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Thanks to the support of faithful donors, World Vision personnel are saving children's lives right now through creative programs in scores of countries around the world. Here are a few examples.

In Bangladesh: Not only World Vision-sponsored children, but also children and mothers in the surrounding community receive vaccination coverage through the Rayerbazar Family Development Center. World Vision also promotes breastfeeding, birth spacing and vitamin A supplementation, along with education about nutrition and sanitation, at the project.

In Ghana: A village drama staged by the World Vision childcare project in Obrachere Village features a young city-educated woman who advises two friends to bottle-feed their babies. Breastfeeding, she tells them, will spoil their figures.

As the drama unfolds, the child of the woman who



Village drama shows the bad consequences when a woman (center) urges two friends to bottle-feed their babies.

gave up breastfeeding falls sick with diarrhea. At the village dispensary she learns that oral rehydration therapy will restore the child's body fluids, and is advised to go back to breastfeeding to keep the child healthy.

In India: Twenty village health volunteers trained by the Bethel Agricultural Fellowship in Danishpet provide primary health care in their home villages. Twice a month the volunteers learn more about nutrition, family planning, health and sanitation. As a result of their efforts and the vaccination of mothers and children, deaths among children under five in 14 villages have dropped from 15 out of 40 live births in 1981 to two out of 19 live births in 1986. From 1979 onward, no women have died during pregnancy.

In Kampuchea: The RINE (Rehydration, Immunization, Nutrition, Education) program begun at the World Vision-sponsored National Pediatrics Hospital in Phnom Penh has spread to six rural provinces. The medical staff at all seven centers are government employees who receive much of their training at the National Pediatrics Hospital.

In Mauritania: World Vision has produced five-minute television spots in several languages to help communicate the need for immunization. In the films, religious leaders urge the people to have their children vaccinated so they will be healthy, "as God intended every person to be."

In South Africa: The black township of Duncan Village was being torn apart by unrest, burnings and murders when World Vision opened a daycare center there in 1985. Despite continued violence, project workers provided Christian nurture, nutritious food and necessary immunizations to the pre-schoolers. In August 1986 a measles epidemic broke out, claiming the lives of many children, but the daycare center reported: "Not one of the children in our care contracted the disease."

In Sudan: Nurse Nancy Ayres, of Oklahoma, found a village where five or six children were very sick with measles, and showed the mothers how to bring down the fever, give fluids and nourish the sick children. World Vision is training home visitors to provide similar help in their own villages as part of its child survival work in Sudan.

In the weeks ahead, more endangered children will be assisted through World Vision's "Child Survival and Beyond" programs to the extent of donors' support. Watch for reports in future issues of your magazine.

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LIVE AND LAUGH

Children's laughter. How precious it is in any culture! Especially among the world's poor, it's such a welcome signal indicating that, for the moment, all is well. Or seems well.

In a playground made from discards and ingenuity, the two



Guatemalan lads pictured here squeal in glee. The last thing on their minds is the threat of six deadly diseases that kill or disable staggering numbers of children by age 5.

Fortunately in these boys' city (Villa Nueva, near Guatemala City), parents now can begin to enjoy their children's laughter with less apprehension. Child Survival and Beyond—a determined counterattack against those child-killing diseases and more—is producing not just short-term happiness but opportunities to discover lifelong joy through Jesus Christ. And the kids' parents are deeply grateful.

Because the need for Child Survival and Beyond is so urgent in Latin America, Africa, Asia and the island world, I hope you'll read this specially focused issue of **WORLD VISION** most prayerfully. And that you'll call it to the attention of others who will join you in enabling World Vision's teams of workers to bring survival-plus to "the least of these" in Jesus' name.

David Olson

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Restoring children's health is one thing. Giving them a life that's more than survival is another. That's where the "and beyond" of World Vision's Child Survival and Beyond program takes over. Turn the page for a look at what is being done for kids today . . . and what is planned for their future.

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"How can we truly transcend narrow parochialism or selfish consumerism without living and breathing with Christians in other cultures?" asks the pastor of a reaching-out church. "With World Vision's Cross-Cultural Exchange Program, we now have a handle for embarking on new avenues of mission involvement that will help us reach beyond our own cultural boundaries."

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When these 53 Quichua Indian families traded life in their rural village homes for a new start in Quito, Ecuador's capital city, they counted on at least a moderate improvement in their living conditions. Like thousands of other migrant families, they were disappointed. But with help from World Vision, they're getting back on track. And they're learning about Christ.

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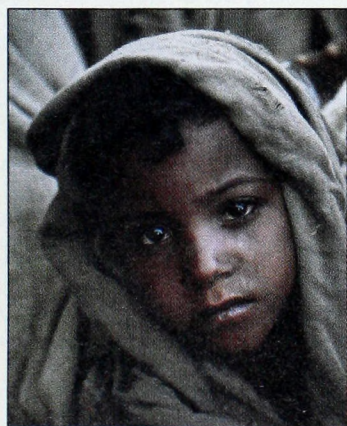
CHILD SURVIVAL AND BEYOND

by Bob Seiple

President of World Vision

Early in August of this year, the nation's news teams rushed to cover the crash of Northwest Airlines Flight 255. As the death toll rose to more than 150, every major newspaper and broadcast station pushed the story to the front and kept it there for days. It dominated the talk at bus stops and barber shops, at dinner tables and business meetings. Collectively, the nation noted it and shuddered.

Meanwhile, in a 24-hour period around the globe, enough children to fill 100 747 planes, died of malnutrition and related illnesses. But this tragedy, so much greater than the first, went almost unnoticed.



So you see why it troubles me that such a crucial movement as child survival is such a well kept secret. The United Nations and the World Health Organization and others have battled for years to hold down the appalling numbers of unnecessary deaths. Yet their work and the continuing crisis make few headlines. Apparently we lack a life-size picture of the problem. We fail to grasp the sheer number of children we are losing.

Behind the numbers, and even more compelling, lie the individual stories. Recently, I visited a clinic in India where a doctor was fitting a polio victim with a leg brace. The doctor was proud of the fit, and for that young boy the brace was a godsend. But for me it stood out as a painful symbol.



Young children, like this trio in Ecuador, stand in need of both the preventative health care measures that make up child survival and the work which looks beyond survival toward abundant life.

Polio prevention has been with us for years. The disease has been virtually eradicated in the Western world. Simply put, polio did not need to be a part of this young lad's life.

The boy's father is dead. His mother is in desperate straits, earning barely enough to live on. Her children, who should be a blessing to her, are a tremendous psychological burden simply because she cannot feed them properly. Now, for lack of a routine vaccination, her son is further disabled by polio.

One cannot see such a child, in such a context, without being a proponent of child survival. But as tragic as this scene is, it is also important to realize that child survival measures alone won't change the bleak outlook for

this child. Help for children like this has to be long-term, dedicated, persevering.

World Vision is launching an intensive campaign under the title "child survival and beyond." Our child survival program will follow the United Nations model. We will help put four simple, lifesaving techniques into the hands of parents who have come to

expect that some of their children will die.

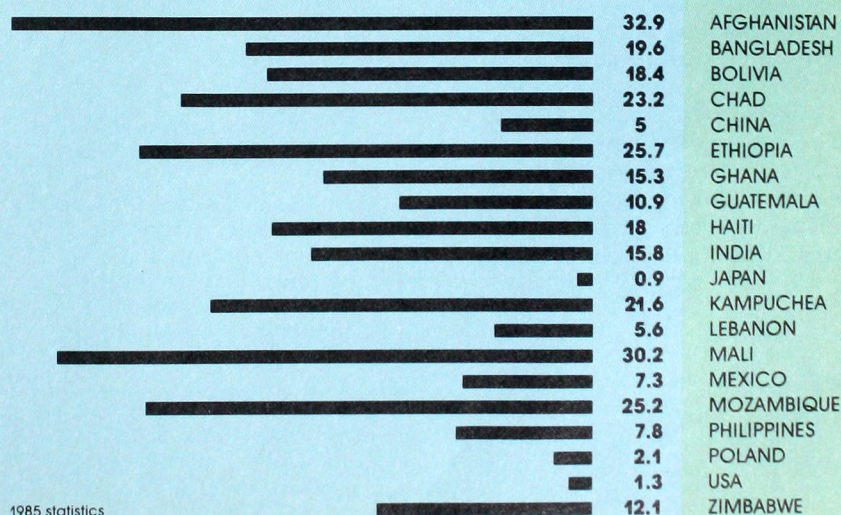
But if we extend a life, if we help take a child through those difficult early years, we are also obliged to improve the quality of that life, its fullness and richness. It is not enough to

teach ways to keep children alive. We need to lay the groundwork for a life that is more than survival.

Getting children out of poverty starts, of course, with basic survival measures: clean water, disease prevention, nutrition education. But these kids need to be drawn by the hope of educational opportunities and, eventually, employment possibilities.

Child survival alone won't change the outlook for Two-Thirds World children. They need much more than that.

P ercentage of children born alive who die by age 5 in 20 representative countries



1985 statistics



Ultimately they will need economically developed communities that can support Christian ministry and needed professionals (like medical workers and teachers). In short, our obligations to these children extend beyond mere survival. In our thinking and in our programs we need to be ready to walk with these children into meaningful adulthood.

We're in it for the children and we're in it for the long run.

And of course the phrase "and beyond" also refers to things spiritual. We cannot stop with elementary evangelism any more than we can be satisfied with elementary relief. The spiritual seeds need to be just as carefully watered as they have been sown. Opportunities for faith commitment and spiritual growth need to be just as intentional as economic development.

"Child survival and beyond" means we're in it for the children and we're in it for the long run. An exciting new program, following a pattern set for us thousands of years ago by a God who cares deeply for each child. □

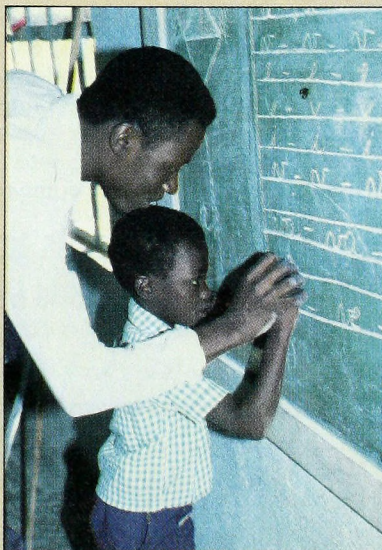
WHAT'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT?

"Economic development [of the kind we work for] is a justice-oriented, biblically based, indigenously owned-and-operated economic program designed to break the cycle of poverty.

"Effective economic development improves small businesses, cottage industries, agricultural opportunities—whatever is appropriate for the people and culture, making possible dignity and hope for a life beyond mere survival."

—Bob Seiple in a speech he prepared for his September 23 installation ceremony

Walking with children beyond survival and toward meaningful adulthood takes place in an abundance of ways. Here are a few of the most common.



Education: Seven-year-old Fidy Champagne gets a helping hand from his teacher, Jules Etienne, at a World Vision-assisted school in Pernier, Haiti.



He carries a briefcase, not a black bag, but Dr. Rufi Macagba is a medical missionary. The former surgeon and hospital director improves the health of needy people around the world by equipping others. Scholarly papers for the World Health Organization and a cartoon-style manual for unschooled parents stand side-by-side among his writings. A policy shaper with World Vision since 1975, Rufi is a principal architect of Child Survival and Beyond.



I T'S NO SNAP FOR THE PARENTS, EITHER

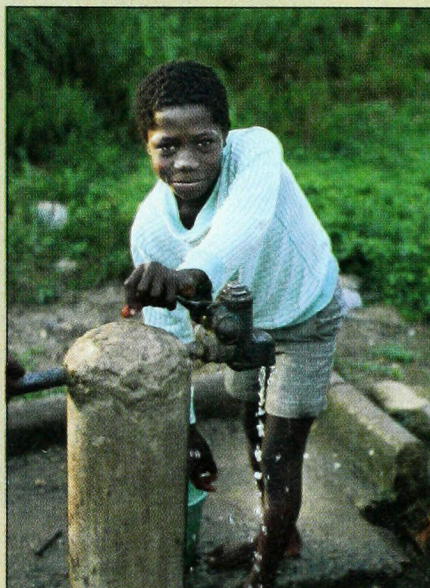
For a mother in the developing world, getting a child immunized usually means giving up half a day's work and wages, traveling on foot or by bus carrying at least one young child, lining up in the sun for perhaps an hour or more, getting back home in time to catch up on the domestic chores, putting up with the usual slight fever and crying which keeps the family awake at night, and justifying to her family why all this lost time and money is necessary on three or four separate occasions for a child who is not even sick.

To build enough desire for their children's vaccination in this context means making it available at times and places convenient to working parents. Even more important, it means empowering parents with information not only about the date, time and place of immunization, but with the knowledge that a series of vaccinations, requiring three to five visits, is essential to protect the life and healthy growth of their children.

The State of the World's Children 1987

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Gardening: In the communal field just outside their classroom, Quichuan preschoolers in Ecuador hold their own little minga (traditional work party) to develop gardening skills.



Clean water: A local source, like this one in Ghana, can do wonders to improve the health of a community and lighten the back-breaking, time-consuming task of daily water procurement.

Spiritual development: Morning prayer is as much a part of the daily rhythm as playing and studying for girls in the Guardian Angel Home in India.



A major responsibility

WHEN JESUS PUTS A CHILD IN OUR MIDST

by Tom Houston

Jesus once called a child to stand in front of the disciples. With the child standing at His side, He taught His disciples some important truths, ending with this statement: "Your Father in heaven does not want any of these little ones to be lost."

Many forces in the world are causing children to die. Jesus says it is not our Father's will that this should happen. I believe that Jesus Christ is again putting a child in our midst as an object lesson. We need to recover the strong statements recorded in Matthew 18 and other passages of the Gospels where Jesus refers to children.

It is just as Jesus is beginning His journey to the cross that He places the child in front of His disciples. They are arguing about who will be the greatest. Their concern is advancement, promotion, ambition—and He puts a child in their midst.

"Now think about the child," says Jesus. "This is what the kingdom is about."

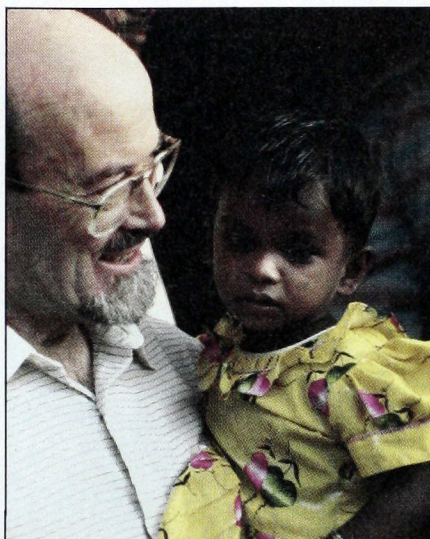
When, in Matthew 19, His disciples scold others for bringing children to Him, Jesus rebukes the disciples and says, "Let the children come to me . . . the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

He counters His culture's view that adults are the important people and children must wait to become important. Little ones are important *now*, He insists. They are important *as children*.

Today we need to assess our own culture's attitude toward children and to compare it with Jesus' attitude.

Jesus says we are to receive children, to welcome them. And the history of how Christians have worked for and loved children is an outstanding one.

Tom Houston with Indian child



Robert Raikes, an eighteenth-century Englishman, saw children working at age 6 in the coal mines and factories of his country. He knew that those children hardly ever saw the light of day. It was slave labor. He decided something must be done for these children whom God loved. He started the first Sunday school. And on each Sunday he taught them not only the Bible but also other important school subjects. That was the beginning of universal primary education.

Raikes was only one of many people who took Jesus Christ seriously regarding children. Think of George Mueller in England; of Hermann Frank in Germany; of child-helping people on every continent. The church of Jesus Christ has always been in the forefront of doing for children that which represents the attitude of the Savior to the children. We follow in the train of those who put a child in the midst and say, "This little one is loved by God. For this one Jesus died."

There is a negative side to this subject too. Jesus not only gave instructions to welcome and receive the children; He said, "If you cause one of them to stumble, to lose faith in me, it were better that a millstone be hanged around your neck and you be drowned in the sea."

One of the most serious statements Jesus ever made about anything was made about people who put a stumbling block in the way of children. Let's not forget it.

We live in a world where people are putting stumbling blocks in the way of children. You know about child beating. You know about child pornography. You know about child prostitution. You know about the impact of war on children. You know about child slavery in places where children are being made to work in factories and under terrible conditions.

Segments of society are putting traumas into the experience of children, forever warping the kind of person they will be. We Christians must be in the business of trying to undo the effects of these stumbling blocks, to cure the effects of the traumas.

Pharaoh tried to kill Moses. Herod tried to kill Jesus. Today a host of enemies will succeed in killing millions of children and many a future godly leader if we, God's people, do not do what the women did in Moses' day and what the holy family did in Jesus' day. In our hands rests their future. □

Tom Houston is international president of World Vision.

World Vision's new cross-cultural exchange program

OUT OF THE PEWS AND INTO THE WORLD

by Randy Miller

Most pastors would agree that it's a good idea, in theory. Getting parishioners involved in some kind of cross-cultural experience, even close to home, would probably help rekindle interest in missions. But putting the rubber to the road is another matter. With the deluge of responsibilities that constantly clamor for a pastor's attention, who has time to get a program like that together—a program that would spark people's interest in relating to different cultures in new and challenging ways?

With help from World Vision's new Cross-Cultural Exchange Program (CCEP), it doesn't have to be entirely up to the pastor to pull it off.

"Going, living and learning is the foundation for what we are trying to do," says CCEP Program Director Doug Millham. "As people are encouraged and

enabled to go, live and learn among people of cultures different from their own, it is our hope they will return to their own communities more aware and equipped to serve the Lord right where they are."

Even though the program is barely "out of the box," it's already in motion, inspiring church members to reach out to new cultures—and even take a few chances.

"Street evangelism on skid row was something I ordinarily wouldn't do," Shirlee Miller says, recalling her recent venture to one of the more dangerous strips of pavement in Los Angeles. "That kind of evangelism was always something somebody else did. It was always really scary for me. But this turned out to be one of my most outstanding experiences."

Motivating people like Shirlee and her friends from the La Canada Presbyterian Church in California to stretch their evangelistic wings for mission work in places like inner-city Los Angeles—and beyond—is the overriding goal of the program. CCEP hopes to help churches broaden Christians' concepts of missions and provide a springboard for mission

Sharing their faith with Los Angeles street people proved eye-opening and rewarding for suburban Christians taking initial steps across traditional cultural boundaries.

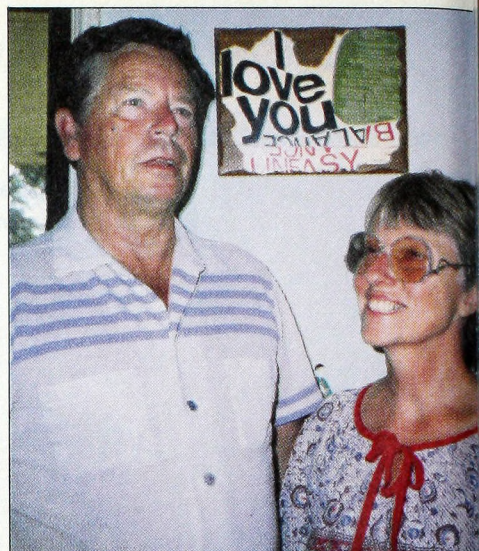
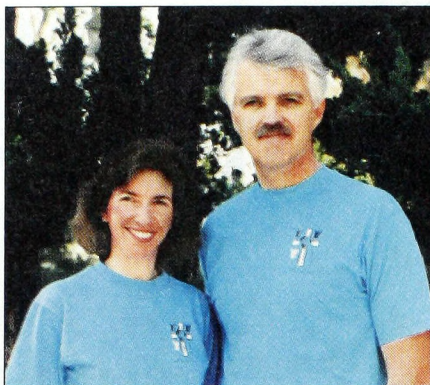


work ranging from short-term projects near home to a few weeks of work overseas.

Church members across America are showing an increasing interest in offering more than just their finances or resources. They want face-to-face involvement with those in need. CCEP gives lay people who cannot commit a lifetime to overseas service an opportunity to team with others and their congregation to serve Christ beyond their culture.

"The World Vision staff believes that the experience of living with and learning from brothers and sisters in Christ in a culture other than our own will build bridges of Christian love around the world," says Tim Gibson, CCEP's U.S. coordinator. "This exposure to the body of Christ worldwide will be

(below) CCEP Director Doug Millham and training curriculum designer Jackie Millham are helping to provide mission outlets for people like La Canada Presbyterian Church members Don and Shirlee Miller (right).



Church members across America want face-to-face involvement with those in need.

a great catalyst for Christian growth. Not only does this program aim to expose laity in the United States to people and needs in other countries, but also to provide vision for the church here at home from the church overseas. Because of this, volunteers in the program must approach missions with the attitude of learners."

CCEP works in partnership with churches to enable them to become more sensitive to other cultures and be better prepared to learn as well as serve. A four-part training process enables groups to be guided by both church leaders and World Vision staff members to understand the issues of serving Christ cross-culturally. This training guides adults through experiences that stimulate new thoughts and actions about what it means to serve and learn through

- 1) Discover the World (a five-week mission-awareness program);
- 2) pre-field orientation;
- 3) in-field nurture; and
- 4) debriefing and integration.

"The training has been designed to involve lay people in serving Christ at deeper levels," says training curriculum designer Jackie Millham. "Small groups, field trip experiences and self-discovery enable participants to take further steps in discovering God's world."

The program is so new that overseas trips are just getting underway, with participants not yet back to tell their stories about stages three and four of the training. But reactions among those from La Canada Presbyterian and a small contingent of World Vision employees who took part in the program's first two components indicate that positive mission experiences can occur throughout the learning process.

La Canada Church member Steve Stafford told CCEP Program Administrator Jan Jakel Thornton some of his reactions to the training classes and pre-field orientation jaunts. "My wife and I are in the motion picture business, and I'd filmed in the inner city many times before. It's one thing to be armed with cameras and about 60 or 70 crew members. Everybody downtown wants to be your friend and get in front of the camera. But this type of experience with CCEP removed the shield of the camera and the mystique of the motion picture.

"Although we saw that a lot of drugs were being used and sold, we also met some very nice people. Some terrific young kids really wanted the information we were handing out about the Victory Outreach Center. I basically told them, 'This is information about a group of



"How can we transcend parochialism without touching other cultures?" asks La Canada Presbyterian Pastor Gary Demarest. "With CCEP, we can now embark on new avenues of mission involvement."

people down here who are committed to Christ, and they're committed to helping you. If you need them, just give them a call."

"We all knew what we were getting into before we went down there because the training program was handled extremely well. And seeing how Christ worked through people, building friendships and bonds, was amazing. The group obviously became emotionally involved in what they were doing. Everyone was very moved."

World Vision employee Lilly Bouvet, who took part in the training and field trips to the inner city, discovered that mission work doesn't have to last a long time in a far-away land. "The fields are ripe here in L.A. This program has

The Cross-Cultural Exchange Program is a new World Vision ministry designed to help churches develop in mission by providing opportunities for members to learn, grow and serve together. Adults are trained and prepared to move across cultural boundaries—both internationally and within the U.S. Teams from each church are selected and equipped to move out. One of each church's teams is partnered with a church or World Vision project in a field country in Africa, Asia or Latin America. The church's other teams are encouraged to reach out through local ministry opportunities. Together, participants have an opportunity to catch a vision of God's call to reach out in love to those beyond cultural and national boundaries.



(left) Tim Gibson, U.S. coordinator for CCEP, conducts a training session for World Vision employees.

World Vision employees pound the pavement in inner-city Los Angeles.



Jan Jakel Thornton

Steve Stafford



"This program has renewed my vision for needs in my own backyard."

encouraged me to renew my vision for the needs in my own backyard. It's given me a desire to do things for God here, and not just wait until I can go overseas."

Co-worker Sandy Lerner had to re-examine her whole approach to Christian discipleship after her experience with the program. "God has challenged me to look at how I use my time, money and resources, and make changes! This will change my life and lifestyle.

And when World Vision's Arleen Wright realized mission work didn't have to mean a long-term overseas commitment, her scope of Christian outreach broadened. "I used to think of missions as a formal, full-time commitment. Now I see it can be part-time. I intend to start with the time I have available now and then find ways it can increase."

Jan Jakel Thornton's enthusiasm for

the program has grown as she has observed participants' interest in mission work ignited. "I know these people personally, and I know the effect this experience is having on their lives. CCEP is a ministry. We hope to instill in participants a vigorous, infectious commitment to what God is doing around the world in and through different cultures."

CCEP is designed to mobilize churches to mission by providing opportunities to serve, learn and grow together in Jesus Christ. It is a channel for teams of adults to receive appropriate training and preparation to move across cultural boundaries both overseas and within the United States. And it enables teams of people to partner with churches and projects in World Vision field countries, within denominational structures, or through local ministry opportunities.

"As a pastor with responsibilities in missions, I am always thinking of ways to help our members be informed on missions and to stretch in getting

involved financially and/or through service," says Bill Cunningham, senior associate pastor and minister of evangelism at La Canada Presbyterian. "This training event has exceeded any of my dreams for where we might be as a congregation in the months and years ahead. Those who participate have grown tremendously in their knowledge of what God is doing in the world, and in their openness to be a part of that great purpose. I am committed to continue to seek the Lord's will on how we can support not only what has already been developing in the lives of these dear people, but also that which the Lord will make clear to us in the years ahead."

It is impossible to predict the positive results that a meaningful cross-cultural encounter might have on a congregation. But Christians who have experienced the movement "out of the pews and into the world" are already testifying to the exciting things God has in store for them. □

If you would like more information about how your church can become involved in meaningful cross-cultural mission experiences locally or overseas, write to Tim Gibson, Cross-Cultural Exchange Program, World Vision, 919 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016.

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

by Terri Owens

When **Valerio Curillo** and his companions arrived on the doorstep of World Vision Ecuador in the bustling capital, Quito, World Vision had no projects in the city. All resources were directed toward the *rural* Indians, who lived in the staggering poverty of high-land villages.

But these pleading visitors were also Quichuas. In a determined effort to escape countryside poverty, 53 families migrated to Quito where they instead became helplessly trapped in an unbreakable cycle of urban poverty. World Vision listened to them. The Camal Migrant Association Child Sponsorship Project was born.

Earlier these families had formed the Camal Migrant Association in order to petition the government for the precious laminated cards that would make them

FRUITFUL EFFORT

Half a million rural Ecuadorans move in and out of Quito hoping to develop a livable income. Most fail to do so.

With help of the kind this group is getting from World Vision sponsors, many more could succeed. And there would be spiritual results too.

Tungurahua, the province from which the World Vision-assisted garlic sellers come, five years ago had only 800 known Christians; now it has 7000. In those five years the number of its evangelical churches increased from six to 30.

legal vendors. Without licenses, they were continually seized by municipal police patrolling the marketplace and thrown into jail.

"I was hauled off to jail five or six times," remembers Curillo. "Of course we always tried to watch out for the police, but when one has wares spread out, it is not easy to run!"

Originally from Tungurahua Province in southern Ecuador, the families all sold garlic and onions that they purchased by credit during monthly trips home by bus. In Quito, they lived near each other in

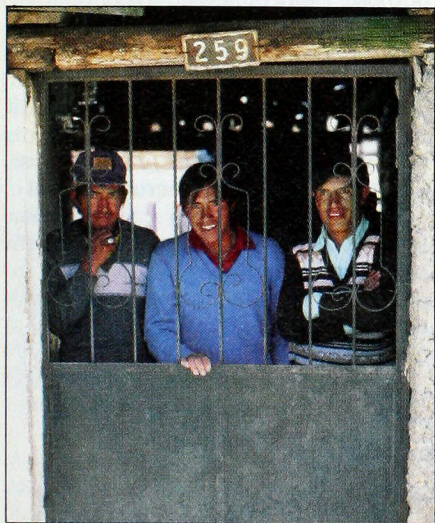
53 rural families who migrated to Ecuador's capital city became trapped in urban poverty. But a better future lies ahead.

deplorable housing, the best they could find with their meager incomes.

"They were living three families to one little room—along with their supplies of garlic and onions," notes World Vision Ecuador operations manager Christian Aponte. "They also had to do their cooking there. The owner of the rooms rationed the water by making it available only at night. He even forbade them to hold worship services on the property. Each family earned only 4000 to 5000 sucres (\$28-\$35) a month and paid a third of their income for the right to live in those shacks."

Such severe overcrowding endangered the families' physical, social and spiritual well-being. Intestinal problems, tuberculosis and other ailments common among Ecuador's poor threatened to spread among them. Tensions flared between individuals weary of being packed so tightly together.

When as an association they at last succeeded in getting licenses from the government, they took on a new goal: finding a way out of their hellish living



Grateful residents welcome visitors to the house for which sponsorship funds provided down payment assistance.



Drying time for the migrants' laundry averages three days.



Adults and older children take turns working at the marketplace so some can tend to the younger children at the house so many families share.



In the highlands where they raise their produce, burros are the primary mode of transportation.



condition. Once involved, World Vision also saw better housing as a priority—it would dramatically improve the lives of children as well as adults. Initial gifts from the children's sponsors went toward the down payment on a 23-room house two miles from the Chiriacu Marketplace where many of the families

So far, all but eight association families have come to know Christ.

are vendors. In September 1986, they moved in.

Now there is enough water available for bathing and laundering and there is electricity as well. Instead of cooking in their living areas, families use the house kitchen, often preparing communal meals in huge pots and pans. Presently

two families are sharing each room, but World Vision plans to help them remodel the house so that each family will have its own quarters. And since World Vision is helping to make the house payments and pay the taxes, association members have money to rent storage space for

News about their little church is spreading among other migrants.

their garlic and onions at the marketplace instead of keeping produce in their living quarters.

Christians among these new homeowners are holding worship services

each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night. So far, all but eight association families have come to know Christ. News about the little church is spreading among other Quichua migrants in Quito, and several visitors have come to share the joy of praising God in their native tongue.

While the residents are overjoyed with their house, other plans are underway. Future goals include setting up a preschool at the house so that parents will have a safe place to leave their children during the day. Presently, they have no choice but to keep their infants and young children at their sides in the marketplace from dawn to dusk. The preschool room will double as an adult learning center where literacy training and classes on hygiene, nutrition, and cooking will be offered at night. Older children attending public schools will be

supplied with books, writing materials and other needed items.

World Vision is also showing the families how to pool their resources to buy produce from the village growers without having to take out loans, which eat up part of their profits.

All these goals are paving the way toward the day when Camal Migrant Association families are well-established with a home of their own, have improved incomes, better health and nutrition, Christian nurture and excellent daycare. On that day World Vision will reach its ultimate goal for this project: to end the project, because at last the cycle of poverty will be broken for these people. □

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Personal perspective

ON 'SACRIFICIAL' GIVING

by John Dellenback

What strikes me when we Christians talk about sacrificial giving is that many really *aren't* sacrificing when we give what might be considered generous amounts of money. What we give is not out of essentials, but out of surplus. Do we give up our place to live? What we eat? No, we give out of surplus. Oh, we might put off getting a new car, but it's no "widow's mite" situation.

What really is sacrificial giving? My wife Mary Jane and I have concluded that for many of us, sacrificial giving is simply giving what is not expandable.

Money is somewhat expandable; if we have emergency needs, we dip into savings. The commodity which is *not* expandable is *time*; we have 24 hours a day and that's all.

There's no way you can stretch that except by changing your priorities. So, if you are going to give sacrificially to a project, you must allocate time to the project. Time you might have used for something else you wanted to do. You might give up sleep. You might give up working. You might give up recreation. You have to sacrifice something. You have to face your value system. That's sacrificial giving.

When you turn to a busy person and say, "I would like you to give sacrificially," it is like saying, "Please spend time on this project." If the person gives your request a

higher priority than something else he or she wanted to do; if that person says, "Yes, I'll do this for the Lord," then that's sacrificial giving.

Yet, sacrificial giving does not always mean you are losing out on something in your life. The rearranging of priorities results, instead, in greater good. For me, serving on World Vision's board of directors necessitated my putting something else lower on my list of priorities. But being on the board is also a great opportunity, a great privilege.

Of course, the skills some people can donate may not be so easily transferable. They, perhaps, may be able to do the most good by doing what they do best—by donating the earnings from their jobs.

If you are willing to give up a month of your time for the needy people of the world and you find that offering your skills to a ministry for one month is not practical, you can give sacrificially by donating an extra month's worth of your earnings.

A lawyer, for example, may say, "I'll give a month of my time, but I will spend it in my office, doing what I do best—being a lawyer." God will use and honor that sacrificial gift. And that lawyer should not be surprised if God also creates an opportunity, eventually, to give sacrificially in some more personal way—across an ocean or across town—where it will prove both costly and cost-effective. □

John Dellenback is president of the Christian College Coalition and a member of World Vision's board of directors. He is a former U.S. Congressman from Oregon and has served as director of the Peace Corps.

A head start for Quichua tots

PRESCHOOL IN THE ANDES HIGHLANDS



Tucked among the rolling, fog-clad hills of Ecuador's Andean highlands are countless isolated Quichua Indian villages. To ears accustomed to the noises of auto traffic, telephones and ghetto blasters, these villages are remarkably quiet. Here, silence is broken by the bleating of a passing sheep herd or the dull thud of farm tools breaking the earth.

The youngest children spend their days in their families' compounds, their clothing fragrant with wood smoke from open fires inside the dark one-room dwellings. Children view anything outside the earthen walls of their homes with timid eyes. Except for family their only companions are the chickens, sheep, pigs and burros they begin tending as soon as they can walk. To them, standing at the edge of their parents' fields is like standing at the edge of the world.

For such children the first year of school is agony. Parents often have to escort their frightened boys and girls to the classroom each morning although it

Secluded Quichua children, like these four holding hoops they like to spin along the ground, often find the sudden plunge into Spanish-speaking primary school overwhelming.

is right in their own little village. The stranger teaching them talks in Spanish, a language not understood by many of these Quichua-speaking children. They even have trouble holding a pencil or crayon—they have never before touched such things or used their hands in such a way.

School becomes a shattering experience. The painfully shy children are terrified of their teacher. Because Spanish is so difficult for them to understand they fall far behind in their lessons. Parents can't give them extra help—most adults in the villages are illiterate and have trouble with Spanish themselves. Many of the youngsters end up repeating first grade. Those who complete first grade often don't survive

The teachers know their students need affirmation.

second or third. Their self-esteem, already shaky, plummets.

World Vision Ecuador has a Quichua word for the projects helping the village children from ages 3 to 6. It is *huahuahuasi* [wah-wah-wáh-see]—"a house for children." Huahuahuasi is the morning preschool program that World Vision has introduced in 16 Indian communities. Now in its third year, the program already is getting high marks from children, parents and public school teachers amazed at the skill and confi-

dence of huahuahuasi graduates tackling first grade.

The preschools are staffed by adults selected from the children's own villages and trained by World Vision. These adults read the books, play the games and sing the songs they will be teaching their students. They also are given tips on how to handle young children in a classroom and are taught first aid. No one needs to tell them how important their work is: they each have traumatic memories of primary school and know better than anyone how much their students are going to need warmth, affirmation and the freedom to speak Quichua.

As a result, these teachers are highly motivated to create a happy family-like atmosphere for the children. The class-



A dozen pairs of eyes fix raptly on an outdoor puppet theater, part of a preschool program which prepares the tots to enter primary school with confidence.

Huahuahuasi teachers from the children's own villages are trained by World Vision to create a happy, family-like atmosphere for the preschoolers.



rooms are usually in the local community center. Many of these centers have been built by villagers using materials provided by World Vision. The electric lights, concrete floors, glass windows and little chairs and desks are quite amazing to children who have spent their short lives in bare huts. More amazing are the building blocks, jigsaw puzzles, plastic toys, crayons, coloring books, musical instruments, puppet theaters and other items supplied by World Vision.

Each of these delights has a practical side as well. Although the youngsters are extremely agile on their feet due to the uneven terrain, they have little opportunity to develop manual skill. The preschools develop these skills by using

The children are learning that the Savior values both them and their abilities.

building blocks, jigsaws, crayons and coloring books to stimulate eye-hand coordination. Likewise, the Spanish songs the children learn teach them numbers, days of the week and parts of the body. Playing games together helps them build social skills.

Teachers also involve the children in the life of the community. When weddings and other important social events fall on a weekday morning, the

children attend as a class. If death strikes a village family, they go as a group to pay their respects. Some classrooms are next to communal fields and have a supply of small spades and cultivator forks so students can help garden—and afterwards learn the importance of always washing their hands and tools. From time to time the children even put on a little play and invite the entire community. Gradually, boys and girls learn to approach the people around them without fear.

More importantly, they are learning that the Savior values both them and their abilities—a lesson with an impact far beyond just preparing the children to enter first grade. The feelings of self-worth that the huahuahuas are awakening will help these children through a lifetime of challenges. □



Preschoolers in the Palugsha project hold their own little gardening party, then learn to wash the dirt from their tools and hands.

Jose Masaquiza, preschool teacher in San Pedro Chibuleo, mixes outdoor activities with classroom time for his young pupils.

Together

A Publication of World Vision

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Child survival: A time to be moved

In 1986, millions of us were moved in compassion as we saw the heart-breaking suffering of the children of Liberia. Now a nation for us to be moved by a few dozen more? The video program, "Cry Justice," the death of more than 10 million children every year. Seven million of these deaths can be prevented through immunization and other health care.

The survival of the most vulnerable people on our planet is a cause, and the potential will of the world is being challenged. We ask, who should the children be? These death-worries are among the things that break the hearts of God's people.

When their deaths could be prevented by immunizing them against the common, but preventable, diseases of the young, there is a simple, cheap solution of sugar, salt and water. There is a simple and an end to these deaths.

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TOGETHER FOCUSES ON CHILD SURVIVAL

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Child survival is the theme of the October issue of *Together*, a quarterly World Vision publication for Christian workers in the Two-Thirds World.

Three articles on country-specific approaches in Guatemala, Zimbabwe and Kampuchea illustrate how the common goal of preventative health care for children calls for quite different strategies in different contexts. Other articles reflect on recent World Vision child survival efforts, on the achievability of UNICEF goals and on World Vision's philosophical and theological approach to child care.

This and other single issues of *Together* are available for \$2 each. Subscriptions cost \$15 per year in the U.S.; the journal is free to Christian workers in the Two-Thirds World. For information contact *Together*, 919 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016.

In a scene from "Cry Justice" John Perkins at age 4 watches his father walk away from him—forever.

JOHN PERKINS DOCUMENTARY 'CRY JUSTICE' SPELLS OUT ISSUES, STIRS EVANGELICALS TO ACTION

He grew up in a sharecropper's family, deep in the oppressive racism of the South. At age seven months, with his mother dead, John Perkins was given away by his father to his grandmother. Throughout his childhood he experienced the heartbreak and bitterness of a broken, poverty-stricken family firsthand.

John's earliest recollection of his father is from about age four. It ended with John in tears as he watched his father walk away. John never experienced a father's nurturing love. But after being won to Christ, he learned empathy through the pain in his life, and turned his anger into positive action.

Perkins fears that America is developing into a nation with a permanent underclass. He grieves that many have turned their backs on the poor, but believes the church can close the gap between the middle class and the disadvantaged. He challenges racism by establishing loving relationships across racial and cultural lines. And he teaches not only through lectures but by establishing community centers, health clinics, schools, and cooperative business enterprises coupled with evangelism in poor and urban neighborhoods.

"Cry Justice" is challenging diverse audiences this fall and winter as the 31-minute 16mm film premieres across the United States with John on hand to discuss practical steps churches can take toward deeper commitment to community ministry.

The underlying purpose of the film is



to help bring hope to the poor by involving more evangelicals in breaking the cycle of poverty and bringing an end to the underclass. It also aims indirectly to raise funds for urban community development work through the John M. Perkins Foundation for Reconciliation and Development, and to implement a new leadership training program for young leaders.

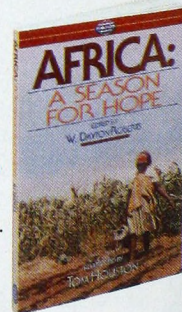
Produced by Gospel Light Video, "Cry Justice" is obtainable by toll-free telephone order at 1-800-235-3415. (From within California, 1-800-227-4025.) Film rental (16mm) is \$75. VHS video purchase is \$49.95; rental \$20. Also available are the book *Let Justice Roll Down*, on which the film is based, and the new book *Land Where My Father Died*, which includes photos from the film.

UPDATE YOUR PEOPLE ON THE AFRICAN SCENE WITH THIS LOW-COST VIDEO 'PACKAGE DEAL'

The informative 32-minute video "Africa: A Season for Hope" (by MARC Publications), along with a freshly updated version of the book by the same title, is being made available to church groups at \$29.95 until the special offer expires December 31.

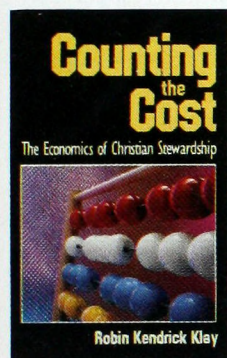
Additional copies of the book, recommended for mission study groups, are only \$2 each during the sale period, if ordered at the same time as the video.

World Vision field personnel urge use of the video and updated book this fall because, on the one hand, great strides have been made in combatting famine and its effects on such nations as Ethiopia and Sudan. On the other hand, civil war continues to take a severe toll in at least five African nations. Refugees abound, some of whom have returned to ruined farmlands. And now the scourge



of AIDS is cutting a broad swath across the continent from West to East, killing tens of thousands if not hundreds of thousands of young and old.

A timely means for deepening understanding and concern for Africans, the video and book "package deal" is available from either MARC Publications, 919 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016 or Regal Books, 2300 Knoll Drive, Ventura, CA 93003.



"Scarcity forces us to choose and God calls us to make well-intentioned and well-informed choices."

AN ECONOMIST'S BOOK FOR CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

Counting the Cost: *The Economics of Christian Stewardship* (Robin Kendrick Klay, 1986) is a welcome volume for those whose good intentions outweigh their grasp of the complex web of economic choices.

The book provides a straightforward, readable introduction to the economic problem of scarcity (the finitude which requires us to make choices about our resources). "Scarcity forces us to choose, and God calls us to make well-intentioned and well-informed choices," writes Klay. One of an economist's important tasks, she says, is to help people understand their choices and the likely results (including unintended results) of their choosing.

Counting the Cost sheds light on key issues such as poverty, protection of natural resources, international trade policies and military spending. One of the strengths of the book is that no single "Christian" answer is offered. The

goal is to explore the costs of each option so that our choices can be more astute and more faithful to God's priorities.

Ideally suited for readers with minimal knowledge of economic theory, *Counting the Cost* includes thoughtful questions for further consideration and a list of recommended reading.

Robin Kendrick Klay is associate professor of economics at Hope College, Holland, Michigan.

Counting the Cost (paperback, \$9.95, 187 pp.) is published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 255 Jefferson Ave., SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

HERE'S HELP FOR CHURCHES SERVING PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE NEW IMMIGRATION LAW

Any American church trying to minister to immigrants can find practical help in a newly compiled manual titled *Fulfilling the Promise: A Church Orientation Guide to the New Immigration Law*. Produced by the Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program, the publication is apparently the first and only church-oriented overview of the complex new law, a law now greatly affecting people and churches throughout the United States.

Fulfilling the Promise will enable local churches to encourage and assist in referring eligible undocumented immigrants to apply for legalization, and to help those who do not qualify to consider available alternative options. The 147-page guide also contains sections on dealing with persons "at

risk" who do not qualify for legalization, and those whose families may be divided between some members who qualify and some who do not.

Single copies are mailed at no charge to those who request it from Immigrant Services Project, 475 Riverside Drive #656, New York, NY 10115. For additional copies send \$4 each, inclusive of mailing costs.

LAOS STORY COUNTS THE COST OF WAR

"Making War in Peace," a slide show from the Mennonite Central Committee, tells the story of rural villagers of Xieng Khouang province in Laos whose homes and fields were bombed by the United States.

Translated accounts by villagers who survived the devastation of 1964-73 testify to the obscene human costs of war, including the continuing hazard of unexploded anti-personnel bombs.

From Laos, the focus shifts to military industry in the United States. Drawing on the emotional impact of the villagers' stories, the narrative urges viewers to consider their passive or active involvement in military systems.

To arrange for a cost-free viewing of "Making War in Peace," contact the MCC home office for the regional office nearest you: Mennonite Central Committee, 21 S. 12th St., Akron, PA 17501; (717) 859-1151.

MISSION COURSES AT OVERSEAS MINISTRIES STUDY CENTER

A sampling of this year's seminar and course fare at the Overseas Ministries Study Center: "Evangelicals

Pontius' Puddle



Cartoonist Joel Kauffman allows churches to reproduce clipped Pontius' Puddle cartoons in newsletters (honor system) for payment of \$10 each (over 500 circulation) or \$5 (under 500), to him at 111 Carter Road, Goshen, IN 46526

and Roman Catholics in Mission;" "Discipling All Nations" (a survey of world Christian mission); "When Christians Meet Other Faiths;" "The Gospel and the International Urban Challenge."

OMSC is a residential and continuing education center for Christians engaged in cross-cultural ministry. Continuing Education Units are available if requested in advance.

The center recently relocated to New Haven, Connecticut. For information contact Overseas Ministries Study Center, 490 Prospect St., New Haven, CT 05611-2196.

WORSHIP AND ACTION RESOURCE FROM BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Leaven, a quarterly publication of Bread for the World, provides church and movement leaders with worship aids and practical tips for raising congregational awareness of hunger issues. The fall 1987 issue contains a sample "Service of Commitment and Commission for a Ministry on Hunger."

Leaven is available from Bread for the World, 802 Rhode Island Ave. N.E., Washington, DC 20018.

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL PRACTICE IN CHANGING WORLD CUTLURES

Primary health care objectives and trends are analyzed in a 75-page monograph by David Van Reken, M.D., missionary scholar in residence at Billy Graham Center.

Describing corrective, preventive and promotive aspects of health care, Van Reken identifies three phases of Christian medical practice in the Two-Thirds World: doing, teaching, enabling.

The concept of primary health care (PHC) is not new, he says; its ideas have been coming to the forefront for 50 years, but only since 1978 has it received worldwide attention.

Written not just for medical practitioners but for all Christians potentially involved in holistic (he says "wholistic") ministry to the poor in less-developed regions, the monograph, titled *Mission and Ministry*, is available by arrangement through Billy Graham Center, Wheaton, IL 60187.

BEATITUDES FOR FRIENDS OF DISABLED PERSONS

Blessed are you who take the time to listen to difficult speech, for you help me to know that if I persevere I can be understood.

Blessed are you who never bid me to "hurry up" and take my tasks from me and do them for me; for often I need time rather than help.

Blessed are you who stand beside me as I enter new and untried ventures, for my failures will be outweighed by the times I surprise myself and you.

Blessed are you who ask for my help, for my greatest need is to be needed.

Blessed are you who encourage me with a smile to try once more.

Blessed are you who respect me and love me as I am, just as I am, and not as you wish I were.

—Anonymous

Reprinted from Joni Eareckson Tada's new book *Friendship Unlimited*, co-authored by Bev Singleton (160 pp., \$7.95, Harold Shaw Publishers, Wheaton, IL).

BACK TO THE FAMINE

Maybe you've been there before

IN a country where there seems to be a fast food restaurant on almost every corner, your youth group needs to take a trip "Back to the Famine." Through World Vision's Planned Famine program they will experience what it's like to go without food, they will learn about the hurting people of the world and at the same time find a way that they can help. By participating in Planned Famine, your youth will take part in a 30-hour fast. Through the use of games, fun and fellowship, they will be able to learn about the real world of famine and at the same time raise money to actually help people who are going hungry. Planned Famine is an experience they will not soon forget.

They'll feel the deep joy and sense of fulfillment that comes with doing something that will make a difference. It's a great way for your youth to grow as a group and grow in the Lord—while together they raise money that will touch the lives of those who need their help.

Sign up today... give your young people a program that gives them a

taste of hunger...and what they can do about it.

Since its beginning seven years ago, World Vision's Planned Famine program has been successful in raising the hunger awareness of young people across the country. You may have done it before...but now it's time to take them... Back to the Famine.

I want to take my youth group back to the Famine

☐ Please send me the materials we need to organize our own Planned Famine today. We are considering the date _____
(Allow 30 days for shipping materials)

☐ Please call me with more information about a Planned Famine program.

Name of contact person _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (home) _____

When is a good time to call? _____ (work) _____

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Samaritan sampler

SOME WAYS PEOPLE ARE HELPING
OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

Christian Neighbors is a pool of volunteers who provide practical services to seniors in Orange County, California. About 275 volunteers assist with vital needs such as transportation to medical appointments, household repairs or grocery shopping, and often develop continuing friendships with their "clients." Over 70 congregations in the area support the work.

For information contact Christian Neighbors, 900 S. Sunkist St., Anaheim, CA 92806; (714) 491-3880.

Short-term mission trips—short enough to accommodate most vacation schedules—are taking groups of Christians to destinations such as Thailand, Uganda, Hungary and Baja California. *World Christian* magazine, together with the Fellowship of World Christians, plans and hosts the trips, which include such activities as literature distribution, home Bible studies and sports clinics.

For information contact *World Christian* magazine, Box 40010, Pasadena, CA 91104.

More people pass through the world's hospitals than through its churches each year. Equipping Christian health professionals to address the multi-dimensional needs of these patients is the aim of the International Hospital Christian Fellowship.

The 50-year-old interdenominational organization works in over 100 countries, holding seminars and establishing prayer groups within hospitals. IHCF also provides local churches with training in visitation of sick and elderly persons and distributes literature and audiovisual materials related to issues in Christian health care.

For information contact Inter-



Christian Neighbors volunteers assist seniors with vital transportation needs.

national Hospital Christian Fellowship, Baron van Nagellstraat 9, 3781 AP Voorthuizen, Holland.

Missions by Involvement, a short-term assignment program of Food for the Hungry, sends groups of Christians to work with residents of needy communities in Mexico and the Dominican Republic.

Food for the Hungry provides help in forming teams of 5 to 20 persons, preparing for the field assignment and communicating the experience afterward with home churches and communities. Youth groups, campus organizations and teams of skilled professionals have participated in the program.

For information contact Missions by Involvement, Food for the Hungry, Box E, Scottsdale, AZ 85252; (800) 2-HUNGER or, in Arizona, 998-3100.

PrayerLine, a toll-free phone service of the Southern Baptist Convention, provides round-the-clock recorded messages updating global prayer concerns. Southern Baptists hope to encourage "concerts of prayer" for world evangelization through the news service. Since its beginning in January 1987,

PrayerLine has received over 50,000 calls.

The number is (800) ALL-SEEK; from Virginia, Hawaii and Alaska, it's (804) 355-6581.

Over 600 "unemployable" people in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area found jobs last year with help from Jubilee Jobs Inc. The ministry, affiliated with the Church of the Saviour, follows up on each placement with a full year of encouragement, support and help in developing long-range goals.

For information contact Jubilee Jobs Inc., 2712 Ontario Rd. N.W., Washington, DC 20009.

Linking Christian professionals with teaching posts in China, Educational Resources & Referrals—China (ERRC) has placed over 100 persons in Chinese universities for terms of three months or longer. The Chinese government has shown interest in fields such as international law, literature, business administration, commercial art, industrial technology and ESL (English as a second language).

ERRC also provides support services for students and teachers preparing to go to China. For information contact ERRC, 2600 Dwight Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

Roving Volunteers In Christ's Service are retired people who use their expertise and extra hours to improve ministry facilities across the nation. Teams of couples or singles set up their own little communities on work sites, usually living in recreational vehicles. Christian camps, colleges, schools, children's homes and missions benefit from the loving handiwork of these volunteers.

For information contact Roving Volunteers in Christ's Service, 1499 Edgewood Ranch Road, Orlando, FL 32811; (305) 293-4170.

They call themselves "contemplatives in action"—the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, some 350 strong.

Jesuit volunteers spend a year or more living in community with other JVCers and working for justice among disadvantaged people in the U.S. Some provide legal, medical, housing or nutritional services; some work with specialized groups such as children or the elderly, abused persons, homeless or disabled persons.

For information contact the Jesuit Volunteer Corps at one of these regional offices: Box 3928, Portland, OR 97208; Eighteenth and Thompson Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19121; Box 32692, Detroit, MI 48232; 1427 12th St., Oakland, CA 94607; 1505 Kane St., Houston, TX 77007.

Help us scatter the seed. If you know of a group providing a specific form of practical help for people in the name of Christ, we'd like to consider mentioning their project on this page. Send a contact name and address to *WORLD VISION* magazine, 919 W. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016.



Ted Engstrom, Dorothy Engstrom and ELIC founder Ken Wendling (left to right in center front) pose with 28 teachers who worked in China this summer after learning of the opportunity through WORLD VISION magazine.

THEY TAUGHT IN CHINA

by Terry Madison

This summer 28 Christian teachers from North America spent nine mind-boggling and life-stretching weeks in China because they read a copy of WORLD VISION magazine last fall.

Dr. Ted Engstrom, then president of World Vision, challenged readers of the October 1986 magazine to consider spending a year—or at least a summer—in China with English Language Institute/China (ELIC).

"I believe this is the time for qualified Christian English teachers to rise to the China challenge," he said. "We can make a difference! A life lived out in sacrificial love before these future leaders of China will not go unrewarded."

Of the 108 teachers who fanned out to six different Chinese provinces this year, 28 of them (from 24 states and three Canadian provinces) went in response to those articles. The average age of the group was 41 years; a number of them were in their early 60s.

Teaching English in China is a door of opportunity many believe God has opened. As Ken Wendling, founder of ELIC, asks, "How often does a person strike a time in history when he or she can help with a constructive national program while at the same time living out a life of love and concern for the people in the name of Christ?"

Teachers who went to China this summer had a direct impact on 1500 experienced Chinese teachers taking courses to upgrade their English-

teaching skills. Each teacher has an average of 150 Chinese students studying English. Thus, the ELIC summer-program teachers indirectly influenced 225,000 Chinese teachers and students through the example of their lives and teaching. These students are among China's future leaders.

This fall ELIC sent the first team of teachers to teach English in Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, a remote autonomous region of China. Discussions are now underway to send a second team to teach at the University of Lhasa. More teachers are required throughout China next year.

Two types of teachers are needed:

Team leaders, with a minimum of an M.A. degree in English or a related academic discipline and two years' teaching experience.

Instructors, with a B.A. and teaching aptitude.

Candidates receive special training in ELIC-developed curriculum before leaving for China.

Teaching in China is not for every Christian teacher. But for those who feel the heavenly tug to walk the High Road in China, the experience will be unforgettable.

All inquiries should be sent to: Recruiting Manager, ELIC, P.O. Box 265, San Dimas, CA 91773. Or phone ELIC at (714) 599-6773. □

Terry Madison is World Vision International's senior journalist.

When you pray

THANK GOD . . .

- **for the vision** of primary health care planners who see how innovative and well-executed teamwork can save thousands of endangered children's lives.
- **for the courageous labors** of health care workers who conduct both emergency and long-range programs in dangerous settings and under trying circumstances.
- **for the support** of caring donors who make such efforts possible.
- **for the equipment and supplies** now available to child survival teams where previously there have been none.
- **for the readiness** of village leaders to welcome Christian health workers despite former barriers of superstition and fear.
- **for the spiritual commitment** of World Vision field workers who serve in the name of Christ and in partnership with the churches of each area.
- **for the success** of extremely difficult efforts, by God's enabling.

AND PLEASE PRAY . . .

- **for continued guidance** for the architects of World Vision's "Child Survival and Beyond" ministries on all continents.
- **for the health and safety** of the field workers serving in hazard-filled places.
- **for more donors' support**, needed to reach thousands more who are dying for lack of basic health care.
- **for additional equipment** and supplies as needed.
- **for enough personnel** to reach into all communities that seek World Vision's help.
- **for the Holy Spirit's working** in the hearts of all who see Christ in the lives of the field staff members.
- **for the success** of specially difficult ventures for God's glory.

NEW LOOK, NEW FEATURES

Future issues of WORLD VISION, beginning with the very next one, will bring you several stimulating new kinds of features. And they'll be the more intriguing because of the magazine's now-on-drawing-boards graphic redesign.

The masthead will also list a new editor in chief. Negotiations are underway this month with an exceptionally well qualified communicator whose eyes and ears are open both to the people on the field and to the people for whom the magazine is provided.

As I now "retire" after nine years in the editor's chair

(to become a publication ministry consultant and freelance writer), I'm grateful

—for the privilege of having served Christ in this always-dynamic organization.

—for the joy of team work with the host of colleagues here, especially those whose names appear in the magazine's masthead.

—for the partnership of pastors and other Christian leaders who involve themselves and their churches in some of the ministries the magazine reports upon.

Thank you, wherever you are, for *your* ongoing partnership with all who constitute World Vision. In future issues of WORLD VISION both you and I will find great food for thought, resource material for leading others in holistic ministry, and an unfolding story of what God is doing in our day through people who make the Savior known by word and deed.

David Olson

A fresh look at INTEGRITY

In a forthcoming book, World Vision's former president, Ted Engstrom, articulates what some previewers say is his most insightful and provocative discussion yet of a subject currently riveted in the minds of Americans: integrity.

"Unfortunately," says Dr. Engstrom, "research for the negative side of this book was all too readily available. Every morning over breakfast we were hit with yet another headline about alleged wickedness in high places—social, political, religious. In editorials, comments from people on the street, talk shows—wherever we turned—integrity shortages were lead items. That's when we knew this book *had* to be written."

Coauthored by longtime writing associate Bob Larson, the book, titled simply *Integrity*, will be issued by Word Publishing Company, to appear in bookstores in November (\$12.95, hardcover).

Here are a few sample paragraphs:

This morning I threw down my copy of the *Los Angeles Times* in disgust. It was more of the same . . . filled with further explicit allegations of the sexual misconduct of a prominent TV evangelist, along with new stories of his wife's spending habits. I believe in grace and forgiveness, but what makes this evange-

list's sexual impropriety particularly damaging is that his tryst took place *seven years ago*—and he "confessed" only after the incident received national attention.

What is integrity? It is doing what you said you would do.

"One of the most fundamental acts of a society is promise keeping," says Lewis Smedes, professor of theology and Christian ethics at Fuller Theological

Seminary in California. Here is the bedrock of social relationships. When we can no longer depend on one another to do what we said we would do, the future becomes an undefined nightmare.

How did we Americans move so much closer to becoming "one nation under greed"? Quite simply. We came by it naturally. "The *natural man* does not receive the things of the Spirit of God," Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJ), "for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

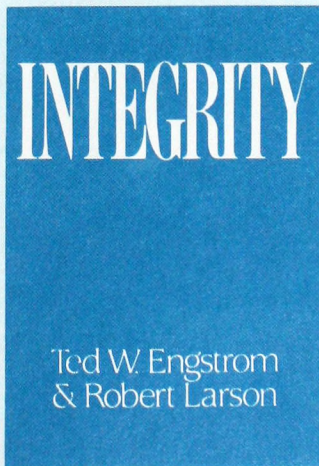
It's easier to hustle the quick buck than the slow cents. And conditions will remain that way until we apply Paul's instruction: "He who is spiritual judges all things" (1 Corinthians 2:15 NKJ).

In discussing international

integrity, my friend and World Vision associate Tom Houston tells this story about our clashing systems of value.

"In the late 1960s Alan Redpath visited us in Nairobi. He had been seeing Africa only through white missionary eyes. One evening, I invited a group of black leaders to our home to have a meal with him and Marjorie. As he listened to their perspective on the missionary story, he became increasingly frustrated until he burst out and said, 'Did we do nothing right?'

"Then there was a pause, and one man, Daniel Wacko by name, said, 'Yes, yes. You did something right. You gave us the standard by which to judge you. If you had not shown us the truth of Christ you would not have put yourself so badly in the dark.' " □



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Because you gave

Thanks to the support of faithful donors, World Vision personnel are saving children's lives right now through creative programs in scores of countries around the world. Here are a few examples.

In Bangladesh: Not only World Vision-sponsored children, but also children and mothers in the surrounding community receive vaccination coverage through the Rayerbazar Family Development Center. World Vision also promotes breastfeeding, birth spacing and vitamin A supplementation, along with education about nutrition and sanitation, at the project.

In Ghana: A village drama staged by the World Vision childcare project in Obrachere Village features a young city-educated woman who advises two friends to bottle-feed their babies. Breastfeeding, she tells them, will spoil their figures.

As the drama unfolds, the child of the woman who



Village drama shows the bad consequences when a woman (center) urges two friends to bottle-feed their babies.

gave up breastfeeding falls sick with diarrhea. At the village dispensary she learns that oral rehydration therapy will restore the child's body fluids, and is advised to go back to breastfeeding to keep the child healthy.

In India: Twenty village health volunteers trained by the Bethel Agricultural Fellowship in Danishpet provide primary health care in their home villages. Twice a month the volunteers learn more about nutrition, family planning, health and sanitation. As a result of their efforts and the vaccination of mothers and children, deaths among children under five in 14 villages have dropped from 15 out of 40 live births in 1981 to two out of 19 live births in 1986. From 1979 onward, no women have died during pregnancy.

In Kampuchea: The RINE (Rehydration, Immunization, Nutrition, Education) program begun at the World Vision-sponsored National Pediatrics Hospital in Phnom Penh has spread to six rural provinces. The medical staff at all seven centers are government employees who receive much of their training at the National Pediatrics Hospital.

In Mauritania: World Vision has produced five-minute television spots in several languages to help communicate the need for immunization. In the films, religious leaders urge the people to have their children vaccinated so they will be healthy, "as God intended every person to be."


In South Africa: The black township of Duncan Village was being torn apart by unrest, burnings and murders when World Vision opened a daycare center there in 1985. Despite continued violence, project workers provided Christian nurture, nutritious food and necessary immunizations to the pre-schoolers. In August 1986 a measles epidemic broke out, claiming the lives of many children, but the daycare center reported: "Not one of the children in our care contracted the disease."

In Sudan: Nurse Nancy Ayres, of Oklahoma, found a village where five or six children were very sick with measles, and showed the mothers how to bring down the fever, give fluids and nourish the sick children. World Vision is training home visitors to provide similar help in their own villages as part of its child survival work in Sudan.

In the weeks ahead, more endangered children will be assisted through World Vision's "Child Survival and Beyond" programs to the extent of donors' support. Watch for reports in future issues of your magazine.

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LIVE AND LAUGH

Children's laughter. How precious it is in any culture! Especially among the world's poor, it's such a welcome signal indicating that, for the moment, all is well. Or seems well.

In a playground made from discards and ingenuity, the two



Guatemalan lads pictured here squeal in glee. The last thing on their minds is the threat of six deadly diseases that kill or disable staggering numbers of children by age 5.

Fortunately in these boys' city (Villa Nueva, near Guatemala City), parents now can begin to enjoy their children's laughter with less apprehension. Child Survival and Beyond—a determined counterattack against those child-killing diseases and more—is producing not just short-term happiness but opportunities to discover lifelong joy through Jesus Christ. And the kids' parents are deeply grateful.

Because the need for Child Survival and Beyond is so urgent in Latin America, Africa, Asia and the island world, I hope you'll read this specially focused issue of WORLD VISION most prayerfully. And that you'll call it to the attention of others who will join you in enabling World Vision's teams of workers to bring survival-plus to "the least of these" in Jesus' name.

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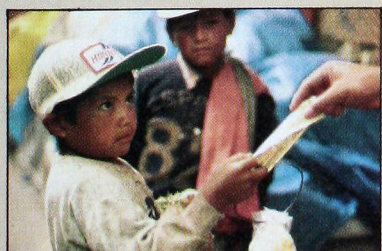
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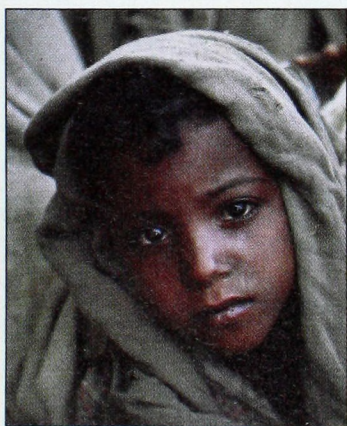
CHILD SURVIVAL AND BEYOND

by Bob Seiple

President of World Vision

Early in August of this year, the nation's news teams rushed to cover the crash of Northwest Airlines Flight 255. As the death toll rose to more than 150, every major newspaper and broadcast station pushed the story to the front and kept it there for days. It dominated the talk at bus stops and barber shops, at dinner tables and business meetings. Collectively, the nation noted it and shuddered.

Meanwhile, in a 24-hour period around the globe, enough children to fill 100 747 planes, died of malnutrition and related illnesses. But this tragedy, so much greater than the first, went almost unnoticed.



So you see why it troubles me that such a crucial movement as child survival is such a well kept secret. The United Nations and the World Health Organization and others have battled for years to hold down the appalling numbers of unnecessary deaths. Yet their work and the continuing crisis make few headlines. Apparently we lack a life-size picture of the problem. We fail to grasp the sheer number of children we are losing.

Behind the numbers, and even more compelling, lie the individual stories. Recently, I visited a clinic in India where a doctor was fitting a polio victim with a leg brace. The doctor was proud of the fit, and for that young boy the brace was a godsend. But for me it stood out as a painful symbol.



Young children, like this trio in Ecuador, stand in need of both the preventative health care measures that make up child survival and the work which looks beyond survival toward abundant life.

Polio prevention has been with us for years. The disease has been virtually eradicated in the Western world. Simply put, polio did not need to be a part of this young lad's life.

The boy's father is dead. His mother is in desperate straits, earning barely enough to live on. Her children, who should be a blessing to her, are a tremendous psychological burden simply because she cannot feed them properly. Now, for lack of a routine vaccination, her son is further disabled by polio.

One cannot see such a child, in such a context, without being a proponent of child survival. But as tragic as this scene is, it is also important to realize that child survival measures alone won't change the bleak outlook for

this child. Help for children like this has to be long-term, dedicated, persevering.

World Vision is launching an intensive campaign under the title "child survival and beyond." Our child survival program will follow the United Nations model. We will help put four simple, lifesaving techniques into the hands of parents who have come to

expect that some of their children will die.

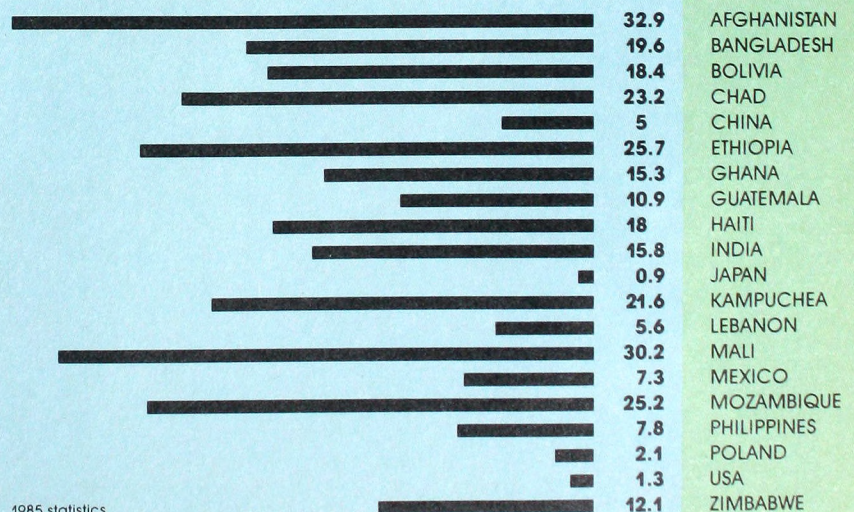
But if we extend a life, if we help take a child through those difficult early years, we are also obliged to improve the quality of that life, its fullness and richness. It is not enough to

teach ways to keep children alive. We need to lay the groundwork for a life that is more than survival.

Getting children out of poverty starts, of course, with basic survival measures: clean water, disease prevention, nutrition education. But these kids need to be drawn by the hope of educational opportunities and, eventually, employment possibilities.

Child survival alone won't change the outlook for Two-Thirds World children. They need much more than that.

Percentage of children born alive who die by age 5 in 20 representative countries



1985 statistics



Ultimately they will need economically developed communities that can support Christian ministry and needed professionals (like medical workers and teachers). In short, our obligations to these children extend beyond mere survival. In our thinking and in our programs we need to be ready to walk with these children into meaningful adulthood.

We're in it for the children and we're in it for the long run.

And of course the phrase "and beyond" also refers to things spiritual. We cannot stop with elementary evangelism any more than we can be satisfied with elementary relief. The spiritual seeds need to be just as carefully watered as they have been sown. Opportunities for faith commitment and spiritual growth need to be just as intentional as economic development.

"Child survival and beyond" means we're in it for the children and we're in it for the long run. An exciting new program, following a pattern set for us thousands of years ago by a God who cares deeply for each child. □

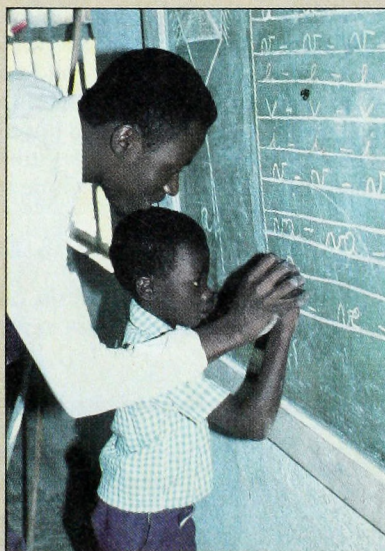
WHAT'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT?

"Economic development [of the kind we work for] is a justice-oriented, biblically based, indigenously owned-and-operated economic program designed to break the cycle of poverty.

"Effective economic development improves small businesses, cottage industries, agricultural opportunities—whatever is appropriate for the people and culture, making possible dignity and hope for a life beyond mere survival."

—Bob Seiple in a speech he prepared for his September 23 installation ceremony

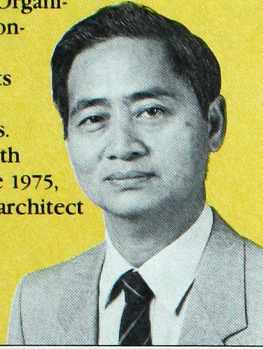
Walking with children beyond survival and toward meaningful adulthood takes place in an abundance of ways. Here are a few of the most common.



Education: Seven-year-old Fidy Champagne gets a helping hand from his teacher, Jules Etienne, at a World Vision-assisted school in Pernier, Haiti.



He carries a briefcase, not a black bag, but Dr. Rufi Macagba is a medical missionary. The former surgeon and hospital director improves the health of needy people around the world by equipping others. Scholarly papers for the World Health Organization and a cartoon-style manual for unschooled parents stand side-by-side among his writings. A policy shaper with World Vision since 1975, Rufi is a principal architect of Child Survival and Beyond.



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T'S NO SNAP FOR THE PARENTS, EITHER

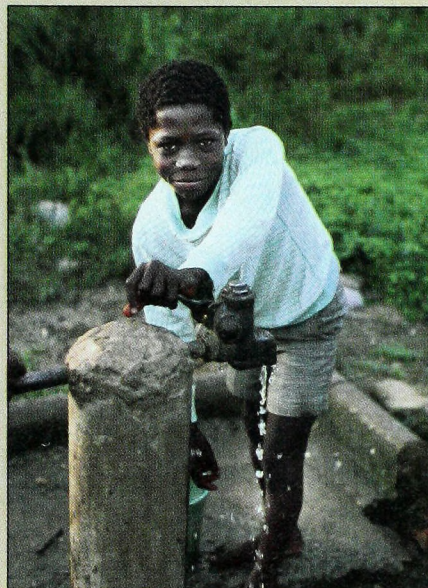
For a mother in the developing world, getting a child immunized usually means giving up half a day's work and wages, traveling on foot or by bus carrying at least one young child, lining up in the sun for perhaps an hour or more, getting back home in time to catch up on the domestic chores, putting up with the usual slight fever and crying which keeps the family awake at night, and justifying to her family why all this lost time and money is necessary on three or four separate occasions for a child who is not even sick.

To build enough desire for their children's vaccination in this context means making it available at times and places convenient to working parents. Even more important, it means empowering parents with information not only about the date, time and place of immunization, but with the knowledge that a series of vaccinations, requiring three to five visits, is essential to protect the life and healthy growth of their children.

The State of the World's Children 1987

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Gardening: In the communal field just outside their classroom, Quichuan preschoolers in Ecuador hold their own little minga (traditional work party) to develop gardening skills.



Clean water: A local source, like this one in Ghana, can do wonders to improve the health of a community and lighten the back-breaking, time-consuming task of daily water procurement.

Spiritual development: Morning prayer is as much a part of the daily rhythm as playing and studying for girls in the Guardian Angel Home in India.



A major responsibility

WHEN JESUS PUTS A CHILD IN OUR MIDST

by Tom Houston

Jesus once called a child to stand in front of the disciples. With the child standing at His side, He taught His disciples some important truths, ending with this statement: "Your Father in heaven does not want any of these little ones to be lost."

Many forces in the world are causing children to die. Jesus says it is not our Father's will that this should happen. I believe that Jesus Christ is again putting a child in our midst as an object lesson. We need to recover the strong statements recorded in Matthew 18 and other passages of the Gospels where Jesus refers to children.

It is just as Jesus is beginning His journey to the cross that He places the child in front of His disciples. They are arguing about who will be the greatest. Their concern is advancement, promotion, ambition—and He puts a child in their midst.

"Now think about the child," says Jesus. "This is what the kingdom is about."

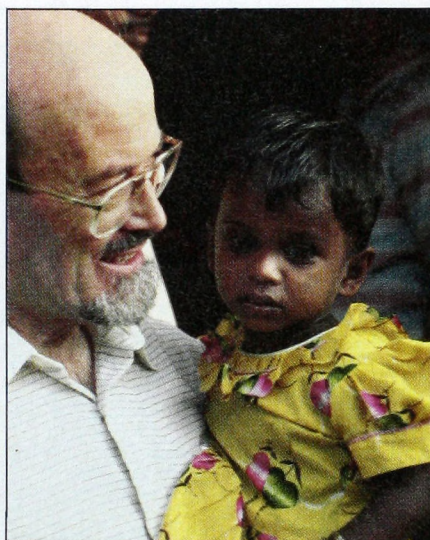
When, in Matthew 19, His disciples scold others for bringing children to Him, Jesus rebukes the disciples and says, "Let the children come to me . . . the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

He counters His culture's view that adults are the important people and children must wait to become important. Little ones are important *now*, He insists. They are important *as children*.

Today we need to assess our own culture's attitude toward children and to compare it with Jesus' attitude.

Jesus says we are to receive children, to welcome them. And the history of how Christians have worked for and loved children is an outstanding one.

Tom Houston with Indian child



Robert Raikes, an eighteenth-century Englishman, saw children working at age 6 in the coal mines and factories of his country. He knew that those children hardly ever saw the light of day. It was slave labor. He decided something must be done for these children whom God loved. He started the first Sunday school. And on each Sunday he taught them not only the Bible but also other important school subjects. That was the beginning of universal primary education.

Raikes was only one of many people who took Jesus Christ seriously regarding children. Think of George Mueller in England; of Hermann Frank in Germany; of child-helping people on every continent. The church of Jesus Christ has always been in the forefront of doing for children that which represents the attitude of the Savior to the children. We follow in the train of those who put a child in the midst and say, "This little one is loved by God. For this one Jesus died."

There is a negative side to this subject too. Jesus not only gave instructions to welcome and receive the children; He said, "If you cause one of them to stumble, to lose faith in me, it were better that a millstone be hanged around your neck and you be drowned in the sea."

One of the most serious statements Jesus ever made about anything was made about people who put a stumbling block in the way of children. Let's not forget it.

We live in a world where people are putting stumbling blocks in the way of children. You know about child beating. You know about child pornography. You know about child prostitution. You know about the impact of war on children. You know about child slavery in places where children are being made to work in factories and under terrible conditions.

Segments of society are putting traumas into the experience of children, forever warping the kind of person they will be. We Christians must be in the business of trying to undo the effects of these stumbling blocks, to cure the effects of the traumas.

Pharaoh tried to kill Moses. Herod tried to kill Jesus. Today a host of enemies will succeed in killing millions of children and many a future godly leader if we, God's people, do not do what the women did in Moses' day and what the holy family did in Jesus' day. In our hands rests their future. □

Tom Houston is international president of World Vision.

They called me "alien devil."

I WAS A STREET ORPHAN

by Stephanie Fast

I was born in Korea right after the Korean War. It was a short war, only four years, but it devastated Korea and Korean families. Everywhere there were orphans and mixed-blood children fathered by foreign soldiers. I was one of them.

In those days infanticide was rampant. Midwives put to death baby girls of mixed blood. Baby boys of mixed blood could remain alive as long as they would not be able to reproduce.

I don't know why I survived except that God had his hand on me. I believe that my mother loved me, because for some reason I was not put to death. I was cared for until she couldn't hide me anymore, or couldn't support me. Then she took me out in the street and left me there.

For seven years I was a street child. (There were no orphanages at the time; World Vision had just come in after the war, but they could not take care of every abandoned child.) We slept under bridges, behind railroad stations, under railroad tracks. In the summertime I went up into the mountains where I could sleep in caves. We learned to eat field mice, grasshoppers, locusts, grass.

People think of the Orient as a tropical paradise: palm trees and grass skirts. But Korea is a little peninsula off of Manchuria. The winds blow strong and the snow comes early. Every day, I saw little children die around me.

When I came out of the mountains

Each time I should have died, but always someone rescued me.

and into the towns and villages, people called me a derogatory name that means "child of two bloods" and also "alien devil." I was inhuman. I was dirty. I wasn't a Korean. I had no name. I knew that I could never get an education, get married or get a job if I survived. I simply had no future.

One time I was caught by a group of men for a reason I don't remember—maybe I had stolen something. The men took me and another little girl to a building known as the "home of the rats." There were rats as big as cats, mean and vicious, and when they were hungry they attacked anything in their sight.

The men threw us into that building as live bait. I remember I said to myself, "We're not going to die! We're going to survive!" But the other little girl said, "I can't, I can't, I can't."

I saw the rats eat away at that little child, but someone rescued me. For a long time I wondered why I survived. There were other times, too: Once I was tied to a waterwheel and repeatedly dunked, apparently in hopes that I would die. Once I was nearly buried alive in a rice paddy. Another time I was thrown into a well and left there for three days.

Each time I should have died, but always someone came to rescue me. It may have been a family member who watched from a distance; I don't know. But I believe it was the hand of God on my life.

When I was seven years old a cholera epidemic swept through Korea. When you're a street child, you're one of the first to catch cholera. I caught it.

About that time, World Vision sent workers out into the street and told them to pick out only infants and children under age three, because they simply didn't have room for the rest. A World Vision nurse by the name of Iris Erickson, combing my section of the

Stephanie Fast, her husband Darryl and their two young sons live in Surrey, BC, Canada. Stephanie's testimony is being filmed for inclusion in a World Vision TV special and for showing in churches and other group meetings.

Stephanie at 9: "God's hand" sustained her through abandonment and abuse.



town, saw me lying among the rest of the garbage and rubble.

Iris has told me that it was as if God spoke to her and said, "That girl has a purpose in life. I want you to rescue her."

"But God," she argued, "she's almost dead, and besides she seems too old."

But God said, "You take her home with you." So she picked me up, took me home and nursed me back to life.

Let me tell you something. When I was dying on the streets with cholera, I was actually happy about it. At seven years old I was ready to die because I thought I knew what my future would be. I hated myself and the people around me. I didn't want to be abused any more.

When I woke up two weeks later and saw Iris staring at me, I screamed in anger. She kept repeating, "It's OK, you don't have to go back out there; we'll take care of you."

She found a place for me in a World Vision orphanage. As the oldest child there, I was given the job of washing diapers. We didn't have Pampers back then. Our local laundromat was the river on the edge of town and the washing machine was a big stick to beat the clothes. In the winter we had to chisel the ice away to make a hole for washing.

I didn't mind that because I had a roof over my head, three square meals a day,

I thought Goliath had come back to life.

and people who took care of me. What I minded was that every evening when I walked through the gate a string of children followed me, calling me names and taunting me all the way to the river, the whole time I was down there and all the way back.

But in that orphanage, I found for the first time that I could give love. The little ones were so tiny and helpless, and the workers were too busy to really love each one of them individually. I remember spending hours holding little ones in my arms and loving them.

When I was nine years old, Iris Erickson announced that some foreigners would visit the next day to adopt a baby boy. I spent the whole day scrubbing the babies and making them as pretty as possible, putting little ribbons in their hair. We waited with great anticipation for this foreign couple.

I had heard Bible stories in the World Vision orphanage, and when I saw that man walk through the gate I thought Goliath had come back to life. I never saw anyone so big. I watched him closely, because I despised men. But I saw something that I had never seen in any other man:

compassion. When you see compassion, you know it.

I watched this man with the big, big hands lift up each baby, and I knew he loved every one of them. I saw tears running down his face and I knew that if he could have, he would have taken the whole lot home. Then the man saw me, out of the corner of his eye.

Let me tell you, I was almost nine years old but I didn't weigh 30 pounds. I was a tiny, scrawny little thing. I had worms in my body, boils on my skin, scars on my body. I was not a pretty sight. But that man took his huge hand and laid it on my face. It seemed to cover my whole face and half my body. It felt so good, and inside I was begging, "Oh, keep it up, don't let your hand go."

But that's not what I said aloud. Instead, I yanked that hand off my face and looked up at him (I'm sure my eyes came up to his knees) and I spit on him.

If you don't believe that God is alive and that God is a God of miracles, listen to this. That man and his wife came back the next day and took me home with them!

Suddenly I had my own room. I had my own bed. (I didn't know what to do with the bed, but I had it.) My new parents bought me two little dresses, and I'll never forget them as long as I live:

Stephanie's storybook rescue by a World Vision nurse and later adoption by loving parents didn't mean "happily ever after." Childhood wounds ran deep.



one pink and white polkadot and one blue and white polkadot.

Suddenly I was an American. And I had a name, I had an identity.

My parents, who were missionaries, showed me their love in many ways, including the way they tried to help me adjust during a year of furlough in America when I was 12. But when we went back to Korea, where my parents served, I didn't want anything to do with the Koreans in our church. I tried to forget the Korean language. I wanted nothing more to do with the Korean side of me.

In my teenage years my parents began to realize that I had some emotional problems. I wasn't rebellious, I never hurt anyone. But at a certain point in personal relationships I would retreat. And every time I talked about myself it was negative talk.

When I was about 15, my dad came into my room and sat down on the edge of the bed. "Stephanie," he said, "you know the Bible. I don't need to quote it to you. But think about Jesus. He was born to a virgin. He was born in a stinking stable. He went back to his home town and his people turned their backs on him. Even his own disciples let him down in the Garden of Gethsemane. And when He hung on the cross to die, the ones for whom He

In my room that night the Lord released my emotions and I began to cry.

gave his life turned their backs on him.

"Stephanie, you have been hurt. You have been despised. You have been rejected. You have been abused. But there stands the Man who knows everything. Jesus hung on the cross to identify with you."

That night for the first time I prayed, "Lord Jesus, please forgive me for all these sins I've been carrying. All these feelings that I've been carrying, I give them to you, Lord Jesus."

Since the time that I had been thrown in the building with the rats, I had never cried another tear. But in my room that night the Lord released my emotions and I began to cry. From that moment to this day, it has been a continual healing by the Lord.

When I was 16 I went to Rockport, Indiana, to complete my high school education. Then I married my husband Darryl, whom I had met in Japan during a Christmastime visit there, where his parents were missionaries. After our marriage, Darryl and I attended Elim Bible Institute, a school in Lima, New York.

We now have an 8-year-old son, Stephen, and one-year-old David. For 11 years we have lived mostly in Surrey, British Columbia, though for three years we filled in for furloughing missionaries in Japan. In Surrey, Darryl is the school administrator at White Rock Christian Fellowship Academy and I major in mothering, though speaking engagements take us to various American and Canadian cities two or three times a month.

I continue to face spiritual battles, and there are many things I do not understand while I face them. But I do know that there is victory in the end.

When we have life in Christ, we are a new creation. That is the beginning of healing. □

Stephanie with her son Stephen, age 8, and husband Darryl. "To this day, it has been a continual healing by the Lord."



BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

by Terri Owens

When Valerio Curillo and his companions arrived on the doorstep of World Vision Ecuador in the bustling capital, Quito, World Vision had no projects in the city. All resources were directed toward the *rural* Indians, who lived in the staggering poverty of high-land villages.

But these pleading visitors were also Quichuas. In a determined effort to escape countryside poverty, 53 families migrated to Quito where they instead became helplessly trapped in an unbreakable cycle of urban poverty. World Vision listened to them. The Camal Migrant Association Child Sponsorship Project was born.

Earlier these families had formed the Camal Migrant Association in order to petition the government for the precious laminated cards that would make them

FRUITFUL EFFORT

Half a million rural Ecuadorans move in and out of Quito hoping to develop a livable income. Most fail to do so.

With help of the kind this group is getting from World Vision sponsors, many more could succeed. And there would be spiritual results too.

Tungurahua, the province from which the World Vision-assisted garlic sellers come, five years ago had only 800 known Christians; now it has 7000. In those five years the number of its evangelical churches increased from six to 30.

legal vendors. Without licenses, they were continually seized by municipal police patrolling the marketplace and thrown into jail.

"I was hauled off to jail five or six times," remembers Curillo. "Of course we always tried to watch out for the police, but when one has wares spread out, it is not easy to run!"

Originally from Tungurahua Province in southern Ecuador, the families all sold garlic and onions that they purchased by credit during monthly trips home by bus. In Quito, they lived near each other in

53 rural families who migrated to Ecuador's capital city became trapped in urban poverty. But a better future lies ahead.

deplorable housing, the best they could find with their meager incomes.

"They were living three families to one little room—along with their supplies of garlic and onions," notes World Vision Ecuador operations manager Christian Aponte. "They also had to do their cooking there. The owner of the rooms rationed the water by making it available only at night. He even forbade them to hold worship services on the property. Each family earned only 4000 to 5000 sucres (\$28-\$35) a month and paid a third of their income for the right to live in those shacks."

Such severe overcrowding endangered the families' physical, social and spiritual well-being. Intestinal problems, tuberculosis and other ailments common among Ecuador's poor threatened to spread among them. Tensions flared between individuals weary of being packed so tightly together.

When as an association they at last succeeded in getting licenses from the government, they took on a new goal: finding a way out of their hellish living



Grateful residents welcome visitors to the house for which sponsorship funds provided down payment assistance.



Drying time for the migrants' laundry averages three days.



Adults and older children take turns working at the marketplace so some can tend to the younger children at the house so many families share.



In the highlands where they raise their produce, burros are the primary mode of transportation.



condition. Once involved, World Vision also saw better housing as a priority—it would dramatically improve the lives of children as well as adults. Initial gifts from the children's sponsors went toward the down payment on a 23-room house two miles from the Chiriacu Marketplace where many of the families

So far, all but eight association families have come to know Christ.

are vendors. In September 1986, they moved in.

Now there is enough water available for bathing and laundering and there is electricity as well. Instead of cooking in their living areas, families use the house kitchen, often preparing communal meals in huge pots and pans. Presently

two families are sharing each room, but World Vision plans to help them remodel the house so that each family will have its own quarters. And since World Vision is helping to make the house payments and pay the taxes, association members have money to rent storage space for

News about their little church is spreading among other migrants.

their garlic and onions at the marketplace instead of keeping produce in their living quarters.

Christians among these new homeowners are holding worship services

each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night. So far, all but eight association families have come to know Christ. News about the little church is spreading among other Quichua migrants in Quito, and several visitors have come to share the joy of praising God in their native tongue.

While the residents are overjoyed with their house, other plans are underway. Future goals include setting up a preschool at the house so that parents will have a safe place to leave their children during the day. Presently, they have no choice but to keep their infants and young children at their sides in the marketplace from dawn to dusk. The preschool room will double as an adult learning center where literacy training and classes on hygiene, nutrition, and cooking will be offered at night. Older children attending public schools will be

supplied with books, writing materials and other needed items.

World Vision is also showing the families how to pool their resources to buy produce from the village growers without having to take out loans, which eat up part of their profits.

All these goals are paving the way toward the day when Camal Migrant Association families are well-established with a home of their own, have improved incomes, better health and nutrition, Christian nurture and excellent daycare. On that day World Vision will reach its ultimate goal for this project: to end the project, because at last the cycle of poverty will be broken for these people. □

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Personal perspective

ON 'SACRIFICIAL' GIVING

by John Dellenback

What strikes me when we Christians talk about sacrificial giving is that many really *aren't* sacrificing when we give what might be considered generous amounts of money. What we give is not out of essentials, but out of surplus. Do we give up our place to live? What we eat? No, we give out of surplus. Oh, we might put off getting a new car, but it's no "widow's mite" situation.

What really is sacrificial giving? My wife Mary Jane and I have concluded that for many of us, sacrificial giving is simply giving what is not expandable.

Money is somewhat expandable; if we have emergency needs, we dip into savings. The commodity which is *not* expandable is *time*; we have 24 hours a day and that's all.

There's no way you can stretch that except by changing your priorities. So, if you are going to give sacrificially to a project, you must allocate time to the project. Time you might have used for something else you wanted to do. You might give up sleep. You might give up working. You might give up recreation. You have to sacrifice something. You have to face your value system. That's sacrificial giving.

When you turn to a busy person and say, "I would like you to give sacrificially," it is like saying, "Please spend time on this project." If the person gives your request a

higher priority than something else he or she wanted to do; if that person says, "Yes, I'll do this for the Lord," then that's sacrificial giving.

Yet, sacrificial giving does not always mean you are losing out on something in your life. The rearranging of priorities results, instead, in greater good. For me, serving on World Vision's board of directors necessitated my putting something else lower on my list of priorities. But being on the board is also a great opportunity, a great privilege.

Of course, the skills some people can donate may not be so easily transferable. They, perhaps, may be able to do the most good by doing what they do best—by donating the earnings from their jobs.

If you are willing to give up a month of your time for the needy people of the world and you find that offering your skills to a ministry for one month is not practical, you can give sacrificially by donating an extra month's worth of your earnings.

A lawyer, for example, may say, "I'll give a month of my time, but I will spend it in my office, doing what I do best—being a lawyer." God will use and honor that sacrificial gift. And that lawyer should not be surprised if God also creates an opportunity, eventually, to give sacrificially in some more personal way—across an ocean or across town—where it will prove both costly and cost-effective. □

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For wells, health care and other long-range help . . .

AFRICANS SHOW APPRECIATION

by Charles Maingi



At Yaptel Diop village in Senegal, the villagers are dancing to the tune of drums as a World Vision immunization team I am accompanying arrives. Perhaps the village is having a religious or a cultural festival, I say to myself.

"The people have been waiting for the World Vision immunization team; the dancing is a sign of welcome," explains Jean Mbaitouloum, a staff member of the World Vision child survival project.

The child survival project manager, Dr. Milton Amayun, is greatly encouraged by the active participation of Yaptel Diop villagers in the immunization program.

He explains how the villagers recently sent word to the World Vision office saying there was something they wanted to present to the organization. When a World Vision representative went to the

In Sekondi, Ghana, these happy youngsters pause for a photo while gathering water for their families.

village, the village chief presented him with a key to a "case de sante," — a health hut.

"The chief requested that the health hut be named after World Vision, but we politely declined, explaining that World Vision had not contributed anything toward the construction of the hut," Dr. Amayun adds.

The hut, whose walls are made of millet stalks, is now being used for the immunization of village children against tuberculosis, polio, tetanus, yellow fever, whooping cough, diphtheria and measles.

The immunization is given to children under 23 months old. There are about

"They have been waiting for the immunization team. The dancing is a sign of welcome."

50,000 of them in the Louga region of Senegal where World Vision activities are concentrated. Other major activities are drilling water boreholes, tree planting and agriculture.

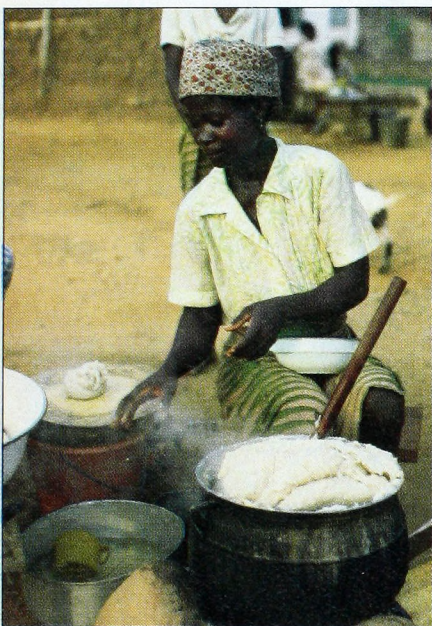
At Bonsaso village in Ghana, villagers are standing around a World Vision water drilling rig. All eyes are glued to the mouth of the hole. Suddenly, there are exclamations and clapping of hands. Mud has started coming from the hole. The clapping and exclamations become louder. Water has been struck and it comes gushing out with great force.

The World Vision staff undertaking the drilling and the villagers join together in a prayer of praise. The well means a new era in the lives of the people of this village.

Chief Kwadwo Reve of Kpobikope, a village just outside Accra, tells me that most of the children in the village have

Charles Maingi is a journalist for World Vision International in Africa.

A drama presented by a World Vision nutritionist in Ghana drives home the point that breast-feeding is preferred to bottle-feeding when a choice is available to mothers.



A woman in Sekondi, Ghana, prepares food to sell at a local market.



Medical workers give shots to youngsters in Maka Braguiye, Ghana, on "Injection Day."



been having blood in their urine.

"Until recently, we did not know that this was caused by bilharzia disease which the children get from the snail-infested water of the pond. We are thankful that now we have a well to provide us with clean water."

The well was drilled recently by World Vision as part of the organization's campaign to eradicate water-borne diseases in the country. Through the Ghana Rural Water Project, villages are being provided with wells, well maintenance skills and health education. One of the objectives of the health education component is to make the people understand why they should use water from the boreholes and not from the ponds.

Dora Abbey, a woman living at

"We are thankful that now we have a well to provide us with clean water."

Obrachere, another Ghanaian village, is addressing her fellow villagers one afternoon. Beaming with joy, she testifies that her three-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Janet Nkrumah has now fully recovered from marasmus (wasting malnutrition), thanks to assistance provided by the World Vision health team.

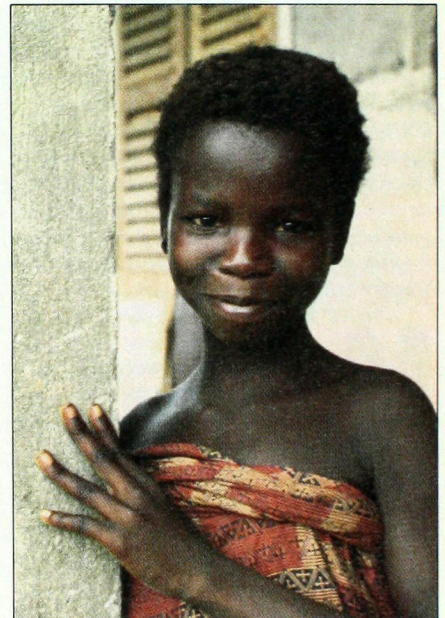
According to Esther Manieson, World Vision nutritionist, Janet was on the brink of death when World Vision health

team stepped in and gave assistance.

The task of saving the lives of children in the country is an enormous one. There are an estimated 17 deaths per 100 live births, and 30 out of every 100 children born alive die from disease before their fifth birthday.

Such startling figures of child mortality apply for most countries in Africa. World Vision's effort to provide water and health services to the needy on the continent is helping save many lives and improve the living conditions of entire communities.

The appreciation shown by beneficiaries of this assistance in Africa can be a source of encouragement to all involved in this effort. □



The prospect of clean water from a new well near her school in Dompin Wasa, Ghana, brightens the face of this young student.

Members of the World Vision Senegal drill crew test water samples from a freshly dug well in the country's Louga region.

Hiding his family for three terrifying months

ON THE RUN IN UGANDA

For more than three months in 1985, Richard Mbajja, 20, hid his family from the brutal soldiers of Uganda's President Apollo Milton Obote. Today Richard lives with his new wife in a tiny grass hut about 75 kilometers south of Kampala, Uganda's capital. This is Richard's story (as relayed by American journalist Steve Reynolds) of the terrifying ordeal his 11-member family suffered before Obote's regime fell to the current president, Yoweri Museveni.

My family and I were sitting near our house in the late afternoon when we got word that government soldiers were in a village about three kilometers away. At first we didn't pay any attention, thinking it was a joke. But within a few minutes we heard heavy gunfire which seemed to be getting closer.

Some of Museveni's troops had attacked President Obote's soldiers and there was a fierce battle going on. The soldiers were firing randomly into the bush, shooting anything that moved. When we heard the soldiers coming we immediately ran away, leaving everything and taking only the clothes on our backs. That was the last we saw of our house; it was destroyed a few days later by the soldiers.

My father is blind and would have been helpless on his own. So I grabbed a stick and put one end of it in his hand and said, "Hold on to this, and do not let go of it no matter what happens. When I

Richard, standing before the hut he built with branches and grass, clings to the hope of a future free of fear for himself and his new wife.



Richard's blind father displays a blanket given him by World Vision.



run fast you must run as fast as you can, and when I stop you stop."

So I ran into the bush, struggling with my bad leg, with my father following behind. Somehow we got separated from the rest of the family. For two days my father and I hid silently in the bush waiting for the soldiers to find us. Finally, we ventured out and found our family alive and hiding in the bush about two kilometers away.

Sometimes now the children wake up at night screaming, "The soldiers are here!"

When we were all gathered together we ran from the soldiers as a group and never separated again. While we were on the run, I was the only one healthy enough to search for food, so that was my task. Looking for food was very difficult and dangerous. Often I would have to walk ten kilometers or more to find some. This was very hard with my lame leg. Sometimes I would get so weary I would fall down.

Sometimes I could not find any food. Other times I had to hide from the soldiers and couldn't even look for food for several days. Many nights my family slept without eating. Often we would just drink water. Many times we would have to mix our own urine with what little water we could find and drink it just to stay alive another day.

On one occasion I went out with 40 other men to look for food for our families. Only two of us survived. The rest were killed by the soldiers. Looking for food was very dangerous.

During our entire time on the run, I kept a special eye on my father. I felt that since he was responsible for bringing me into the world, I owed him my life. I could not leave him to die at the hands of the soldiers. At times I would have to carry food on my head, using one hand to steady it, and lead my father with the other. I believe this was a miracle from God, because normally I must use one hand to support my bad leg as I walk. God gave me strength.

My family and I hid out like this for more than three months. Many times I had to fight other men for a papaya or a mango. Sometimes I would get to eat only the seed of a piece of fruit, having divided the rest of it among the women and children.

It would usually take me two or three days to find food. Always I would return expecting to find that my family had been killed or captured. This fear never left me. I was also afraid that if I were killed my family would have no one to bring them food, and they would die of starvation. Each day was lived as if it were our last. We gave absolutely no thought to the next day.

The worst time for us came when we were passing through a place called Kindike (pronounced Kin-dee-kay). We were running through a forested area following some of Museveni's troops to safety. Suddenly we lost track of them, and we couldn't find our way. Then, from behind us we could hear the Obote soldiers chasing us and shooting at us. Bullets were passing over our heads as we ran aimlessly through the jungle. All around us were hundreds of dead bodies. At that moment I thought surely we were going to die.

As we were running, we came to a place where there was a small patch of dense undergrowth. Immediately we took cover there and we remained silent and motionless for two days. I told the children to remain absolutely still: "Even if a snake crawls over you, do not move," I said.

This was terrifying because several times we heard soldiers passing directly by us. Sometimes the soldiers would try to trick us. They would point and shout, "Get up, we see you!" even when they didn't see anyone. Some people were fooled by this and stood up. Immediately they were shot. We stayed still and silent. Eventually, the soldiers left and we were saved.

The children often had difficulty

keeping up while we were running, so my aunt would tie the children to her with a cloth. This way even when we were running the children would follow, or be dragged along behind.

The children knew that at any moment they might be killed. They lived with

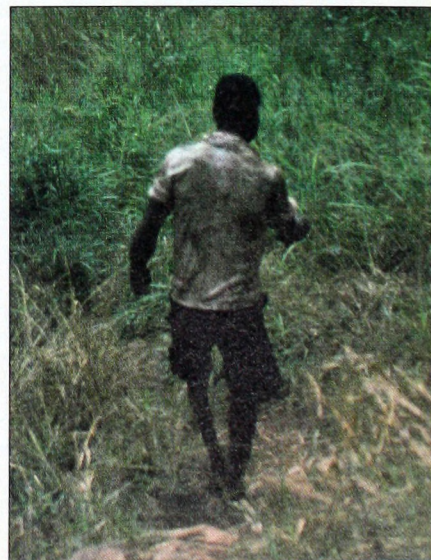
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death day and night. Now the children often wonder where the men with guns are. Sometimes they wake up at night screaming, "The soldiers are here!" and they try to run away. The fear is still in their minds.

Today I feel free again. My family is safe and I am safe. Even though I live in this tiny hut and sleep on a dirt floor, I am happy.

While we were running we feared the daylight. Seeing the sun come up meant it was time to hide again. Now when I want to sleep I can sleep without any fear. When I want to go and work in my field I can go and not fear leaving my new wife behind. I can even travel to another village without fear. □

Richard's withered left leg hampers his gait but not his enthusiasm as he declares, "Now when I want to go and work in my field I can go and not fear leaving my wife behind."





by Daniel Rice

World Vision's Director of
Financial Planning

Plan your giving now if you want to help the world's poor this Christmas.

TAX-SAVING GUIDE FOR MAKING A CHARITABLE GIFT

The Christmas season is a time of giving and receiving—a joyful time of appreciation and thanksgiving. If you have decided you want to share with the poor at the end of this year, here are ten ways of giving you should consider:

Gifts with tax deductions now

1. Cash gifts are fast and easy.

A gift of cash is simple, fast and easy. If you itemize your deductions, you may claim the full amount of your gift as a charitable deduction.

2. Appreciated stock or bond gifts have double benefits.

Do you have stocks or bonds that have gone up in value and that you have held long-term? If you transfer them to World Vision, you can claim the full fair market value as a charitable deduction—and completely avoid taxes on the capital gain under most circumstances.

3. Real estate gifts can avoid capital gains taxes, too.

A gift of real property—house, business, unimproved land, income property—has the same excellent tax benefits as gifts of stocks and bonds. You may deduct the full fair market value and avoid the tax on the appreciation.

4. Memorial and commemorative gifts express your love.

If you wish to honor a friend or remember a loved one at Christmastime, you may make a gift in their name. We will send a special card to the individual or family of the individual who is commemorated, notifying them of your gift.

Gifts with tax deductions and income for you

5. World Vision's income fund pays back income.

A gift to World Vision's income fund provides you with a tax deduction right now and pays you income for the rest of your life.

6. A World Vision charitable trust protects for life.

Unitrusts and annuity trusts are special gifts that allow you to retain income and secure substantial tax advantages. The income can be fixed at a certain amount or be determined by the growth of the trust.

7. The World Vision gift annuity provides guaranteed income.

Guaranteed annual income as high as 14 percent

(depending on age)—partly tax-free—is available through a gift in exchange for a World Vision annuity. There are other immediate income tax advantages, too.

Gifts with future tax deductions

8. Life insurance gifts are creative and valuable.

Donate an insurance policy that you no longer need and you will receive a tax deduction for the cash value. Or purchase a *new* insurance policy and give it to World Vision. All *future* premiums you pay will be deductible.

9. A revocable trust lets you change your mind.

You may place assets in a trust with World Vision, but retain the right to take back part or all of the principal in case of need. The amount in the trust at your death becomes a gift to World Vision and is deductible from estate taxes.

10. A bequest in your will means the highest stewardship.

Simply include "World Vision, Inc., a not-for-profit California charitable corporation" in your will for a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or for the *remainder* of your estate after you have cared for others.

Help in planning your giving

If you are considering an end-of-the-year gift at this Christmas season, we hope you will remember that a gift to World Vision will go directly to provide ongoing relief for hungry, suffering people around the world.

We have trained personnel who are ready to help you make your gift and achieve the maximum tax advantages.

December 31 is the last day a gift can be made and deducted for 1987 tax purposes.

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Samaritan sampler

SOME WAYS PEOPLE ARE HELPING
OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

Christian Neighbors is a pool of volunteers who provide practical services to seniors in Orange County, California. About 275 volunteers assist with vital needs such as transportation to medical appointments, household repairs or grocery shopping, and often develop continuing friendships with their "clients." Over 70 congregations in the area support the work.

For information contact Christian Neighbors, 900 S. Sunkist St., Anaheim, CA 92806; (714) 491-3880.

Short-term mission trips—short enough to accommodate most vacation schedules—are taking groups of Christians to destinations such as Thailand, Uganda, Hungary and Baja California. *World Christian* magazine, together with the Fellowship of World Christians, plans and hosts the trips, which include such activities as literature distribution, home Bible studies and sports clinics.

For information contact *World Christian* magazine, Box 40010, Pasadena, CA 91104.

More people pass through the world's hospitals than through its churches each year. Equipping Christian health professionals to address the multi-dimensional needs of these patients is the aim of the International Hospital Christian Fellowship.

The 50-year-old inter-denominational organization works in over 100 countries, holding seminars and establishing prayer groups within hospitals. IHCF also provides local churches with training in visitation of sick and elderly persons and distributes literature and audiovisual materials related to issues in Christian health care.

For information contact Inter-



Christian Neighbors volunteers assist seniors with vital transportation needs.

national Hospital Christian Fellowship, Baron van Nagellstraat 9, 3781 AP Voorthuizen, Holland.

Missions by Involvement, a short-term assignment program of Food for the Hungry, sends groups of Christians to work with residents of needy communities in Mexico and the Dominican Republic.

Food for the Hungry provides help in forming teams of 5 to 20 persons, preparing for the field assignment and communicating the experience afterward with home churches and communities. Youth groups, campus organizations and teams of skilled professionals have participated in the program.

For information contact Missions by Involvement, Food for the Hungry, Box E, Scottsdale, AZ 85252; (800) 2-HUNGER or, in Arizona, 998-3100.

PrayerLine, a toll-free phone service of the Southern Baptist Convention, provides round-the-clock recorded messages updating global prayer concerns. Southern Baptists hope to encourage "concerts of prayer" for world evangelization through the news service. Since its beginning in January 1987,

PrayerLine has received over 50,000 calls.

The number is (800) ALL-SEEK; from Virginia, Hawaii and Alaska, it's (804) 355-6581.

Over 600 "unemployable" people in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area found jobs last year with help from Jubilee Jobs Inc. The ministry, affiliated with the Church of the Saviour, follows up on each placement with a full year of encouragement, support and help in developing long-range goals.

For information contact Jubilee Jobs Inc., 2712 Ontario Rd. N.W., Washington, DC 20009.

Linking Christian professionals with teaching posts in China, Educational Resources & Referrals—China (ERRC) has placed over 100 persons in Chinese universities for terms of three months or longer. The Chinese government has shown interest in fields such as international law, literature, business administration, commercial art, industrial technology and ESL (English as a second language).

ERRC also provides support services for students and teachers preparing to go to China. For information contact ERRC, 2600 Dwight Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

Roving Volunteers in Christ's Service are retired people who use their expertise and extra hours to improve ministry facilities across the nation. Teams of couples or singles set up their own little communities on work sites, usually living in recreational vehicles. Christian camps, colleges, schools, children's homes and missions benefit from the loving handiwork of these volunteers.

For information contact Roving Volunteers in Christ's Service, 1499 Edgewood Ranch Road, Orlando, FL 32811; (305) 293-4170.

They call themselves "contemplatives in action"—the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, some 350 strong.

Jesuit volunteers spend a year or more living in community with other JVCers and working for justice among disadvantaged people in the U.S. Some provide legal, medical, housing or nutritional services; some work with specialized groups such as children or the elderly, abused persons, homeless or disabled persons.

For information contact the Jesuit Volunteer Corps at one of these regional offices: Box 3928, Portland, OR 97208; Eighteenth and Thompson Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19121; Box 32692, Detroit, MI 48232; 1427 12th St., Oakland, CA 94607; 1505 Kane St., Houston, TX 77007.

Help us scatter the seed. If you know of a group providing a specific form of practical help for people in the name of Christ, we'd like to consider mentioning their project on this page. Send a contact name and address to *WORLD VISION* magazine, 919 W. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016.

Mini message

Jesus preparing to feed the hungry multitude, as portrayed in the film *Jesus*



FEAST ON THE BREAD OF LIFE!

On a Galilean hillside Jesus fed thousands of hungry people. But the very next day He spoke of a more important kind of bread. He declared, "I am the bread of life." And He promised, "If a man eats of this bread, he will live forever" (John 6:35,51).

Jesus' hearers that day failed to understand what He meant. But at other times and places, spiritually hungry people took Him at His word, received Him into their very beings, and found His promise true.

Today it still is true. While the

metaphor remains a mystery, it's mysterious *reality* to all who truly trust in Him as Lord and Savior.

Reader, are *you* eating the bread of life? If so, you've more to rejoice about than did the people on that Galilean hillside. But if not, *why not?*

If these questions make little sense to you, please read the Gospel of John searchingly, talk with a pastor or other committed Christian, learn what saving faith is—and feast on the bread of life!

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- ☐ **for the readiness** of village leaders to welcome Christian health workers despite former barriers of superstition and fear.
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- ☐ **for more donors' support**, needed to reach thousands more who are dying for lack of basic health care.
- ☐ **for additional equipment** and supplies as needed.
- ☐ **for enough personnel** to reach into all communities that seek World Vision's help.
- ☐ **for the Holy Spirit's working** in the hearts of all who see Christ in the lives of the field staff members.
- ☐ **for the success** of specially difficult ventures for God's glory.

NEW LOOK, NEW FEATURES

Future issues of WORLD VISION, beginning with the very next one, will bring you several stimulating new kinds of features. And they'll be the more intriguing because of the magazine's now-on-drawing-boards graphic redesign.

The masthead will also list a new editor in chief. Negotiations are underway this month with an exceptionally well qualified communicator whose eyes and ears are open both to the people on the field and to the people for whom the magazine is provided.

As I now "retire" after nine years in the editor's chair

(to become a publication ministry consultant and freelance writer), I'm grateful

—for the privilege of having served Christ in this always-dynamic organization.

—for the joy of team work with the host of colleagues here, especially those whose names appear in the magazine's masthead.

—for the partnership of pastors and other Christian leaders who involve themselves and their churches in some of the ministries the magazine reports upon.

Thank you, wherever you are, for *your* ongoing partnership with all who constitute World Vision. In future issues of WORLD VISION both you and I will find great food for thought, resource material for leading others in holistic ministry, and an unfolding story of what God is doing in our day through people who make the Savior known by word and deed.

David Olson

A fresh look at INTEGRITY

In a forthcoming book, World Vision's former president, Ted Engstrom, articulates what some previewers say is his most insightful and provocative discussion yet of a subject currently riveted in the minds of Americans: integrity.

"Unfortunately," says Dr. Engstrom, "research for the negative side of this book was all too readily available. Every morning over breakfast we were hit with yet another headline about alleged wickedness in high places—social, political, religious. In editorials, comments from people on the street, talk shows—wherever we turned—integrity shortages were lead items. That's when we knew this book *had* to be written."

Coauthored by longtime writing associate Bob Larson, the book, titled simply *Integrity*, will be issued by Word Publishing Company, to appear in bookstores in November (\$12.95, hardcover).

Here are a few sample paragraphs:

This morning I threw down my copy of the *Los Angeles Times* in disgust. It was more of the same . . . filled with further explicit allegations of the sexual misconduct of a prominent TV evangelist, along with new stories of his wife's spending habits. I believe in grace and forgiveness, but what makes this evange-

list's sexual impropriety particularly damaging is that his tryst took place *seven years ago*—and he "confessed" only after the incident received national attention.

What is integrity? It is doing what you said you would do.

"One of the most fundamental acts of a society is promise keeping," says Lewis Smedes, professor of theology and Christian ethics at Fuller Theological

Seminary in California. Here is the bedrock of social relationships. When we can no longer depend on one another to do what we said we would do, the future becomes an undefined nightmare.

How did we Americans move so much closer to becoming "one nation under greed"? Quite simply. We came by it naturally. "The *natural man* does not receive the things of the Spirit of God," Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJ), "for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

It's easier to hustle the quick buck than the slow cents. And conditions will remain that way until we apply Paul's instruction: "He who is spiritual judges all things" (1 Corinthians 2:15 NKJ).

In discussing international

integrity, my friend and World Vision associate Tom Houston tells this story about our clashing systems of value.

"In the late 1960s Alan Redpath visited us in Nairobi. He had been seeing Africa only through white missionary eyes. One evening, I invited a group of black leaders to our home to have a meal with him and Marjorie. As he listened to their perspective on the missionary story, he became increasingly frustrated until he burst out and said, 'Did we do nothing right?'

"Then there was a pause, and one man, Daniel Wacko by name, said, 'Yes, yes. You did something right. You gave us the standard by which to judge you. If you had not shown us the truth of Christ you would not have put yourself so badly in the dark.' " □

INTEGRITY

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CARING THAT LASTS—See page 4

Because you gave

Thanks to the support of faithful donors, World Vision personnel are saving children's lives right now through creative programs in scores of countries around the world. Here are a few examples.

In Bangladesh: Not only World Vision-sponsored children, but also children and mothers in the surrounding community receive vaccination coverage through the Rayerbazar Family Development Center. World Vision also promotes breastfeeding, birth spacing and vitamin A supplementation, along with education about nutrition and sanitation, at the project.

In Ghana: A village drama staged by the World Vision childcare project in Obrachere Village features a young city-educated woman who advises two friends to bottle-feed their babies. Breastfeeding, she tells them, will spoil their figures.

As the drama unfolds, the child of the woman who



Village drama shows the bad consequences when a woman (center) urges two friends to bottle-feed their babies.

gave up breastfeeding falls sick with diarrhea. At the village dispensary she learns that oral rehydration therapy will restore the child's body fluids, and is advised to go back to breastfeeding to keep the child healthy.

In India: Twenty village health volunteers trained by the Bethel Agricultural Fellowship in Danishpet provide primary health care in their home villages. