587
Jan. 18	Sacramento, Calif.	Bethel Temple	(916)927-4251
Jan. 19	Castro Valley, Calif.	Cathedral-at-the- Crossroads	(415)886-6300
Jan. 21	San Jose, Calif.	First Baptist Church	(408)265-9000
Jan. 22	Pasadena, Calif.	Pasadena Civic Aud.	(213)357-1111
Jan. 23	Anaheim, Calif.	Anaheim Convention Center	(213)357-1111



Soon Hee (right) does some shopping with choir member Kwon Mee Ae.

It is a fascinating experience to watch God make His presence known at an evangelistic crusade.

During the week of November 21-26 hundreds of people attending the "Way of Peace" crusade in Phnom Penh, Cambodia felt His presence. And as people stood each day to indicate their desire to know Him, observers could not keep from expressing surprise at the great number.

In all, 2,681 young adults stood up for Jesus during the week. They weren't being polite. They weren't scared. They weren't emotionally excited. They weren't reacting to a fiery, impassioned speech.

World Vision president Stanley Mooneyham told simple stories about God's love for man being so great that He gave His son that we might be saved. Speaking through an interpreter, Dr. Mooneyham illustrated his messages with examples from Cambodian folklore. And when he invited those who wanted to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord to stand, hundreds responded.

"I have never felt more like a spectator in my life than when I stood on that platform and talked about Jesus," said Dr. Mooneyham. "The response was more than anything I expected."

"The miracle of it was wonderful. . . ." said Dr. Chandu Ray, executive director of the Coordinating Office for Asian Evangelism, Singapore. Dr. Ray was one of two international Christian leaders present. Archbishop Marcus Loane of the Anglican Church, Sydney, Australia was also in attendance. Both men conducted morning Bible study sessions at various churches during the crusade week.

The crusade team also included the Palermo Brothers of Minneapolis, Minnesota. The well-known musical team played at 19 schools and universities for some 25,000 students during the week preceding the crusade. They also provided their unique form of entertainment and witnessing for the crusade meetings.

"It was the greatest experience we've had in all our ministry," they claimed.

Phnom Penh's Municipal Music Hall seats 1,200. Responses at each of the six indoor meetings averaged 373. Nearly a third of the audience stood and remained standing while others left. Then they stayed on to fill out pledge cards, receive literature and get counseling.

Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) personnel present pointed out two factors as particularly significant. More than 90 percent of the audience that filled the hall each day was between the ages of 15 and 30. And an overwhelming majority of the crowd each day indicated they were hearing the Gospel for the first time.

"I spoke to several people who responded after they left the hall to see if they had understood the invitation and the implications of their response," commented Gene Hall, C&MA. "Their answers indicated they were well aware of their actions."

The majority of the audience was under 30 years of age.



Second Cambodia Crusade: Over 2600 Respond

*by Richard L. Watson,
Director of Public Information,
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Overflow crowds on the first and last day were accommodated by Dr. Mooneyham and the Palermos at outdoor meetings. Responses at these totaled 216.

During a Sunday morning service at the Khmer Bible Institute, 227 refugees declared they wanted to follow Jesus. The men, women and children—an entire village—had pooled what little money they had to hire pedicabs to travel three miles to the service.

"You showed us Christian love by caring for our physical needs," the village leader told Dr. Mooneyham. "Now we would like to follow Jesus."

Dr. Mooneyham had helped distribute World Vision Kits at the village a few days earlier, and students from the Bible Institute had been visiting the village for about a month to teach the children. The village chief also asked Dr. Mooneyham if World Vision could help provide a church for the village; he was assured the necessary materials would be supplied.

Undoubtedly the biggest concern in everyone's mind at the close of the crusade was the follow-up program.

After 2,000 people had responded to Dr. Mooneyham's first Phnom Penh crusade in April, only seven or eight percent actually joined the Christian Church. Nou Thay, dean of the Bible Institute and crusade chairman,

offered several explanations for the low number of new memberships.

"In April, we were not prepared for the large number of responses; we simply were not large enough in number to handle them. Also, many people gave us incomplete addresses; when we called at many homes, Buddhist parents or relatives told us they had no sons or daughters and we didn't have the funds to keep going back."

Mr. Thay also felt that many people in April probably went to Roman Catholic churches because they did not know where the few Protestant churches were located. They and other leaders of the Khmer Evangelical Church said they were better prepared for the November crusade. However, Dr. Ray said he was still "worried about the follow-up."


Dr. Mooneyham agreed that an effective follow-up program was vital in order to really nurture the 2,681 respondents to Christ.

"That's why World Vision is going to help finance the program," he stated. "We in the States are so affluent and so mobile that it is hard to imagine that others do not have the cars or funds to travel throughout a city. We are making sure Christian leaders in Phnom Penh will

have the mobility they need."

Merle Graven, C&MA, and Doug Cozart, World Vision Special Projects representative, have both participated in formulating the follow-up program. But Chandu Ray put the crusade and follow-up plans in the proper perspective.

"It would be wonderful if 50 percent of the 2,681 respondents become true Christians," he said. "And if only 10 or eight percent follow the Lord, it will still be worth our being here. In fact, it is worth it to save just one."

Before leaving Phnom Penh, Dr. Mooneyham presented the Relief Committee of the Khmer Evangelical Church with a \$1,000 World Vision check for continued assistance 



Dr. Mooneyham and the Palermo Brothers at the crusade.



World Vision

God has chosen to work through World Vision International in many ways since its formal beginning in 1950. Some of these diverse ministries are listed in the following summary. Love cannot be divided into neat categories, but each group listed below represents an avenue through which the love and compassion of Christ have been shown to a needy world. World Vision is

represented by several hundred staff people in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, plus service offices in major countries of Asia, and by tens of thousands of Christians who give their money, talents, and prayers to support this international ministry. World Vision is being blessed because people are serving sacrificially.

Asia

FIRST INVOLVEMENT: 1950

COMMITMENT SUMMARY: 58 pastors' conferences, 427 childcare homes, schools and hostels, several hundred assistance and relief grants, plus several specialized ministries.

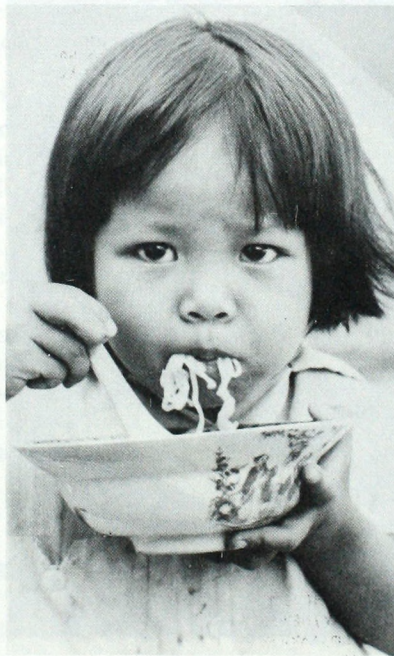
CHILDCARE: 427 homes, schools, and hostels: 175 in Korea, 79 in South Vietnam, 69 in Indonesia, 33 in India, 23 in Hong Kong, 18 in Laos, nine in Japan, seven in Taiwan, six in the Philippines, four in Macao, and two each in Burma and Thailand. Total children cared for: over 36,000. The program includes orphanages, babies' homes, day-care centers, vocational training institutes, special schools for the handicapped, and also childrens' Bible camps.

