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caught
in the
crossfire*





Three boys in Lebanon ponder an uncertain future. This issue of the magazine focuses on children who are innocent victims of war.

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Unfair!

If dolls could talk, what stories some might tell! But not all their stories would be soothing bedtime tales.

A Salvadoran doll might tell of being clutched in its small owner's arm when the surviving members of a terror-stricken family fled their burning home at night. And then of being hugged through many a miserable night of damp semi-shelter in a makeshift tent from which still is heard the sound of gunfire and screams.

A doll from Lebanon might tell an equally horrendous story. So might one from Kampuchea, Sudan or any of a score of other war-cursed nations.

How many thousands of innocent children are caught in the crossfires of war this Christmastime because so many of this world's rulers and would-be rulers are so far out of step with Bethlehem's Prince of Peace?

It's outrageously unfair!

David Olson

As soon as you've read this magazine, please pass it on to someone else to read. Thank you!



Children caught in the crossfire

Children and war. The two words go together like life and death. Like promise and despair.

Children bring hope. War brings fright. Children bring life, laughter, excitement, warmth, curiosity, love. War brings death, pain,



Two among hundreds of Palestinian children orphaned in Lebanon, this girl and her brother also represent thousands worldwide made parentless and homeless by the bombs and bullets in their countries.

In a refugee camp this Kampuchean girl finds welcome protection. Work assignments, too, bring therapeutic though only temporary relief from anxiety.



No crib for a bed, this Salvadoran baby shares a hammock with his sister in the Colomoncagua refugee program.

Nights on a rickety South China Sea escape boat gave this Vietnamese boy nightmares, not only during the harrowing journey but long afterwards.



anxiety, separation, hate.

No, children and war do not belong together. War makers don't consult children; they trample them. Children don't make war; they suffer.

How does one prepare a child to experience the horrors of war? Can a three-year-old in Central America see why the wealthy make slaves—and eventually enemies—of the poor? Can a five-year-old in Asia, Europe or Africa understand a revolution that pits brother against brother?

And when the fighting finally is "over," what then? Crippled bodies. Burned-out homes. Squalid refugee camps. The bewildering loss of a loving parent . . . or of both parents . . . or, for some, of their entire family.

The cries of children caught in war's crossfire come from every continent. Can you hear the little ones' beseechings? Can you hear their voices in the quiet of the night? Do they bring to mind the meaning of "*Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight*"?

This month, World Vision is releasing a new one-hour

In Thailand a sick child sleeps exhausted on a refugee camp blanket.



television special, "Children Caught in the Crossfire." Hosted by Gary Collins and his wife, actress Mary Ann Mobley, the program will be airing in many cities of the United States during the next few months. Check your local TV listing for date, time and station. Please see it—and urge your friends and neighbors to see it too. □



Kampuchean eyes express appreciation and continuing need.

Teree, for example

Photography for the TV special "Children Caught in the Crossfire" includes scenes from Kampuchea. Bill Kliewer, accompanying the film crew to that violence-ravaged country, spent touching moments with orphanage children who are aided by supporters of World Vision.

In this photo taken on that occasion, Bill is making friends with Teree, a little girl who had fled from Phnom Penh with two of her sisters after her father was murdered and her mother disappeared. Teree's two brothers and another sister also were killed during the three and a half years of national terror under the Pol Pot regime.

Children in Kampuchea still draw pictures of massacres they remember all too vividly. Bill saw one child draw his mother being beaten up by soldiers. Another drew a baby being thrown against a tree. Another showed a soldier holding a child by the ankles while beating it.



Teree. Her father, two brothers and one sister were killed. Her mother disappeared. She and two other sisters now receive shelter and care in an orphanage, thanks to World Vision supporters.



Bill Kliewer spends a moment with Teree and another young resident of her orphanage.

Where there's kick there's life

by **Tim Bascom**

Herded by their mothers, the Sudanese children cowered as they filed toward me like sheep to the slaughter. They had not counted on this—a hot metal weapon that, when fired into a trembling shoulder, sent each child howling to the nearby village.

As each one reached the front of the line under the sun-blasted acacia where I waited, he or she tried in an outright frenzy to avoid me. Eventually, though, I caught them in my arms and brought the injection gun to bear. Then all the struggling culminated in a piercing scream of indignation.

In between these miniature battles I tried to remember that each child felt violated by the injection. None knew what an immunization program is. And how could any of them be expected to understand that the sharp jabs of medicine were for their own good? They knew only the reality of an impersonal white touch on their dusky skin, the shocking coolness of evaporating alcohol, and the sudden metallic click that felt like a thorn driven needlessly into their skin.

They needed explanations. But there were too many of them, and so few offered up the arm. So I simply had to grab for it and wrestle to bare the shoulder before sending the shot home. And, of course, the discharge of the gun always led to a barrage of

Tim Bascom, a Kansas University student, wrote this personal account after assisting his father (a medical doctor) in a primary health care program of Sudan Interior Mission in a famine-struck province of southern Sudan.

kicks, many of which caught me unprepared.

I grew impatient looking at the long line of boys and girls, all of whom leaned far away from me and back against their mothers' legs. I continued, in automatic manner, to reach for each tight wrist, but in time I became convinced that I could take little more of the childish hate, the screams, the always-struggling bodies.

Then a wrist came that was *not* tight.

I soon understood why. The child was starving. He lay in his mother's arms, listless and gaunt-faced.

I searched for the muscle on his shoulder. It wasn't there. Just thin, dry skin. Not knowing what else to do, I pinched some of this loose flabbiness and pulled the trigger. Only then did the child lift his head from his mother's arms. It was a big, bony head that looked ludicrous propped above such a wasted body.

Looking into my eyes, the boy opened his mouth to cry. But no sound came. He was too weak to do even that.

It was then that I realized he was going to die, and that stunned me.

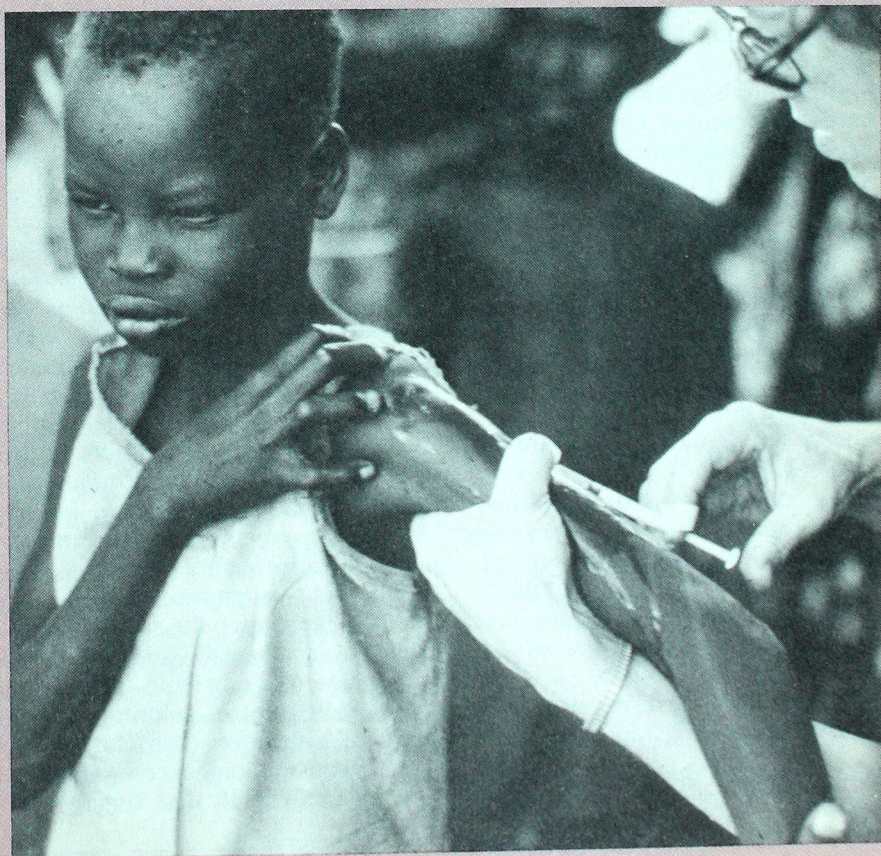
I hardly noticed when more people pressed forward and his mother was forced to move away, heavy on her feet. As she shuffled off into the glaring sun-lit field, white-brown dust rising from her feet, I stood back under the tree, lost in thought about the bundle at her breast.

Before I knew it, though, the next boy in line kicked me, and I had to focus my attention on his busy young body. Then the significance of that defiant gesture struck me. I knew it

Tim kept them kicking.

really didn't matter if he broke my leg. As long as he kept moving, fighting, screaming and resisting, life was still strong in him.

After seeing the previous child, I knew what was important: not my state of mind, not my general fatigue, but that life was still strong in this one. I knew, perhaps for the first time, what I was there for. That's what mattered. □



Children of the streets

Poverty and war are all too often unpleasant realities in the lives of those living in developing countries worldwide. This is no exception for the people of Guatemala. But perhaps the most tragic results can be seen in the lives and on the faces of the children.

Born into severe poverty, many Guatemalan children are abandoned to fend for themselves at very early ages. Yet not all who are left on the streets are unloved by their families. While some parents love their children dearly, they simply cannot afford to feed and clothe them. In desperation, such parents send their children to the city streets and pray they will survive.

Still other boys and girls are the innocent victims of war. Many have been orphaned as they stood watching their parents and other family members brutally murdered. With no one to turn to for help, they too have become children of the streets.

Now there is hope for the future of these children. Covenant House, based in New York City as a ministry for runaway American youths, also operates a home for young boys once living on the streets of Antigua, Guatemala.

Began in July of 1981, the Guatemala program currently houses close to 110 boys ranging in age from six to fifteen years. By the end of the year that number is expected to reach 120. Most are orphans, runaways or abandoned.

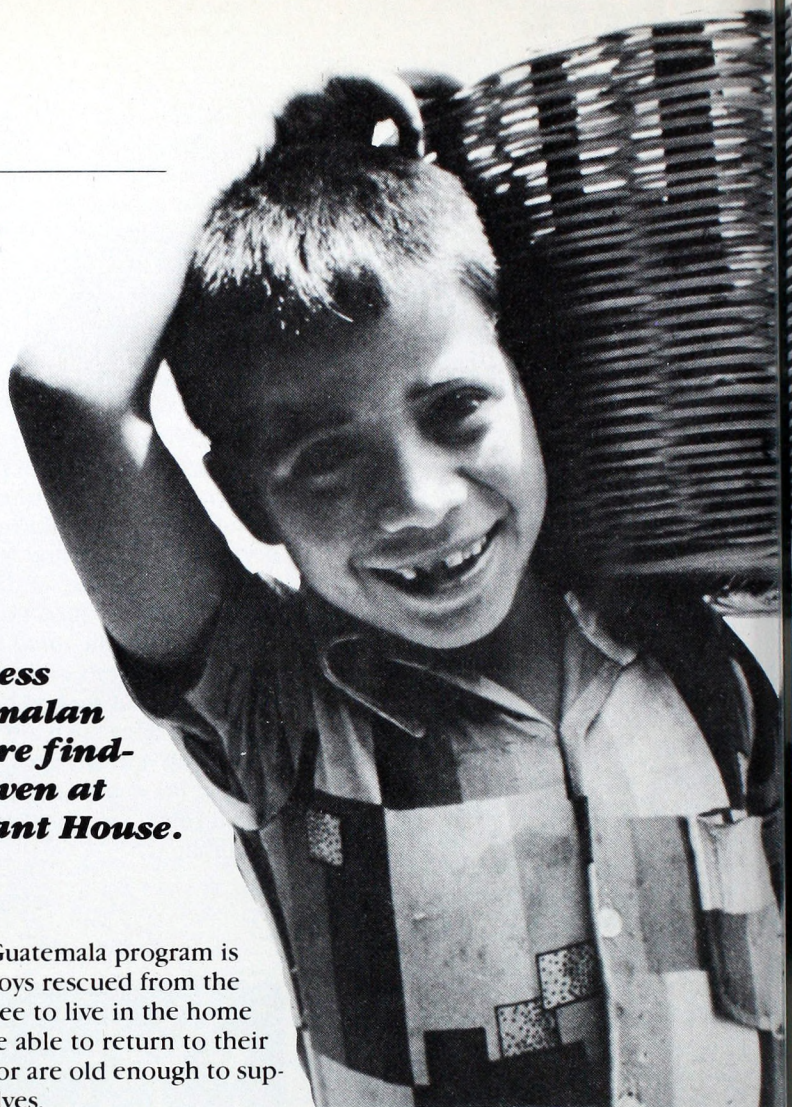
Unlike the short-term crisis care offered in the New York Covenant

Homeless Guatemalan boys are find- ing haven at Covenant House.

House, the Guatemala program is long-term. Boys rescued from the streets are free to live in the home until they are able to return to their own homes or are old enough to support themselves.

The basic need for most of the children first entering the home is medical attention. Bad water and malnutrition are a part of street life, and many suffer a variety of physical problems as a result. Medical care is provided by a physician who spends two days a week treating the boys at the home. On the same two-day-a-week schedule a dentist looks after their dental needs. In addition, a full-time nurse is on staff for around-the-clock medical care.

With the exception of one American, the entire staff of over 60 workers is Guatemalan. Besides medical personnel, the staff includes childcare and social workers, cooks and maintenance persons. Social workers help those children who have been abandoned or who have run away from home to reestablish and maintain family ties. This is





accomplished in part through a family visitation program. In Guatemala the family is generally a close-knit unit, and maintaining these ties helps strengthen the entire community. Many families with children living on the streets are very grateful for the help they receive at Covenant House and are willing to support them through the visitation program.

An on-site school enables the boys to develop their skills in reading and writing—an important key to future employment and the development of self-reliance. A pre-vocational program offers training in such areas as agriculture and carpentry, and includes visiting speakers from a variety of different occupations.

Plans for expansion are also in process. While able to accommodate only boys in their present facility, Covenant House staff members are exploring the options for opening a home for girls as well. Girls have traditionally remained at home in difficult family situations, but they are often expected to help raise the younger brothers and sisters. The result: a lack of education. This leaves them unable to support themselves. More and more young girls are also being left alone on the streets just as the boys are. Coupled with those left homeless by the war, the number of girls needing help is steadily increasing. A facility for girls is desperately needed.

To the many Guatemalan children living on the streets of Antigua, Covenant House is a house of hope. It means an end to their hunger, fear and loneliness; it means a beginning of hope because someone, in the name of Christ, cares enough to feed, clothe, educate and love them. □ *Konny M. Thompson*



Kid stuff?

Little verses

*short and sweet are
difficult to write.*

But Mighty-God

*with little feet
is Jesus,
in plain sight.*

John Hoagland



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Healing a hostile heart

by Enilda Barros de Sa

When ten-year-old Israel was first brought to the Baptist Memorial Child Development Center by his mother, staff members immediately noticed evidence of the little boy's inner turmoil. His dark, penetrating eyes flashed with hostility toward his mother, who seemed to view him with indifference; he was simply one of the many problems with which she had to contend.

Their mutual animosity was well-known to the pair's neighbors in Brazil's coastal city of Aracaju. Israel's mother had rejected him since his birth and had thrown him out of the family home more times than he could count. The first several times that happened, he slept in the street until the police found him and took him to the local "juvenile hall." There he found support, and as he grew older, he began running to the hall whenever he faced problems at home. Soon, he fell into the habit of venting his rage by pelting his mother with stones and then taking refuge at the hall.

When the people who run the Baptist Memorial Child Development Center learned of the little boy's deep hunger for love and praise, they immediately enrolled him in their

daily program. World Vision of Brazil, their partner agency, located a sponsor willing to help pay for Israel's participation. The Baptist Memorial Center became the first institution that Israel had ever attended regularly, even though he was ten years old. Like 60 percent of the primary-age children in Aracaju, he had never gone to school.

At first, his behavior frequently disrupted the other children's activities. But because the staff members believed God could help Israel to change, they determinedly showered him with patience, love and understanding. And to help build his self-esteem, they made him responsible for sweeping, dusting

and other little jobs around the center, for which he was paid.

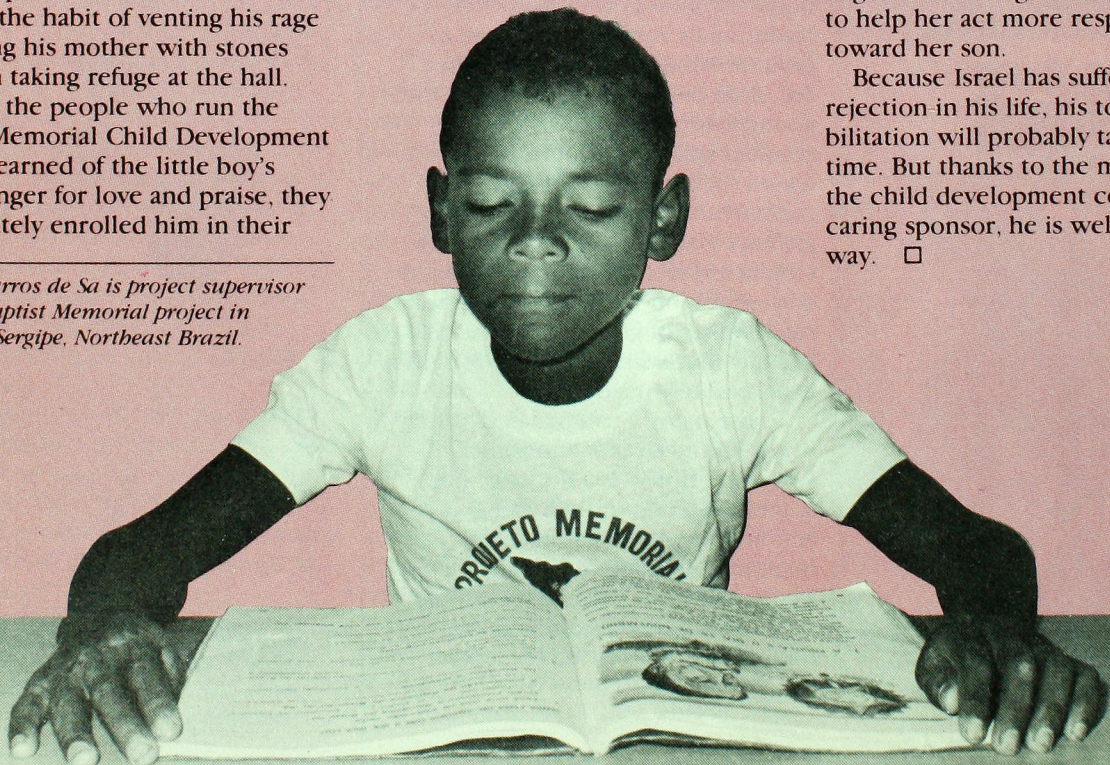
Gradually their faith and efforts were rewarded. Israel's behavior improved as he took part in the center's half-day program of supervised recreation, nutritious snacks and Bible stories. He grew more responsive, especially during the Bible story times, and one day decided to give his heart to Jesus.

Now, one of Israel's most prized possessions is the Bible he received from the center's staff. While he doesn't yet know how to read, he will soon. Thanks to the preparation he has received at the center, Israel at last has begun attending school. He spends half of each day in the classroom and the other half at the center. The center staff members help him with his homework and continue to give him the affirmation he needs. Staff members also have begun counseling his mother to try to help her act more responsibly toward her son.

Because Israel has suffered much rejection in his life, his total rehabilitation will probably take a long time. But thanks to the ministry of the child development center and a caring sponsor, he is well on his way. □

***Thrown to the streets,
he was rescued by love.***

Enilda Barros de Sa is project supervisor for the Baptist Memorial project in Aracaju, Sergipe, Northeast Brazil.





Who sees the star?

John Erskine has a little poem in which he imagines a bit of conversation between the journeying "wise men":

*As they came from the East
Following a star,*

One said:

*The sun burns,
The moon changes,
Stars are faithful.*

One said:

*They shine in all tongues,
Every heart knows them,
By starlight there are no borders.*

One said:

*The world widens
By starlight,
The mind reaches;
Stars beget journeys.*

Stars are faithful.

They are indeed. For generations uncounted, the North Star has been the sea captain's friend—a point of reference to count on.

The Christmas star is like that. Not the stellar torch that led the Magi, but the One to whom it led. Elsewhere in Scripture He is called the "Bright and Morning Star." It is said of Him that He is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Other lights of history go out like guttering candles; this one—the Light of the World—shines ever more radiantly.

On a frosty Christmas Eve no one sends carols aloft to celebrate the mean career of that red-handed Herod who ordered the slaughter of innocents in Bethlehem. But round the world, with seasonal appropriateness, can be heard the strains of

*Sweet little Jesus boy,
Born in a manger,*

and the more vigorous

*Joy to the world,
The Lord is come.*

Weigh it all up in any sensible scale you wish. The result is clear: the saving love and guiding truth brought to us by the Lord Christ is our permanent heritage, our priceless possession.

By starlight there are no borders.

Stars dispense their glittering beauty with a non-discriminating lavishness. They never ask, "Where's your passport?" or "What's your skin color?" or "Do you live in a ghetto or on millionaire's row?" or "Are you a feminist or a chauvinist?"

Thomas Lambie was a medical missionary to Ethiopia. A law was passed which had the effect, in his case, of requiring him to give up his American citizenship in order to continue his ministry to the Ethiopians. He did it. Later, when Mussolini seized Ethiopia, Dr. Lambie had to leave anyhow. He left three small churches and about 250 Christians. Six years later the three had become 155 and the 250 had grown to 15,000.

Thomas Lambie (whose American citizenship was restored to him by an act of the U.S. Congress) had seen the Star, and thereafter no boundaries, borders or barriers could stop him in his spreading of the light that shines from the face of Jesus Christ.

Stars beget journeys.

They kindle dreams. They generate urges. They spark adventures. They win responses. The Magi responded—and made Bethlehem their destination. Luther responded—and went out to nail his Protestant convictions to the Wittenberg door. John Wesley responded—and traveled tirelessly from one end of Britain to the other. George Whitefield responded—and sailed the wide Atlantic to tell the New World, "Ye must be born again." William Carey responded—and journeyed to India where he demonstrated how God can turn a shoe cobbler into a linguist, a publisher and a missionary leader.

Still shines the Star—with all its fidelity, universality and creativity!

El Salvador, with your entrenched profiteers and your rising poor . . . Afghanistan, with your borders violated and your independence gone . . . Poland, with your workers hobbled and your freedoms shrunk . . . Lebanon, with your rubble and ruin in the streets and episodes of incredible butchery in your camps—God give you the strength to look up and pray:

*O Star of wonder, Star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.*

Paul S. Rees

Paul S. Rees

'Twin **WUNT** sisters **219212** meet **199M**

by *George Marbad*

Excitement reigns when you're about to meet your sponsored child face to face. Especially if you're 13 years old. And especially if your sponsored child is also 13 and you've been writing each other five or six times a year for five years.

I watched as Susan Johnson of Santa Cruz, California, waited to meet her friend and sponsored child, Sau Yuk, whom she had seen only by picture. Susan had been in Taipei, Taiwan, for only 24 hours, having arrived non-stop from Los Angeles with 43 other

people on a World Vision Sponsors Tour.

The sponsors had all just off-loaded from a large, air-conditioned tour bus in a residential section of Taipei. They walked down a narrow alleyway filled with two-story home dwellings. One four-story building bore the words "World Vision" in Chinese and English.

The sponsors passed through a seven-foot-high concrete archway which rose above a six-foot cement

wall surrounding the front of the building and many of the dwellings. Susan was carrying a shopping bag filled with gifts for her friend.

She trembled as she and her mother entered the building. Many thoughts raced through Susan's mind: *Will Sau Yuk accept me? Will she be shy and afraid, too? Will I do the wrong thing and embarrass her? Will she like the gifts I've brought her?* (Ten packs of Lifesavers, a pack of gum, a barrette and ribbon like the one Susan wore, wind-up toys for the four other children in Sau Yuk's family, and a special surprise back at the hotel.) *Will I even recognize her when we reach the World Vision office?*

Susan and her mother were midway among the 43 sponsors climbing the stairs single-file to the World Vision office on the fourth floor. The temperature was a humid 90 degrees, made worse by heavy afternoon cloudiness. Every half flight of winding stairway was anticipated eagerly, for a slight breeze wafted through open windows between floors.

At the end of the climb, Susan's mother, Melva, tried to help ease some of the uncertainty she knew her daughter was feeling by quickly scanning the faces of Taiwanese people in the large World Vision office. Then it happened in a flash! They reached the doorway, and



*Trying on the headband from Sau Yuk. Susan's mother Melva shares the joy felt by her "twin" daughters. Sponsoring children with World Vision is not new to Susan's family. They began sponsoring a Korean orphan in 1952. And in the early 1960s, after reading the book *Let My Heart Be Broken* (about World Vision founder Bob Pierce), they began sponsoring another child in Hong Kong. Over the years they have sponsored five children—as many as there are in Susan's natural family. But this is their first actual meeting with a sponsored child.*

George Marbad is special assistant to World Vision's president.



Like her "twin" sister Susan, Sau Yuk comes from a family with five children. Their home is in a small village in the hills of Taiwan.

Melva said, "I think the girl in the yellow dress across the room is Sau Yuk." The girl turned and spotted Susan. Instantly the two girls pushed through the crowd and embraced; all the fear and uncertainty passed immediately.

Sau Yuk reached into her dress pocket and gave Susan a brightly colored headband. It was nearly three feet long, with soft maroon cloth on one side and hundreds of colored beads on the other. Sau Yuk, who spoke very little English, raised

the cloth to Susan's forehead and showed her how it was to be tied behind her head. Susan was told through an interpreter that the headband, made for her by Sau Yuk's mother, was unique to the Paiwan tribe, from which Sau Yuk came.

The hour and a half scheduled for sponsors and their youngsters to meet was too short a time for the two girls, so Sau Yuk returned to the hotel room in which Susan and her mother were staying—where Susan's surprise gift awaited Sau Yuk.

In the course of their letter-writing over the years, the girls had mentioned to each other their clothing sizes. It happened that both Susan and Sau Yuk wore the same size clothes. At the hotel room, Susan


presented Sau Yuk with a skirt and blouse identical to the outfit Susan was wearing. Her mother had made the matching clothes so each could be reminded of the other as they wore the outfits in the future.

Special arrangements were made for Sau Yuk to join Susan and the other sponsors at a restaurant that evening. A Taiwanese World Vision social worker accompanied them as an interpreter. The two girls were obviously grateful for every moment of extra time they could spend together, further cementing the bonds of their friendship.

Though home now, each is still able to touch the other's life through prayers, letters and little gifts tucked into envelopes. And if they're wearing a certain skirt and blouse today, they are probably wondering how the other is doing, and recalling the wonderful time they had together. □

What a time they had together!

More than 390,000 children who have no parents or whose parents cannot adequately provide for them get help from sponsors living in World Vision's support countries. However, many more children need sponsors. Eighteen dollars a month provides for a child's basic needs. To become such a sponsor, please use the attached envelope.



Even Christians shake their heads in amazement at the sacrifice missionary Philip Lee* is about to make.

Born in Vietnam of Chinese parents during the late 1950s, Philip came into a world filled with war and death. Still, his family rejoiced at the birth of a son. And when, as a teenager, Philip escaped from Vietnam in 1975, his family rejoiced that they had a son in the outside world.

Philip made his way to Hong Kong and later to North America, where he enrolled in college. As he worked toward a degree in economics, he became increasingly aware of an emptiness worse than his separation from family and homeland.

Then a friend told Philip about Jesus Christ. Drawn by Christ's love for him, Philip invited the Savior into his life. And his love for the Lord grew so rapidly that upon graduation he went to a Canadian theological college to train for a lifetime of service to God.

Today, Philip's love for Christ has

**fictitious name, but a real person*

led him to make a sacrifice that few people would consider for a moment. Philip has decided to set aside economic success, ignore his fears and return to troubled Southeast Asia as a missionary. This time Philip plans to live in Thailand, where less than two percent of the people know Christ. There he hopes to reach some of that country's four million Chinese residents—as well as the Thais—with the gospel.

I wish I could say I am confident he will win many Chinese and Thai people to Christ. But chances are

C*ultural characteristics complicate but can't prevent the evangelizing of a billion Chinese.*

he'll see only limited success in his evangelism.

To this point, no research has shown why the missionary movement to the Chinese has not been more successful. That it needs help is clear. Despite nearly two centuries of effort by dedicated missionaries, only two percent of the 45 million Chinese outside of China today are Christians.

In 1976 a group of respected Chinese Christians met in Hong Kong because they were deeply troubled over this very problem. The founding of the Hong Kong-based Chinese Coordination Center of World Evangelism (CCCOWE) was the result.

Incredible as it may seem, no one before then had documented how far Chinese Christians had spread throughout the world. One of CCCOWE's first tasks was to conduct a global search for Chinese congregations. Over the past six years, 4800 Chinese churches have been located and grouped into 38 "districts." And for the first time in Chinese church history, a communication network



between all these district churches has been established.

One major reason for the lack of growth has consistently surfaced—the Chinese culture itself. No one, not even Chinese Christians, has ever systematically examined the centuries-old ways of thinking that have kept millions of Chinese from understanding—and thousands of Chinese Christians from being motivated to spread—the gospel.

A new Chinese Studies and Evangelism program, designed to help overcome some of the cultural blocks, is now being sponsored by

Claiming the Chinese for Christ

by Thomas Wang



the China Graduate School of Theology in Hong Kong and Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. CCCOWE is participating in the program by doing the research that people like Philip Lee so desperately need.

The program, headed by a professor from the China Graduate School of Theology, involves many of Fuller's anthropologists, missiologists, theologians and other experts. CCCOWE is selecting candidates from all 38 worldwide districts. Candidates will spend two to three years at Fuller analyzing their own region's culture and formulating evangelism strate-

Thomas Wang, founder of the Chinese Christian Mission, a North America-based organization, is CCCOWE's general secretary. He was born in Peking, China, in 1925, the fourth child of a third-generation Christian family. He and his family moved to Taiwan in 1949. Mr. Wang has pastored a church in Taiwan, been an evangelist in Europe, and served as director of the Chinese Christian Mission. He is also a member of the board of directors of World Vision International and a member of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization.

Chinese Christians are becoming more outspoken in their witness for Christ.

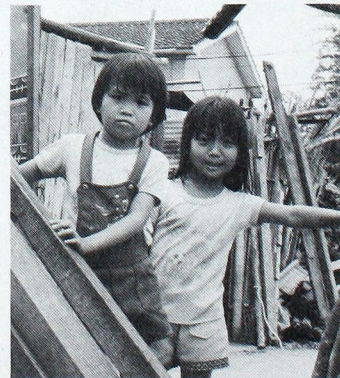
gies to reach those people for Christ. Their ultimate objective is to train Christians in their native lands to evangelize more effectively. The professors will help students develop a training package to communicate in lay terms what they discover.

This vitally needed research program is one of many ways CCCOWE is revolutionizing Chinese churches and evangelism today. Although a young organization, CCCOWE already has identified and begun to combat many of the most formidable cultural obstacles to evangelism by Chinese churches. These obstacles, and CCCOWE's response to them, include:



- *The Chinese provincial outlook.* In Chinese culture, the family or clan has always been the most important unit, with little attention paid to those outside the group. Unfortunately, this family-centered attitude carried over into the Chinese church; congregations had little contact with or cooperation from other groups of Chinese believers. Now, CCCOWE sponsors several unity-promoting regional district evangelism and training seminars each year.

- *The Chinese tendency toward passivity.* Chinese churches usually lack aggressive programs to win people to Christ. But thanks to the impact and encouragement of the CCCOWE movement, many churches in the 38 districts have developed their own ten-year growth plans—





growth in terms of winning converts, establishing new churches and training full-time workers.

• *The Chinese church's lack of well-trained leaders.* Because of the deep respect the Chinese have for age and experience, it is difficult for young seminary graduates to become accepted as church leaders. CCCOWE is inspiring the church's older lay leaders to take an early retirement and go for seminary training.

• *The Chinese people's practicality.* The Chinese people need to see an idea proven before they will apply it to their own situation. Through its publications and seminars, CCCOWE is making available to churches information about successful outreach programs in other Chinese churches.

CCCOWE's unprecedented programs in evangelism have caused a

Coordination efforts may help churches everywhere reach the world's Chinese for Christ.

wave of excitement to sweep over the Chinese church. Chinese Christians everywhere are sensing that CCCOWE may be on the verge of sparking the most fruitful era in the history of Chinese evangelism. □

Because CCCOWE depends solely on individuals and churches for support, help is urgently needed for its work to continue. Here are some ways individuals and churches can become involved:

- *Pray for CCCOWE*
- *Contribute financially. (Tax-deductible donations may be sent to CCCOWE in care of its U.S. board at P.O. Box 3363, Torrance, CA 95010).*
- *Share the vision and mission of CCCOWE with Christian friends in your church or fellowship. (CCCOWE's U.S. board has audiovisual presentations available for this purpose.)*
- *Buy or subscribe to CCCOWE publications such as the magazine Chinese Church Today (available in Chinese or English).*

Have you made room for Jesus?

For centuries, the "no vacancy" sign which once hung at the inn in Bethlehem has symbolized a worse tragedy: that Jesus Christ "came unto his own and his own received him not."

Yet, as the Gospel of John points out, many *did* receive Him as Lord and Savior, and to them He gave the power to become children of God.

It's the same today. While many still say to Jesus, "Sorry, no vacancy," others receive Him gladly and in doing so are made more and more glad.

Have *you* received the Lord Jesus Christ in glad faith and submission? Or will you go through the motions of Christmas once more this year without the relationship that matters most now and forever?

That wonderful relationship will begin to be yours on the day you sincerely ask Him to step into your life as your Savior from sin and your forever Lord.

If you feel that you lack understanding or assurance about this vital matter, here's a pertinent suggestion: Read and reread, today, the first two chapters of Luke. Consider what really happened in Bethlehem. Then open yourself to the entire Gospel of Luke and, above all, to the One whom that God-given book presents with clarity and power.

Trust that One. Give Him the central place in your life and in your home. Seek fellowship with others who know Him. And introduce Him to yet others.

You'll be glad. So will He.

For a copy of a helpful booklet called "Becoming a Christian," simply write the editor of WORLD VISION magazine at 919 West Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016. It's free for the asking.

Samaritan sampler

Joni and Friends (JAF), dedicated to ministering to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the disabled community, offers resources to help churches better meet the needs of the disabled. Included are a Handicap Awareness Sunday package, adult Sunday school materials, a respite care training program packet, and materials for a JAF seminar. For information contact JAF, P.O. Box 3225, Woodland Hills, CA 91365.

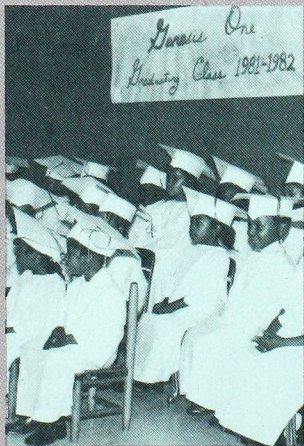
Short-term housing soon will be available for homeless families in Columbus, Ohio. As a result of a campaign begun by Catholic Bishop Edward Herrmann and several community leaders, a number of homes are being renovated in an effort to relieve some of the city's housing shortage.

Ministers and missionaries can save 50 percent on some air-travel prices through the Airlines Clergy Bureau. An annual donation of \$35 entitles qualified clergy to the discount on a stand-by basis with several major airlines worldwide. For more information write Airlines Clergy Bureau, 3411 First Ave., Sacramento, CA 95817.

Bread for the World (BFW), a citizens' lobby against world hunger, has moved its headquarters from New York City to Washington, DC. The move expedites lobbying efforts, research

and nationwide organizing. BFW has a membership of 42,000, with a staff of 40 in Washington. The current address—until purchase of permanent facilities—is 6411 Chillum Place NW, Washington, DC 20012.

The physical and spiritual needs of some 8000 poverty-ridden rural Mississippians are being met in the name of Christ by Mendenhall Ministries. Begun by Rev. John Perkins of Voice of Calvary, Mendenhall Ministries is offering help and hope through a community law office, a health center, a thrift store, kindergarten and adult education, recreation programs and leadership development programs. For information write Box 368, Mendenhall, MS 39114.



The 1982 graduating class of Mendenhall Ministry's primary school.

Logoi Inc. provides pastors in Latin America with seminary training through year-long study programs. Pastors are guided through a seminary program which includes courses in Bible, theology, sermon preparation, counseling and church administration. More than 3000 pastors representing 28 denominations are now enrolled.

Yokefellowship needs volunteers for its prison ministry. Yokefellowship seeks to be an arm of the church to offenders in prison and to ex-offenders outside, and to train church leaders for effective ministry to the incarcerated. For more information write Yokefellowship, 1200 Almond St., Williamsport, PA 17701.

Grassroot volunteers are the subject of an informative and inspirational filmstrip, "Because of Love." The 22-minute audiovisual illustrates how volunteers have been the backbone of Mennonite ministries for over 60 years. Programs covered include relief sales, material aid centers, self-help crafts and thrift shops and disaster service. Rental free from MCC, 1108 G Street, Reedley, CA 93654.

Over 175 inmates in Thai prisons have come to know the Savior through the efforts of Southern Baptist prison ministries. Monthly Bible classes are offered in two men's and one women's prison in Bangkok. Bible correspondence courses, Bibles, Christian books and

tracts are all available for interested prisoners in institutions located in several Thai cities.

Hunger Watch, a new Bread for the World program, helps churches and other concerned groups evaluate hunger needs in their own communities. The program provides materials which tell how to establish feeding projects at the local level. For more information write Bread for the World, 6411 Chillum Place, NW, Washington, DC 20012.

The Nurses Christian Fellowship (NCF) helps nurses minister to people as whole persons—spiritually, psycho-socially and physically. NCF's campus ministry works with nursing students, while its professional ministry assists graduate nurses. Bible studies, fellowship groups, conferences, seminars and literature are a part of the fellowship. For more information write NCF, 233 Langdon St., Madison, WI 53703.

Hungry Appalachian Mountain residents in Kentucky are finding help through the Letcher County Food Pantry. The Mennonite Central Committee, working with volunteers from Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church and other local congregations, helped organize the pantry.

Missionary to stone-age people to receive Pierce award for Christian service



An injured Niksek receives medical care from Fritz and Sieglinde Urschitz.

A pioneer missionary to Papua New Guinea for the past 19 years will receive the third annual Robert W. Pierce Award for Christian Service given by World Vision International.

Mr. Fritz Urschitz was chosen for his work among the Niksek people, a stone-age tribe living in Papua New Guinea's April River swamps.

"The self-sacrificing, evangelistic spirit that propelled Mr. Urschitz to reach out to a remote, little-known people deserves great recognition," noted Dr. Ted W. Engstrom, the organization's president. Engstrom added that the missionary was chosen from many nominees to receive the \$7500 award to be presented in a ceremony this winter.

Urschitz first heard of the Niksek people in 1970 through the Papua New Guinea government. Then in 1973 a government patrol pushed past known frontiers in a census-taking effort and found there were

approximately 500 of them. That was the first time any outsider had ever seen their wild and rugged land except from the air; even the battles of World War II that raged over New Guinea had never penetrated their homeland.

A missionary with the Liebenzell Mission from Germany, Urschitz had already pioneered in two other areas. His mission agreed to lend him to the South Sea Evangelical Mission so that he could respond to the new challenge. In 1975 he established a base in Ambunti, a settlement along the nearby Sepik River. His prayers for an opening to the untouched Niksek were answered in 1976 when he met Nasam, a man from the April River district. Nasam could speak Neo-Melanesian (pidgin English), and when he discovered that Urschitz was a missionary, he urged the 14-year veteran to open a work in his area.

Urschitz, Nasam and two national evangelists set out by boat up the Sepik River, which carried them to the April River. Cannibalism, sorcery and an "eye for an eye" law of revenge were the only ways of life that the

people in this district had ever known. But, recalls Urschitz, "Their reception of us was very good indeed. It seemed they couldn't get enough of God's Word. I talked to them through interpreters about God and His creation, and though we were tired, they wanted us to keep talking. They understood; they kept Daniel and Gavis, the nationals, answering their questions until 2 a.m. I trembled with excitement and could scarcely sleep the rest of that night."

The people were so eager for more teaching that they wanted their own resident missionary; they also wanted contact with the rest of the world. They wanted both so much that they started, with the help and direction of Urschitz, carving an airstrip out of virgin jungle with nothing more than bush knives and axes.

Thanks to Urschitz's commitment to the Niksek people, significant changes have come out of that small beginning. Today the April River district has a church of 200 baptized believers, a medical clinic, an airstrip, two missionaries, five national pastors, and a school with literacy classes for five different groups of children and adults. Malnutrition has been greatly reduced through instruction in agriculture and the introduction of cattle, pigs, ducks and chickens into the community.

The Robert W. Pierce Award for Christian Service is given annually to a person who has distinguished himself or herself in the ministry to the total needs of people—mind, body and spirit. It is given in honor of the late Bob Pierce, founder of World Vision International and a noted evangelist in the 1950s and 1960s. □



Once a World Vision-sponsored child, Rasami Pichatekulbodee now ministers in the slums of Bangkok, Thailand.

Success story

Rasami Pichatekulbodee, age 23, is project manager for World Vision's "Toward New Life" program in Bangkok, Thailand. Nine years ago he was a World Vision-sponsored child. As the son of a traveling minister in northeast Thailand, Rasami would not have been able to attend school without World Vision's help. Now a graduate of the university of Thailand with a degree in psychology, he works with 203 children and their families in the slums of Bangkok. The project helps the community through schooling assistance, healthcare, sanitation education and spiritual nurture. Rasami works to give the children of Bangkok's slums the same opportunity he was once given.

Guatemala flood relief

World Vision will assist some 400 families, victims of Guatemalan floods, with a new \$15,000 emergency relief project. Rains which hit El Salvador and Guatemala recently have caused extensive flooding, with some 20 rivers reported to have overflowed their banks.

Preliminary reports indicate more than 50 persons dead, 500 missing and thousands displaced. Many communities have been left without water.

This project will assist 400 families by providing food (corn, beans, sugar), clothing, blankets, mattresses, tools (shovels, hoes, utensils, housing materials) and a small quantity of pharmaceuticals. Some \$9000 of the project budget will be used by Central American churches to implement the project in the village of Araisapo. The remaining \$6000 will be used by the Assemblies of God Church in Santa Maria Xalapan.

Saving homes in Colombia

A mountain of mud is threatening the needy people of Barrio Meisel in Barranquilla, Colombia. Due to heavy rains the ground has been sliding, threatening some 50 families. Already 20 houses have been destroyed. Working with the Presbyterian church and the local committee for social action, World Vision is helping construct a 50-meter wall to contain the sliding earth and prevent further damage.

Gospel in music for Pakistanis

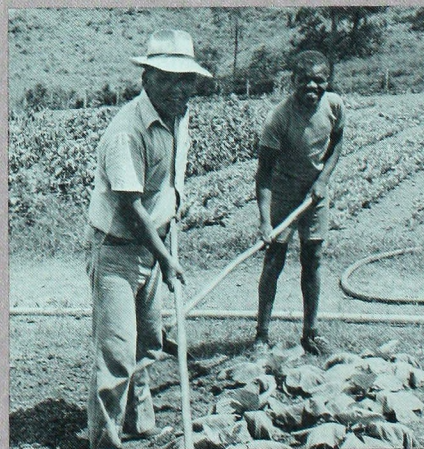
Working with the United Presbyterian Church to meet the great demand in Pakistan for Christian music, World Vision is making available cassette recordings of Christian hymns, contemporary songs and poetry in Urdu and Punjabi dialects. Local churches also will be assisted in their evangelism, worship services and outreach programs through the recordings. And the United Presbyterian Church will be aided in developing an ongoing ministry using mass media and Christian artists.

House-home for children

Clovis da Cruz Silva, at age 15, looks ten years older. Physical and emotional scars bear witness to a violent childhood. Once his own father tried to kill him.

But now his young life is filled with happiness. He lives at Lar das Flores (House of Flowers) near Sao Paulo, Brazil's largest city. The Salvation Army began this World Vision-sponsored project to help orphaned and abandoned boys. Here some 200 boys ages 4 to 18 study, work, play and learn vocational skills in a loving atmosphere.

Clovis enjoys working in the garden, going to church, and even working hard in school. His dream is to become, in his own words, "a people doctor."



Clovis da Cruz Silva works in a garden at the Lar das Flores home for boys.

Hope for the disabled

Lives of disabled persons in the Philippines are being changed dramatically through the efforts of the Philippine Band of Mercy (PBM) and a team of medical personnel from World Vision.



Filipino fisherman Antonio Menguito with his new artificial arm

Filipino fisherman Antonio Menguito is one of the many who have benefited.

Antonio lost his right arm eight years ago while working with dynamite. The World Vision/PBM team arranged for him to fly to Manila recently, where he was fitted with an artificial arm. Antonio was ecstatic when he first moved his new arm and happily reported, "Now I will be able to do some house repair work. I can work faster."

Prisons short on food

Flooding in Nicaragua last summer resulted in a food shortage in nearly all the country's prisons. Working with the Committee for Christian Service to Prisoners, World Vision helped feed some 5200 inmates through the distribution of corn, beans, sugar, salt, oil and cereals. In addition, 31 families displaced by the flooding were relocated as World Vision provided wood, nails and cement roofing to construct shelters.

Rehabilitation plus

With the help of World Vision donors, Fiji Prison Fellowship is providing on-the-job training as part of a program to rehabilitate inmates. Newly released prisoners will be able to continue their rehabilitation and earn regular income through three special income-generating projects. And to demonstrate the changing power of Christ, seven men who became Christians in prison will manage the new projects.

Women in development

Women of Kwibuka, Burundi, with World Vision's help, are making a tremendous impact on their community. World Vision has helped establish eight women's centers which provide instruction in agriculture, nutrition, hygiene, literacy, income generation and home-making skills. Leadership and evangelism seminars are held for center representatives who in turn pass on their knowledge to others through seminars, Bible studies and prayer meetings.

Farming cooperative

Farmers in the Philippine village of Balintocatoc enjoy their work more since World Vision helped them develop a cooperative. The co-op helps farmers buy seed, fertilizer and insecticide, and is providing training in building a dryer and thresher from local materials. And as an association, they now sell their harvest to the government's national food authority, which pays a higher rate than do middle-marketers.

Other World Vision development projects in Balintocatoc, which benefit over 5000 people, include child sponsorship, health training, Bible studies and prayer meetings and vocational training.

Is God calling you . . .

to work where your efforts will be directly related to saving lives and spreading the Good News? Consider these areas of service and send your resume to John Spencer, International Human Resources, 919 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016.

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Associate Director, Human Resources—Personnel/human resources manager to provide generalist background with particular experience in salary administration. Must possess 10 years experience in personnel, college degree and effective communication skills. Experience in computerized human resource systems a plus.

Journalist, International Communications—Will research information and write articles on WV ministries. Requires BA in communications-related field. Minimum 5 years journalism experience, preferably Third World setting. Must have excellent writing and photography skills.

Training Associate—To design and implement programs for project work and management training worldwide. Requires experience in management training, design of training curriculum, use of media and graphics, and cross-cultural issues.

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- **World Vision's** childcare and refugee camp workers who need special wisdom and stamina because of combat situations in which they labor.

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Globe at a glance

NEWS BRIEFS FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND INTERCESSION

Hungry people in many countries are fighting for food, says Frances Moore Lappé, author of *Diet for a Small Planet*, because when an elite few control most of the resources, they try to crush any movement for change. Lappé contends that despite increased food production in many poor countries, more people than ever go hungry. "You can't begin to solve the problem of world hunger until you address who is controlling the resources needed to produce food."

Northern Ireland's first fully shared school for Roman Catholic and Protestant children has tripled in size in its first year. Organized by parents, Lagan College, near Belfast, exposes students to differences and similarities between their respective religious backgrounds, with emphasis on similarities. Says Tony Spencer, a parent and school board member, "Whether this is a flash in the pan will depend on those who have helped us and on people in other areas having the courage to ask 'Why can't we do the same?'"

Marijuana cultivation in the United States has expanded dramatically in the last three years as federal officials crack down on illegal imports. Large amounts of marijuana are now grown in 26 states. Parts of the 18 national forests making up 20 percent of California's land have become major growing grounds. Public land is used to produce roughly half of the state's \$2 billion-a-year crop.

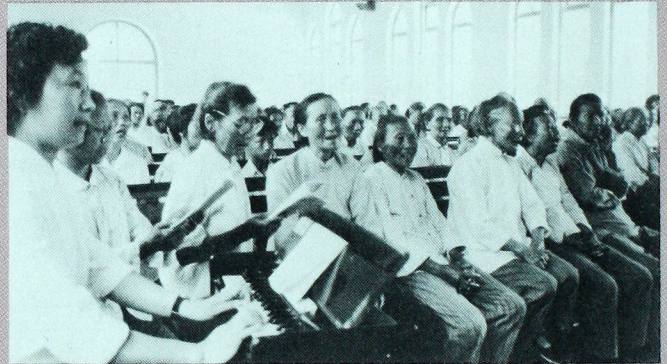
A Vatican-sponsored scientists' group, nearly one-fourth of whom are from Soviet bloc countries, has presented a document on nuclear war to Pope John Paul II. The declaration says, "Nuclear weapons are fundamentally different from conventional weapons and must not be regarded as acceptable instruments of warfare," and "The current arms race increases the risk of nuclear war. The race must be stopped... with the ultimate goal of complete nuclear disarmament."

Bangladesh, mired in poverty throughout its 11-year history, continues to struggle. The country's most urgent need, aside from emergency food, is irrigation. Vast plains have potentially fertile fields that could yield at least two crops a year if watered properly. Presently, many fields produce less than half of what they could. A U.S. government report says the situation "could prove calamitous" if harvests are poor. Only an unexpected bumper crop can avoid a crisis.

Church membership growth in the United States over the last decade was outpaced three to one by general population growth, according to a recent ecumenical coalition study. This trend significantly reverses past patterns. Church membership grew faster than did the general population between 1952 and 1971 at a ratio of 46 percent to 35 percent. The study confirmed earlier reports that mainline Protestant denominations lost adherents between 1971 and 1980. Catholic membership remained stable.

Blind people in Russian and Romanian churches are getting copies of the Gospel of Luke in Braille. A Braille version of Matthew is also available in Russia. And copies of Acts in Braille are being shipped to Hungary. The Braille editions are being produced by the United Bible Society European Production Fund.

One million copies of the Chinese Bible will be printed in China by the end of this year, according to a news report from Beijing. The Chinese Christian authority is increasing the number of Bible-printing plants to accelerate production, the report said. Copies of the Korean Bible have also been printed, and there are plans to print Bibles for minority groups.



Sunday morning hymn singing in Jiangsu Province, China.

Pope John Paul II criticized people in wealthy nations who, he said, "selfishly consume more than their share of the fruits of nature which God granted to all." In a telegram to Edouard Saouma, director of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the pope said, "It is my hope that the attention of the world will once again be directed to the urgency of feeding all members of the human family."

Child and teenage runaways in the United States number more than one million annually. Most are between the ages of 10 and 17. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the average age is 15—a drop of one year from the 1976 average. Seventy percent are white, 56.7 percent are female, and 40 percent are school dropouts. HHS estimates 60 percent had never been in trouble with juvenile authorities before they ran.

Senior citizens in the United States may be facing a bleak future financially. Analysts report that 3.85 million are living in poverty; 2.5 million more have incomes within 25 percent of the official poverty line of \$4359 for a single person 65 or older and \$5498 for a couple. Widows and members of minorities are most likely to be in need. Paul Kerschner, associate director of the American Association of Retired Persons says, "The elderly are once again sliding into poverty after being pulled up in the early '70s."

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(Philippians 1:5)



Kliewer named executive vice-president

I'm so pleased to announce that Bill Kliewer, whom I introduced in my column a year ago, has recently been named executive vice-president of our World Vision organization in the United States.

Bill's responsibilities increased considerably as of October 1 in this new role. I believe you, our readers, would be interested in knowing something about his good background experience and his strong commitment to Christ. I am delighted with his increasing involvement within World Vision, and I have full confidence in his ability to provide clear direction and firm, sensitive leadership to our staff.

He has been associated with World Vision since 1966 when he, his wife Kay and his daughter Liz joined the World Vision family and he served on our staff as my colleague and assistant. (Since that time, two other wonderful children, Jenni and Jeff, born in Hong Kong, have joined the Kliewer family.)

During his years with World Vision, Bill has moved into a wide array of important responsibilities, including director of communications, director of public information, director of international childcare (based in Hong Kong), assistant to the president (in charge of international relations), Vietnam field director, Philippines field director and Asia regional director (based in Manila). For the past year he has served as associate executive director of our World Vision/U.S. organization.

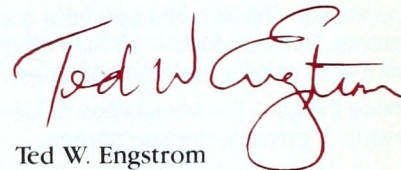
We have sensed God's timing

in bringing Bill, now 43, to be executive vice-president of the U.S. organization at a point in our history when we have seen unparalleled growth in terms of both support and ministry. God has richly blessed us, even during this period of economic turmoil in America. The response of caring people to the needs of hurting people throughout the world has been overwhelming. Bill's role in managing this growth is of utmost importance.

For these years I have recognized Bill's deep love for Jesus Christ and his desire continually to know Him more intimately. I have often heard him express his strong commitment to increase the opportunities for more people to hear and personally

experience the love of Christ as their Savior and Lord. He shares with me the intense desire to do an even better job in helping to meet the tremendous spiritual and physical needs of so many millions in our world today.

And with me he shares the deep, heartfelt appreciation for you, our partners in ministry, who make it possible to extend our hands to suffering people across the world. From both of us, thank you most earnestly for your partnership.


Ted W. Engstrom
President



Bill Kliewer visits an orphanage in Kampuchea.

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