PASTORS' CONFERENCES: 58, with a total attendance of 43,500. Earliest one was held in Seoul, Korea in 1953. Nine conferences each have been held to date in Korea, India, and the Philippines, five in Indonesia, four each in Taiwan, Japan, and Burma, two each in Sri Lanka (Ceylon), Malaysia, Thailand, and Pakistan, and one each in South Vietnam, Singapore, New Guinea, Bangladesh, and the New Hebrides. (Also, two special conferences were held in Nagaland, India.)

ASSISTANCE & RELIEF: Numerous gifts and grants have been given for a wide range of projects and needs. Accurate totals are difficult to determine because one grant may have gone for more than one purpose. Over 60 individual grants have been made in the area of emergency aid and relief; over 30 in the area of medical assistance (apart from emergency aid); and numerous others in the areas of Bible publication and distribution, literature, community development, Christian and theological education, assistance to Christian institutions such as churches, schools, radio stations, and other areas of social concern fields. These grants are in addition to ongoing and long-term programs in various countries. The World Vision Relief Organization (a USAID-approved agency) has, in just the last six years, sent relief goods to Asia with a total cash value of almost \$12,000,000.

Specific projects supported have ranged from helping build a church to providing snowmobiles for medical teams. The

varied ministries in Korea can serve as an example for all of Asia. In Korea, World Vision's program includes: 99 orphanages, 22 babies' homes, 19 day-care centers, 22 widow's homes, five vocational training schools, four schools for the blind, deaf and mute, one tuberculosis sanitorium, four resettlement villages for leprosy patients, one music institute, a leprosy research institute, a public health center, a hospital wing for children, Bible correspondence courses for children, soldiers, and prisoners, summer Bible conferences



for high school students, children's evangelistic meetings, and a seminar/conference ministry for national pastors. The Little Shepherd Movement involves 5,000 children from World Vision-sponsored homes in Bible study and memorization courses. A Bible correspondence school, started in 1953, presently has over 33,000 prisoners and soldiers enrolled.

EVANGELISM: World Vision has conducted, supported or encouraged evangelistic programs and projects throughout Asia. City or area-wide crusades have been

held in India, Japan, Cambodia, the Philippines and Korea. National evangelists and evangelism programs have been or are being supported in many Asian nations. An evangelism and church growth ministry is carried on in Indonesia in which cassettes and programs in five languages are supplied through 112 cassette posts and nine radio stations. In the Philippines, ongoing support is being given to the nation-wide "Christ the Only Way" evangelism campaign.

OTHER MINISTRIES: World Vision provides educational scholarships to assist national Christian workers, supports leprosy research, produces Christian magazines, supports the Music Institute in Korea (home of the Korean Children's Choir), and has established the Asia Information Office (AIO) in Hong Kong to obtain and publish information concerning the Christian Church in mainland China. The concern and burden for China has roots in World Vision's origins in that nation during early visits of Dr. Bob Pierce, and has resulted not only in the AIO but in the publication of Dr. Stanley Mooneyham's book *China: The Puzzle* and the film "Target: China." The administrative offices of World Vision Australia and World Vision New Zealand are found in their respective countries.

Africa

FIRST INVOLVEMENT: 1958

COMMITMENT SUMMARY: four pastors' conferences, 11 assistance grants, three childcare homes, one community development project. Ongoing work in four countries. Short-term or one-time grants (including those for pastors' conferences) in nine others.

CHILDCARE: three homes: two in Nigeria, one in South Africa. Total children cared for: 107.

PASTORS' CONFERENCES: four, with a total attendance of 2,778. Ghana, 1958, 400 attended; Kenya, 1968, 1,178 attended; Tanzania, 1970, 550 attended; Uganda, 1972, 650 attended.

ASSISTANCE & RELIEF: 11 grants given, all but one of which were through Mission Project of the Month Club. Zaire (formerly Congo) has received the largest

at a Glance

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number. Grants have been given in the areas of evangelism, broadcasting and literature, medical assistance, emergency relief, films, and community development. Typical grants were for a literature folding machine in Zaire, support of a radio and Bible correspondence course for North Africa, a jeep for a medical center, support of doctors to staff a hospital, providing food for refugees, aiding the distribution of an evangelistic film, and a community development program for a tribal people.

OTHER MINISTRIES: World Vision is providing speakers for the South African Congress on Evangelism. The administrative offices of World Vision of Southern Africa are located in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Latin America

FIRST INVOLVEMENT: 1959

COMMITMENT SUMMARY: 18 pastors' conferences, 19 childcare homes, 15 assistance grants, short-term youth teams, and an evangelism research project.

CHILDCARE: 19 homes: 12 in Brazil, two in Argentina, one each in Chile, Colombia, Haiti, Jamaica, and Mexico. Colombia work is a street boys ministry, supported by World Vision of Canada. Total children cared for: 720.

PASTORS' CONFERENCES: 18, with a total attendance of over 9,900. Argentina: 1961, 1963, 1966, 1970, with total attendance of 2,765; Brazil: 1963, 1966, 1971, with total attendance of 1,030; Chile: 1963, 1971, with total attendance of 976; Colombia: 1960, 1963, 1967, 1971, with total attendance of 2,137; and one each in: Guatemala, 1962, 1,350; Mexico, 1968, 480; Paraguay, 1963, 200; and Panama, 1968, 180.

ASSISTANCE & RELIEF: 15 grants given, most of which were through Mission

Project of the Month Club. Grants have been given in the areas of relief, education, literature, and conference ministries. Typical grants were to help with building of classrooms for a mission, assistance to a Bible institute, aid in building a conference center, support of Christian workers, providing a truck to distribute relief goods, and aid to victims of a typhoon and a volcano eruption.

OTHER MINISTRIES: Christian young people have been taken for short-term work to Mexico and the Caribbean. The MARC Division has had an in-depth, three-year program of evangelism research in Brazil to aid churches and missions.

Europe

FIRST INVOLVEMENT: 1958

COMMITMENT SUMMARY: one pastors' conference, one childcare home, three assistance grants.

CHILDCARE: one home supported in Italy, with 19 children cared for.

PASTORS' CONFERENCES: one conference in Portugal in 1969, with 90 attending.

ASSISTANCE & RELIEF: three grants given, in the areas of evangelism, theological education, and support of national workers.

OTHER MINISTRIES: In 1958, Dr. Bob Pierce was evangelist in a crusade for English-speaking churches in Paris. Other World Vision staff members have been speakers at major church and mission conferences over the years.

North America

(U.S.A. & Canada)

FIRST INVOLVEMENT: 1950 (W.V. organized)

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP TRAINING: World Vision sponsors programs designed to enhance the effectiveness of Christian leadership. These have included two "Clinics for Clergy," held in conjunction with the annual World Vision-sponsored Festival of Missions, and 11 time management seminars in different cities for Christian leaders.

MISSIONARY CHALLENGE: One of World Vision's earliest goals was to challenge Christians in North America to a broader vision of the world and its spiritual and material needs. This goal is being met through such means as films and slide-cassette presentations, 20 of which have been produced; through *World Vision* magazine, winner of the Evangelical Press Association's "Mission Magazine of the Year" award in 1968 and 1970, and holder of six other EPA awards: present circulation is over 200,000; through personal presentations by World Vision staff members at churches, seminars, and conferences. Preparation of food kits by church groups are meeting world needs through World Vision Relief.

EVANGELISM: Support has been given to evangelism training programs in urban inner city areas, in evangelism with youth, and in support of congresses on evangelism for ethnic groups.

OTHER MINISTRIES The headquarters administrative offices of World Vision are located in California, with branch offices in Michigan and New Jersey, and World Vision of Canada offices in Ontario. The MARC Division maintains an information and communication center providing information and planning assistance for churches and missions. The Stewardship Department provides an investment ministry for Christians through wills and trusts. Strategy consultations for Christian leaders have been sponsored for several years. Youth teams have been provided opportunity for service in Asia and Latin America since 1968.



Short-term or very localized programs are not included

In this first issue of 1973, as we begin our second year of publication in our new format, we are pleased to be able to present for our readers this special section of reports from many of our offices at home and abroad. We are projecting this as an annual "report back" to you who are so vitally involved in this work. It will give the broad picture, supplementing our more specialized reports which appear in every issue. President Mooneyham initiates.—Ed.

World Vision in Review / Executive Administration

World Vision—Today and Tomorrow

by W. Stanley Mooneyham, President

I never think of World Vision as an organization. Of course, it takes a minimum amount of machinery to keep things moving, but I never even think of that minimum amount as actually being World Vision.

To me World Vision is people—people helping and people being helped. People who need love linked with people who have love to share.

World Vision is a dedicated missionary who serves the Lord in the wretched Walled City of Hong Kong. Now 83, she has shared the love of Christ in Asia for well over 50 years.

World Vision is a true "holy man" in India, a national evangelist who trains other young men as pastors and evangelists.

World Vision is nearly 40,000 children—in 22 countries—lovingly cared for by Christian workers.

World Vision is a widow and her daughter in Australia who sponsor one of those children.

World Vision is a tireless relief worker distributing food and medicine to homeless refugees in Laos.

World Vision is a businessman in America who gave \$10,000 to buy food for those refugees.

So you see why my heart will not let me think of World Vision as just an organization. It is you—multiplied by thousands of other people who are being channels of God's love to His needy children.

Together we are at the beginning of one of the most exciting years we have ever faced and I want to share some of the prospects with you.

This summer we will launch an overseas youth ministry which has

been on the drawing boards for nearly a year. The target for this initial thrust will be the Philippines, as 17 teams of Filipino and Western young people go to the southern islands of Mindanao, Basilan and Sulu to share themselves and Jesus Christ. This troubled area has been the scene of many senseless killings as a result of tensions and conflict between Muslims and Catholics.

Last year during our "Reconciliation" Crusade in Zamboanga we saw the mood of an entire city change through the work of the Holy Spirit. Local leaders called it a "revolution of love." The churches of Zamboanga have asked us to return this year, and other churches throughout the southern Philippines have joined in the invitation to conduct a program called REAL (Revolution: Evangelism, Action, Love) in their areas.

In the Philippines the program is coordinated by the "Christ Only Way" movement, an interchurch, nationwide evangelistic thrust. Outside the country World Vision will join with two youth movements—Jesus People, Inc., and World Impact—in recruiting team members. Each team will have two Westerners and three Filipinos. For 10 months these young adults will live in the barrios and cities, engaging in witness, Bible study and social action programs.

I am very excited by this innovative kind of evangelism and plan to be personally involved during the two months of preaching.

I am equally excited about the addition of Dr. Han Kyung Chik to

our international team. This beloved man of God has a deep burden for his homeland of North Korea, and he is starting a series of institutes and seminars under World Vision auspices for pastors in South Korea. He wants to help them become more effective instruments of God in evangelism with the expectation that the results will be carried into North Korea if present reunification talks between North and South succeed.

And speaking of divided countries, we have been praying about what World Vision's ministry might be in North Vietnam when peace comes to Southeast Asia. Of course there are many imponderables here. No one knows if any Western organization, much less one which is Christian, will be allowed to do anything by the North Vietnamese government.

But we do know this: There must be tens of thousands of orphans in the country and thousands of widows. We know that the need for social service and rehabilitation projects will be enormous. And we know that God has preserved the Christian witness in North Vietnam, although we do not know its strength.

Knowing these things, we intend to remain sensitive to any opening which God may give us to be instruments of His love and grace in that bruised and hurting land.

Even as we would show forgiving Christian love to those who have caused such agony in Indochina, and serve in a redemptive way, we must also continue to minister to those who have been the victims of their

aggression. We expect to soon start construction of the Christian hospital in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on land made available by that government.

Doors for evangelism in the Khmer Republic (Cambodia) still are wide open and we will continue helping the tiny Evangelical Church in that land in every possible way. Right now the first priority is to follow-up and conserve the fruit of the two evangelistic campaigns which we conducted there last year in cooperation with the church. These inquirers, numbering in the thousands, must be nurtured and strengthened in their new faith.

If peace comes this year in Southeast Asia as expected, the key word will be "rebuild." That will also be the rallying cry in other lands devastated by human and natural disasters.

Bangladesh still struggles against heavy odds to feed, clothe and house her 70 million people. We went to them in Christ's name when they poured across the border into India as refugees. We went back home with them to help them rebuild.

Southern Sudan, once again peaceful after 17 years of terrible struggle, is trying to pick up the pieces and start over again. World Vision will be there this year, as well, in the person of Dr. Ken Tracey, director of ACROSS (Africa Committee for Rehabilitation of Southern Sudan), which is a joint effort of evangelical missions.


The tribal slaughter in Burundi continues to horrify the world, although only an occasional story reaches the newspapers. Despite seemingly insurmountable problems, we are continuing to probe the possibility of our involvement there.

Africa will occupy more of our attention with these opportunities before us, as well as the village development program among the Nuer tribespeople in Ethiopia and a street boys' home in Addis Ababa.

Closer to our own shores, it is likely that new ministries will be started in Latin America in addition to the programs already under way there. A special survey will be made early this year on that continent as

well as in Eastern Europe.

Pastor's conferences are already scheduled for India, Burma and South Vietnam, with Central America also being targeted as a possibility. Several "time management seminars" are being planned for locations overseas and in the United States. The research and reporting capabilities of MARC (Missions Advanced Research and Communications Center) will continue to pinpoint worldwide mission needs for churches everywhere, but with a special emphasis during the next two years on the unevangelized peoples.

These are just some of the things which are being planned that I wanted to share with you. As exciting as they are, we know from past experience that we cannot begin to anticipate all that God will do. God is full of surprises, and we all are alive with expectation as we walk with Him through the next 12 months of ministry and service supported in prayer and gifts by the greatest backup team in the world—you. . . .and you. . . .and you. 

Each year our World Vision staff selects a Scripture verse, or group of verses, as a theme for the year. In 1972 we selected Psalm 37:3-5. In the *Living Bible* paraphrase David says, "Trust in the Lord. . . be kind and good to others; then you will live safely here in the land and prosper, feeding in safety. Be delighted with the Lord! Then He will give you all your heart's desires. Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him to help you do it and He will." Together we testified that this past year was a wonderful one of trusting in God, delighting in Him and committing our way to Him. What a blessed experience it has been.

This twenty-second year of our history was one of growth in every way—in the program (as you will note by other reports in this issue of

the magazine), in income and thus investments in meeting needs of desperately needy people across the world, in training in various disciplines and skills by our staff people.

This past year witnessed an increase of over 7,000 in the number of needy children sponsored and taken care of in Asia. It saw a great increase in evangelistic endeavors, with an ever-increasing number of people coming to Christ. The pro-

A Year of Growth

*by Ted W. Engstrom,
Executive vice president*

gram of relief goods distribution in the name of Christ was sizably increased. Millions of dollars worth of relief goods annually are distributed by the national church overseas in the name of our blessed Lord. Funding for the new 100-bed Christian hospital in Cambodia was begun and friends have responded so generously to this challenge.

We feel that as leaders in the ministry we have grown. Part of our program for the year has been what we called our "year of growth" in which staff members have undertaken special training programs and concomitant reading to increase their expertise and skills in their various disciplines.


Certain staff goals and objectives

for the year 1972 were prayerfully established and we praise God that most of them were reached.

Growth is not to be measured numerically only, but we are grateful that God has enabled us to "drive deeper the stakes" that the cords of love and concern reaching out across a world of need have thus been lengthened as well. There has been a deepening of concern, a new sense of

commitment to obedience to the call and claims of Christ, and response to His great commission to extend the gospel of His grace to all men everywhere—now.

We thank God for the tens of thousands of giving, praying concerned friends who stand with us in the ministry... in North America, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa where we have support

offices. World Vision is a link between the needs of people who have so little, but are so much loved by Christ, and those who have enough to share and who express their concern by their giving and involvement. We are the switchboard between the need and the supply and are so grateful for this privilege to serve both donor and recipient in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. 

Ministering to Ministers

by Paul S. Rees,
Vice president at large
Director, Pastors' Conferences

broadened, (2) the sense of ministerial vocation is heightened, (3) the inner life is deepened, and (4) the outreach of evangelistic witness and social concern is lengthened.


On the point of fellowship it should be added that some pastors are convicted of flawed fellowship with their own families. Such was the experience of one of the African brothers who, as the conference was ending, said to one of the speakers:

I had given up hope of ever being helped spiritually. It had to do with my wife. I had made up my mind never to forgive her, but as one of the speakers spoke on "Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church," it went through my heart like a bullet. I repented in tears where I was sitting. Then after the conference I went back home and asked my wife to forgive me. Now I can hardly believe it! It is a new home! It is now a reconciled home!

Eight years ago Dr. Max Warren wrote an illuminating and incisive little book called *Problems and Promises in Africa Today*. In it he said:

Perhaps the supreme need of the Church in Africa is for the development of some plan by which gifted individuals, whether Africans or foreigners, could be set apart to exercise a full-time ministry to the African clergy, so that the true norm of ministry can be recovered.

If World Vision pastors' conferences can make even a small contribution to this eminently desirable end, we shall be grateful.

And not alone where African pastors are concerned, but Asian and Latin brothers as well! 

It was evening in the capital city of a South American country. About a dozen of us were seated around a conference table. These were national pastors and denominational officers and the head of the country's Bible Society. A World Vision pastors' conference had been held here about three years earlier. Reasons were being given to me why another such event should take place. There was one brother who had not spoken. As he spoke he held up a notebook. "During the conference," he said, "which all of us remember so well, I filled five notebooks like this with outlines and thoughts and suggestions that were given to us by the speakers. In fact," he went on to say, "I have used in my sermons practically everything I had in my notes." Then looking directly at me, he said, with a gleam in his eye: "We must have another pastors' conference because I have used up all the material I got from the other one!"

If that sounds in the least unreal or shallow to some seminary-trained man who reads this page, let him try to remember how small and elemen-

tary is the preparation for the pastoral and preaching task that most of the men have had who attend these conferences.

The very thought of it makes us regretful that in 1972 we had the smallest number of these renewal-for-leaders gatherings we have had for many years. There were three of them. In each case—Uganda, Ceylon, New Hebrides—they were more than regional. They were national in scope. To be sure, in small countries like Ceylon and New Hebrides problems of transport and logistics are relatively easy to manage.

In Uganda the big snag in the way of moving men to the scene of the conference was neither distance nor facilities, but tension along the border between Uganda and Burundi/Rwanda. The more than one hundred pastors from these two areas who had made reservations to be with us were not permitted to enter Uganda.

In each of these 1972 conferences we rediscovered what happens when an assembly of pastors comes under the living touch of the Spirit of God: (1) fellowship with other brethren is

"A New Thing"

by William F. Kliever,
Assistant to the President/International Relations

"Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?" Isaiah 43:19.

It took a pioneering spirit for the World Vision field staff to accomplish God's *new* thing in 1972. The world's weather-beaten face aged another year as it became more difficult to cut the red tape of response to crisis, but God's promise to "bring forth a new thing" blew a breath of life across the globe.

Whether it was feeding refugees in the battle zones of Indochina, improving the living conditions of the primitive tribespeople in Borneo, or administering intelligence and aptitude tests to children, God brought *new* wisdom into this broad spectrum of our response to need.

The past 12 months witnessed a world struggling against an increase in disasters. Our relief warehouses were taxed to their limits as floods and typhoons ripped relentlessly through many parts of Asia. These natural disasters teamed with the onslaught of disease to cripple whole population centers. And countless thousands starved to death in ravaging famines in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Throughout the developing world, roads were jammed with refugees fleeing for survival. The East-West Pakistan conflict alone created 10 million refugees, for whom World Vision built thousands of homes, and provided food, cattle, and seed. In Ethiopia, our program of Village Improvement is giving life to a "stone-age people without stones," people who die from malaria and malnutrition of the body and spirit.

However, at the heart of World Vision's work are children from among the billion youngsters living in poverty in the developing nations. Three hundred million of these little ones under the age of five have no chance of growing up to be normal adults. Their dreams will become nightmares as they suffer the consequences of poor food, lack of shelter and hopelessness.

But God did a *new* thing last year in adding 7,000 children to our sponsorship rolls. Now more than 40,000 children have a bright future in World Vision's homes, daycare centers, and schools. These children will grow up to become an asset to their country—instead of a liability.

Most of the 22,000 children in our Vietnamese schools come from non-Christian homes. And in the past two years over 6,000 children, mothers and fathers registered decisions for Christ. This is our highest calling—not only to save a man's life but his soul.

In Korea, 37,000 prisoners, soldiers, and children are enrolled in World Vision's Bible correspondence courses. In Indonesia, one of our 13,000 Bible Course students wrote, "I want you to know that I am from the Muslim religion, and through this first lesson I feel I want to become a follower of Christ and be a Christian."

World Vision is people working with people—focusing on a person's greatest need and then through the love of Christ, wiping away the cause of suffering.

Pray with us that in 1973 we will be sensitive to the real hurt of man; and that God through a *new* thing will help us heal that hurt.



Korea

by Marlin Nelson,
Director

Korea is a small peninsula, still divided by the war of 1950. Some anticipate new frontiers on the moon, but not in Korea! However, World Vision is pioneering some new frontiers in this country.

November 1st I attended a graduation ceremony for 84 Bible Correspondence School students in the Taejon Correctional Institution. The superintendent presented a citation, noting that "the teaching you have given to them will be alive among the new Christians who committed their lives to Jesus Christ." From among the inmates in 27 prisons in Korea, we now have 33,251 enrolled as students. New plans are being made

to mobilize Christians to regularly visit one prisoner, and then continue this friendship when he is released. Stimulating Christians to social action and thus to obey Christ's command to *visit* one of the least ones, is a new frontier!

World Vision has emphasized institutional care for children with medical needs. Most of these patients came from baby homes. With fewer babies abandoned, we can now send

medical teams to check all our children—providing glasses and dental care when needed—and thus raise the standard of our childcare.

At the moment of this writing I received a call from a pastor requesting help for a family of four children whose father recently died. The mother is desperate, even offering her children for adoption abroad! But with our new Family-to-Family Sponsorship Plan, we have flexibility to meet the needs of these children without breaking up the family.

Dr. Kyung Chik Han, chairman of our Korean Board, has given valuable counsel during these two decades of growth. As Dr. Han retires from his active pastorate at the Young Nak Presbyterian Church, he will become minister-at-large for World Vision of Korea, inaugurating a new ministry of leadership training and evangelism.

Some 25 years ago people with leprosy were wandering the streets of Seoul, begging. Dr. Lew saw these "leper victims" as people—with feelings, dignity and a desire to be independent. He persuaded the government to give them land, and 84 Resettlement Villages were established. Many are now raising chickens and farming, supporting not only themselves, but giving sacrificially so they can have their own church. Seeing their needs, World Vision has begun sponsoring some of their children. This expression of Christian concern has given new hope to these special people.

With rapid changes in the economic, political, social and religious thinking of the people, we are now facing a new frontier. Because of the Red Cross talks, world attention is focused on Korea—the country once known as a "Hermit Kingdom." World Vision International has a

unique opportunity and responsibility to be part of the cutting edge of Korea's new frontier.

Hong Kong Macao Taiwan Philippines

by Roy Challberg, Director

Hong Kong

It is difficult to visualize living conditions where each person has less than 16 square feet, but this is still true in some of the earlier "H" block government housing projects in Hong Kong. It is probably no more space than what these families had in their squatter hut before it was destroyed by fire or typhoon. Yet the "concrete honeycomb" is at least low cost and secure from the elements.

It is in this type of surroundings that World Vision of Hong Kong sponsors 2,800 children in rooftop schools of the Resettlement Estates, or nearby schools in the still existing squatter areas. In a colony visualized by most Westerners as luxury tourist hotels and shops loaded with the necessities of life, a quiet but effective Christian education continues.

Macao

Firecrackers, gambling and casinos are the big items in the economy of Macao. And these are within a stone's throw of the burial place of the first Protestant missionary to China, Robert Morrison.

I have walked down the narrow cobbled streets of Macao—in the vi-

cinity of any one of our four schools—and seen children sitting in doorways and on sidewalks assembling the firecrackers, I have tried to take photographs of them but they have scattered to the winds, superstitious and fearful that I might capture their souls on the film.

Taiwan

In Taiwan the distance between two places is measured by the number of chapels between them. The underlying measure of distance is evangelism and places where the non-churched might come in contact with the person of Jesus Christ. A superintendent told me recently that two of the children in her orphanage were sold into a life of slavery by their parents at the age of eight. When she heard about it, the superintendent managed to scrape up the US\$50.00 and "redeemed" them from that horrible future. These girls are now fine Christian young ladies.

These people and others in our polio homes, hospital, and six orphanages make this island one of the most significant and exciting of the several countries in Southeast Asia under my direction.

Philippines

How would you like to have 25 deserted orphans living in your home? That is how one of our co-workers in the Philippines became involved in childcare, and we with her. Today she has nearly 60 children in her home, plus two rented houses I have been pondering her most recent letter to me.

"Lately I've been working in the slum areas of the city and I have been touched with the need of the children in the homes of many poor families—sickly, no food to eat some-

times. They only eat once a day which results in malnutrition, the common sickness all over. I am wondering if your office has funds to be extended to this type of work."

I must write to Mel Van Peursem, our relief director, and then assure this lady that we will find a way to help these children.

Hong Kong—AIO

by Robert Larson,
Executive Secretary

"I suppose I should know, but, uh, what exactly is AIO?" During the past year we have heard more than one person haltingly ask us what we are up to here in Hong Kong. That is the trouble when you are not a household word.

This World Vision-sponsored ministry is committed to an understanding of *Asia*; our output is *information*; and we are just a small office. So our name reflects what we are, World Vision's *Asia Information Office*.

While the big picture is Asia, our focus is China. And the bulk of our output relates to what is happening to our neighbor to the north—the People's Republic of China.

We present our information—and opinion—in various ways:

—Commentaries on China for radio stations in Asia, United States and Canada.

—A monthly AIO CHINA BRIEFING which reports on recent trends in China—with particular concern for what we have learned about Christian activity there.

—Articles on China for Christian

magazines which suggest how to get involved in God's work in the People's Republic.

—Involvement in China Seminars with Asian Christians. Here the purpose is to "fellowship around the facts." These gatherings are stimulating times of sharing information, coupled with a deep Christian concern for the quarter of the world that makes its home in China.

Hong Kong has its own particular view of China. So do Bangkok, Taipei, Saigon, and Singapore. So AIO has moved around during the past year. We have learned much from Chinese Christians in Singapore, and we have talked with the mountain people of South Vietnam. Jittery nationalists in Taipei have quietly given us their views on China. And "freedom swimmers" from China to Hong Kong have spoken to us with reckless abandon about life in the People's Republic.

As we travel we see clearly that China continues to cast her long, ageless shadow over the region. And we think it is important to understand what each Asian country thinks of the Peking giant.

But when all this is sorted out—the commentaries, seminars, articles, travel, and so forth—one primary concern emerges: we are interested in the *people* of China. And we want to *be* and *do* what we can to see that the 800 million have increasing opportunities to hear about Jesus Christ. Traditional mission forms are no longer options. But to be involved in missions is not to send missionaries only.

The doors to China squeak slowly open, and there are increasing possibilities for Christian involvement; trade, education, medical training, technology, foreign language instruc-

tion, just to cite a few. We are here to help determine ways for Christians to get involved. If you, too, are interested in these things, maybe we should get together.

Vietnam

by Doug Cozart, Director

Saigon and its suburbs are draped in red and yellow as the flag of the Republic flies from every home, business and vehicle. The people of South Vietnam are rallying behind their president as hopes rise for *permanent* peace.

It is within this context that World Vision of Vietnam continues its efforts to meet the needs of these courageous people.

Our childcare ministries have expanded to include 74 schools, five children's homes, 1200 children sponsored, and more than 22,000 assisted through the school program. Teacher training and curriculum development is headed by Barbara Ferguson. The New Life Babies Home continues to save infants' lives in Saigon. Gene Ainsworth's street boys work has increased to three houses in Saigon, and one in Cam Ranh Bay.

The Tribal Development ministry, under the direction of Al and Peggy Gjerde, is thriving despite increased Viet Cong activity in the northern highlands. A machine shop and other vocational projects have been started. And the Gjerdes devote a large percentage of their time to work in the Chieu Hoi Villages (settlements for refugees from Communist-controlled areas) The first village to be estab-

lished has reported 125 converts among the 175 people living there.

Relief work in Vietnam can be divided into three categories: ongoing assistance, one-time emergency grants, and housing. The ongoing assistance includes distribution of wheelchairs and crutches and is a strongly evangelistic ministry. One-time emergency aid is keyed to enemy offensives, or natural disasters such as floods. World Vision Kits, medical supplies and equipment, clothing, food, and vitamins are among the goods distributed under these circumstances. Low cost housing and assistance in rebuilding have been provided for workers at the largest Vietnamese military hospital, Cong Hoa, and for refugees both from the highlands and from Cambodia.

Each of the relief ministries has an evangelistic thrust.

Several Mission Project of the Month Club grants have assisted in one-time needs. Included in these gifts were funds for many special school needs, a Landrover for the staff, and Christian literature distribution.

All in all, Vietnam is one of the most exciting countries in the world in which to live, and certainly one of the most rewarding to serve.

Laos

by Don Scott, Director

Almost without question the words "dry season" in Laos are synonymous with military activity. This season begins approximately the first of October and extends to the

beginning of May when the monsoon rains start. A great deal of preparation must necessarily be made in this season to provide emergency help to the over 250,000 refugees presently on the government feeding lists. In actual fact, there are more than 800,000 refugee people in Laos which encompasses almost one third of the entire population.

Presently, World Vision in Laos is still able to provide emergency help at the time needed. Relief shipments are looked forward to with great anticipation as food kits containing sugar, sardines, raisins, and powdered milk are sent by the thousand for use by refugees on the move. These relief shipments contain far more than just food kits. They provide all types of food, medicines, vitamins, and much-needed medical equipment. It is with items such as these valued at more than one million dollars a year—that World Vision is able to provide relief to hundreds of thousands of people throughout the kingdom of Laos.

Another important ministry is among the war victims. World Vision is doing this through an expanded childcare program. These ministries are affecting over 1,500 school children in Laos presently and expansion is planned. Requests constantly come to World Vision for help and support of a needy child or family. The widows of soldiers killed in the war are not overlooked either. World Vision has established two sewing schools to provide training for these needy women. Two more sewing schools will be opened in the next few months to alleviate the need in other areas of the country. Elementary schools are also planned for construction for the purpose of meeting the long range needs of the Lao children.

Two schools have been completed recently, but not without cost. On October 27, 1972 the North Vietnamese took over the town of Keng Kok in South Laos about 40 kilometers (25 miles) from Savannakhet. Four single missionaries, two men and two women, were taken captive. One was a Canadian, Mr. Lloyd Opel, 20 years of age, who was in charge of construction of a school World Vision is helping build in the village of Khamsane near Savannakhet. The area has been secured by Royal Lao forces. However, both men are missing. The bodies of the two single ladies have been found. The Khamsane school is being completed, but not without dedication and sacrifice on behalf of God's people. The dedication of the missionaries will long remain in the hearts of the children of Khamsane. Their future is brighter because of the leadership of these men and women, and support from World Vision and the Brethren mission in South Laos.

This is the work in which World Vision of Laos is engaged. Not only is the work concerned with physical needs, but it also includes assistance to the Christian Church of North and South Laos—giving support to leadership programs geared to help national brethren better serve God. The work is nation-building and church-building, using every means possible to illustrate God's love to the people around.

Indonesia

by Eugene Daniels, Director

Indonesia is a country of more

than 13,000 islands stretching 3,000 miles along the equator, a country whose motto is "unity in diversity." It is a land of challenge and opportunity, a beautiful land where God is at work.

In ministering to diverse needs, World Vision of Indonesia carries on a multifaceted program.

Childcare assistance is conducted through homes, schools and refugee villages. Nearly 4,500 needy boys and girls receive aid in 73 centers throughout this vast archipelago. Less than 25 percent are true orphans. They come from a variety of backgrounds: broken homes, victims of political upheaval, primitive areas just emerging into the twentieth century, families so big that overworked and undernourished parents simply cannot provide even the most minimal needs.

World Vision of Indonesia is helping these needy ones in quest of a better way of life by providing basic needs and a comprehensive program of Christian education. It is rewarding to see boys and girls grow into young adulthood with their lives committed to following Jesus Christ.

Indonesia today provides unparalleled opportunities for evangelism and ministry to local churches. To meet this need, World Vision of Indonesia conducts a Bible Correspondence School in which more than 19,000 are enrolled. In operation over four years, some 4,500 persons from all walks of life have successfully completed courses. In addition to written courses, an extensive follow-up program encourages graduates to continue study of the Bible and to become active witnesses for Christ.

In addition to the Bible Correspondence School, World Vision also

provides programs for 11 radio stations including the Far East Broadcasting Company in Manila, and for cassette distribution throughout Indonesia. Programs have a variety of format including drama, use of classical musical instruments, conversational Bible study, and dialogue.

The newest outreach is in the area of pioneer development. The program is comprehensive in that it seeks to meet educational, health and spiritual needs in areas which are still relatively isolated and underdeveloped. Because many tribal people lack even basic skills, the program also seeks to foster the development of and use of skills in farming, livestock and village improvement. The Pioneer Development Program is already at work in South Kalimantan, with expansion planned for new areas in 1973.

India and Bangladesh

*by George Cornelius and
Rose Nawalkar, Directors*

Someone has said: "Little changes in India, except the population figures." However, World Vision of India had two significant changes last year. One, a second office was opened—in Madras. Two, the "birth" of Bangladesh created a need to greatly expand our relief efforts.

The office change was necessary due to the growing labor difficulties in Calcutta. Relief cargo would be left in port warehouses for months because the officials could not clear it and laborers would be striking. The

situation in Madras is 100 percent better than Calcutta.

Bangladesh presented a unique opportunity to serve needy people in Jesus Christ's name. Many have termed the strife in Bangladesh as one of the greatest tragedies in recorded history. Because the needs were so massive and widespread, World Vision decided to concentrate on one of the most deeply affected border areas and has been aiding the Garo tribespeople since the war ended. Relief work has included food and milk distribution, medical care, village reconstruction, well drilling, and student financial assistance.

The work in Bangladesh is at once unusual and yet typical of the vast needs being met by World Vision in India. India has been on the heart of World Vision since the early days of the organization.

Involvement includes a childcare program that serves nearly 1,500 youngsters in 33 homes and schools. Their basic physical needs are met as well as their psychological and spiritual.

Nine pastors' conferences, as well as two special conferences in Nagaland, have been conducted over the years. Many of the pastors who attend these conferences do not see other evangelical pastors for years at a time. The Bible study and fellowship they enjoy at these meetings are invaluable to them.

Other World Vision-sponsored ministries in India include: three medical works, eight direct evangelism projects, and 30 Mission Project of the Month Club one-time grants.

Those of us who are working with World Vision, and all of those who have been helped so lovingly and graciously, are grateful for this great ministry.



"So many voices call"

by Donald E. Warner, Director, WVRO

*"I cannot sleep, Dear God, I cannot sleep!
I cannot sleep because so many hands keep
Beckoning me. And faces stare, and voices,
Piteous voices call upon the midnight air.
O, how can any Christian sleep!
Dear God, was this the reason why
Thou once didst give Thy Son to live among us
And to die? That we and these might live,
To break the chains of sin, to find the glad
New life within?*

*And God, O can it be that once upon a time like me
Thou couldst not sleep? Because of many hands
Outstretched from all the lands;
Because so many voices call—
Voices and hearts and bodies all?
O, how they call! O, how they call!
Then stab us more awake, dear God,
That from our favored sod,
We, too, may share with Thee
Thy burden for humanity."**

High in the green hills of southern Taiwan, Samuel Yueh answers the call for help from his wife's mountain people. Mr. Yueh had two years' medical training in the Chinese army. When he appealed to Roy Challberg, World Vision Director in Hong Kong, Roy diverted hematinics, vitamins, antacids, and anti-infective medicinals, whose wholesale value was \$3,682, to Yueh's use. With this start, he was able to open a small clinic in an area of great need. Samuel Yueh is one of many people who receives help from the World Vision Relief Organization.

Last year World Vision Relief Organization (WVRO) exported \$969,504 in medical supplies.

Nature and man dealt Bangladesh a double blow last year. Over \$250,000 from World Vision purchased medicines and seed rice. Houses, schools, and tube wells were constructed. A total of \$8,000 was sent to southern Sudan. Health care,

snowmobiles and food distribution for Afghanistan amounted to thousands of dollars.

If you have a difficult time picturing 60,000 fleeing Vietnamese refugees, maybe you know Tempe, Arizona; Alhambra, Modesto, or Vallejo, California; Salem, Oregon; or Bellevue, Washington. Last May Tommy Tin of Saigon supervised production of over 600,000 high-protein noodle food kits for Vietnamese refugees.

Fifteen thousand "Tin Lanh" (the gospel) kerosene stoves were purchased providing for a stove for every three families. Ours was the only relief agency able to assist in Danang in a timely, lifesaving way.

Last year WVRO exported 636,044 pounds of food to five nations.

Donations to the war-isolated thousands in Laos bought 80,000 cans of sardines in Bangkok, which were distributed along with 75,000 noodle food kits.

The World Vision Relief Organization exists as a separately incorporated entity to increase the effectiveness of the governmental route of humanitarian assistance. In a world of pragmatic nations, we are fortunate that the United States Agency for International Development continues to support voluntary agencies. Its contribution to our shipping costs last year was \$120,818. With this assistance, exports totaling \$1,282,566 were sent to Cambodia, Hong Kong, India, Korea, Laos, Philippines, Taiwan, and Vietnam.

Tons of medicines, food and clothing are given without "strings attached," proffered because the need is there to be met. This is responsible sharing of humanity's burdens.



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Sponsorship: A Ministry of Love

by Donald E. Vasey, Director,
Sponsor Dept.

A competent staff of committed Christians is involved in a person-to-person work behind the scenes to maintain the essential records and keep in close touch with childcare sponsors. We receive the contributions and then make them available to take care of indigent youngsters half a world away. We are closely associated with the workers in 22 countries who actually care for the children. There are probably more than two thousand Christian national workers in the 550 homes and schools we subsidize. They help the little ones write to their sponsors, take pictures, prepare special reports on request, and do all they can to bring satisfaction and joy into the hearts of our loyal sponsors.

These brief descriptions of sponsorship and childcare are necessarily

simplified, yet they indicate something of the extent of our unique ministry. Let me share a few specifics. One third of our sponsors are served through one of our other offices in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa or Bermuda. Yet from our California office alone, we produced this volume of clerical work during the last year:

6,000 new sponsors were enrolled,
6,200 sponsors received new children in place of those who left.
48,000 personal gift remembrances were sent to children,
35,000 letters were sent to children from their sponsors,
108,000 children's letters were relayed to their sponsors,
26,000 letters from me were typed and mailed to sponsors.

In looking at statistics of this kind, one may be turned off with "numbers, numbers, numbers." Yet our procedures are designed to keep the whole program on a highly personalized level.


Each sponsor is more than a donor; he is a dear friend and partner who is sharing part of himself. We endeavor to treat him with respect

and render all possible service for him, within the framework of sound business practice.

Likewise, each child is an individual with needs and potential, one whom our Saviour loves supremely. Of course, we minister to him as well as to the sponsor. The letters from both sponsors and children are precious, as are the dollars committed to our hands temporarily, and these sacred trusts are handled carefully and prayerfully.

The huge volume of work must be processed efficiently, yet without losing the awareness that we stand in the middle between the people who love and share, and the children who love in return and receive gratefully.

My colleagues and I feel called of God to do this important work because needy youngsters in developing countries *must* have a chance. They need the basic necessities of life, schooling, and medical attention—and all need a chance to say, "Yes, I accept Jesus as my Saviour."

Meanwhile, I continue to enjoy rich blessings daily, and praise Him for the rich opportunity that is mine to be occupied in one of the most interesting jobs anywhere. 

That Every Man May Hear

by Edward R. Dayton, Director, MARC

There has never been a time in history when men were more open to the gospel. And yet there are more men and women who have never heard the Good News than ever before. Christ's church gives witness to His saving grace in almost every

country of the world. And yet there is so much more to be done.

As the Church grows, and its ministries multiply, there is a constant need for different parts of the Body in different areas of the world to keep in touch with one another.

What is happening in Brazil? Why is the Church there growing so rapidly? What methods of evangelism and nurture are effective? Who is available for a literature ministry in northern Africa? What about the revival in East Africa? How do we develop action strategies for opening up countries? How can we relate the mission task of the Church to our local congregation? What are the latest trends in communication? What can be done so that every man may hear?

The answers to these and other

questions are being explored by the staff of World Vision's MARC (Missions Advanced Research and Communications Center) ministry. This strategic information center was conceived just prior to the 1966 Berlin Congress on World Evangelism.

MARC is a service ministry available to local churches, denominations, independent missions, and individual Christians. The staff of this Center is involved in providing information on the world and Christian activity in that world; in assisting Christian organizations in planning, setting goals, and strategy development; in acting as a communication link between Christian agencies in different parts of the world; and in providing management training to help Christian leaders and workers become more effective.

The people of MARC believe that God has a strategy for making Himself known to the world, and it is part of a Christian's responsibility to try to understand that strategy and become part of it in the way God desires. MARC is concerned that Christian people and organizations become more effective in their service and that they exercise good stewardship of God's resources. Toward that end MARC is committed to helping Christians understand modern methods and systems that are available to them, and to providing leaders with the information they need to make better decisions which affect the use of Christian people, money, and other resources around the world.


Through publications, correspondence, seminars, and conferences, the

MARC ministry of World Vision aims to serve the Body of Christ as it seeks to make the Good News known to all men.

MARC may help you personally in answering questions you may have about need and opportunity.

MARC may help your church understand its own strategy for being involved in the world.

MARC may help you as a Christian leader to develop greater insight into how to reach out to a lost world that every man may hear.

If you would like information on MARC or would like to receive its bimonthly information *Newsletter*, write to: Edward R. Dayton, Director, Missions Advanced Research and Communication Center (MARC), 919 West Huntington Drive, Monrovia, California 91016. 

A Way of Involvement

by Robert J. Biehl, World Vision Associates

At World Vision we are developing programs for an associate staff which allows you to use your gifts and talents to help answer some of the world's problems—without leaving your own community.

World Vision Associates currently has three specific programs which show you how to help and which give you the materials which allow you to work effectively as part of the World Vision team.

International Intercessors focuses on praying, learning better how to pray, and encouraging others to pray. This is one way everyone can impact world problems, one prayer at a time. We need your help here.

Childcare Associates helps you

enroll others as sponsors in the World Vision childcare program. Associates use World Vision aids to communicate a need and enroll those who want to become sponsors, one sponsor at a time. We need your help here.

Area Associates show World Vision films, slide presentations, and sometimes speak, generally coordinating the World Vision activity in a specific area. Area Associates educate people as to the world needs and encourage others to become involved in ways that use their specific talents.

Each of these programs has tools ready to be used. Every community needs those who will help and there are things that only you can do in

your community to make possible an ever-increasing impact on the problems of the world.

Jesus saw masses of people confused and in need. Our response to the world today is as His was in Matthew. We are praying that the Lord of harvest will send forth reapers to do something specific in your community. Perhaps you!

We need you. Let us work together. Write and tell us your concerns, prayer burdens, dreams, and interests in working together.

I want to be a part of the World Vision Associates team. I would like to:

- become an International Intercessor
- become a Childcare Associate
- be contacted about becoming an Area Associate
- find out how I can best help
- Other _____

Name _____

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Time-Savers—Good and Bad

A magazine ad asks you to buy a gadget that will "add hours to your day."

Maybe it will . . . and maybe not.

A society in which "whirl is king" makes a lot of noise about "time-savers."

Better take a second look! Time is not saved by multiplying devices. It is saved by manly discipline.

It's the man, not the mechanics, that will make the difference.

"Dost thou love life?" wrote Sir Walter Scott. "Then do not squander the time, for that's the stuff life's made of."

We are living in the age of disposables. . . throwaways. Throwaway napkins. . . table ware. . . cartons. It makes for more litter, waste, pollution.

Even more serious is the throwaway mentality where *time* is concerned.

The great and achieving toilers of history have been those who were time-misers, not time-wasters.

Two names stand out: Jesus and Paul.

Listen to Jesus: "We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work" (John 9:4).

Listen to Paul: "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:15-16).

"While it is day!" "Night comes!"

Daylight doesn't last forever. Sunshine is no fixture. On come the shadows. "Fast falls the eventide."

Then let's make the most of the day. Let's redeem the time, buying it up as something of priceless worth.

Christ has redeemed *us*; let us redeem the *time*.

There's

A life to be lived in His name. . .

A character to be fashioned after His likeness. . .

A service to be rendered in His strength. . .

A love to be expressed under His mastery. . .

A world to be told the Good News at His command. . .

Even a suffering to be taken on for His sake.

And this is the "day" for it! It is a day that may be far nearer the sunset than we dream.

We dare not be idlers. . . drifters. . . loungers.

The laurels are not for the lazy. The plaudits are not for the passive.

It is the toilers who will hear the tributes. It is the doers for whom the doxologies will sound.

But let's remember—

Not all doing is timely doing. There's a busyness that blights. It is trivial, trifling, tawdry.

It is uncreative, unproductive, unenduring.

Time's business calls for a budget. There's a time to pray and a time to play. The time-thrifty Christian neglects neither, uses both.

He will not focus on the secondary and fumble away the primary.

A sentencing judge tried to shame a guilty young man by reminding him that he was the son of a distinguished lawyer.

"Yes," replied the youth bitterly, "when I went to dad for companionship or advice, he would glance up from the law book he was reading and say, 'Run away, boy. I'm busy.' My father completed his law book, and here I am."

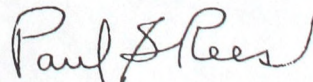
Time for a boy is more important than time for a book.

To seize the time we have is wisdom. To bank on tomorrow is folly.

Said Robert Moffatt, his eyes on the smoke rising from a thousand African villages where Christ's name was not known:

"We shall have all eternity in which to celebrate our victories, but we have only one swift hour before the sunset in which to win them."

Try making a motto out of *that* as you enter the new year!



The Philpotts have three children in Waco, Texas and one in Saigon, South Vietnam

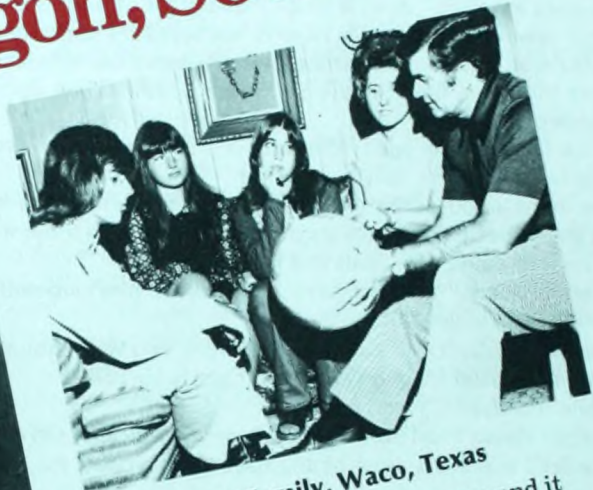


Win Van Ho, Saigon, Vietnam

Win's mother is dead. Win's father sold him as a servant, left Saigon, promising to return in six months. He never came back. Working long hours without pay, and abused by his masters, he ran away and joined Saigon's street boys—pickpockets, vandals and drug peddlers.

But today Win lives in World Vision's Saigon Street Boys' Home, in a climate of Christian love and acceptance. He has food to eat, clean clothes to wear, a warm bed to sleep in, medical care, and a Christian education.

Today more than 37,000 desperate little children are cared for under World Vision's Childcare Plan. Self-sacrificing Christians in the U.S., Canada, Australia and Southern Africa give \$12 a month for each child they sponsor.



The Philpott Family, Waco, Texas

"We have three children of our own and it didn't seem practical to 'adopt' another one in Saigon. But when Gene Ainsworth, a high school friend of ours and now Director of World Vision's Saigon Street Boys' Home, told us about Win Van Ho we couldn't resist making him our very own. Now we feel we're helping to make a difference with our special monthly gift of \$12.00 to help our new 'son' find new life."

Urgent Need: Help with 2,244 needy children now without sponsors

It costs so little, takes so little effort, to save one child's life. And yet thousands wither and die like un-watered flowers, every year. Right now, 2,244 children are being cared for under the World Vision Childcare Plan even though they are without sponsors.

Please help. Please tell us you'll help us care for one needy child. Please fill out the coupon below and mail it... today.

MAIL THIS COUPON

WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL

World Vision International, Box 0, Pasadena, Calif. 91109

- YES, I'll sponsor a needy child at \$12.00 per month. Please send me a photo and history of my child.
- I'd like to sponsor a little boy.
- I'd like to sponsor a little girl.
- I cannot sponsor a child at this time, however, here is my contribution of \$_____ to help support the work of World Vision Childcare.
- Please send me more information about sponsorship.

Name _____

Address _____

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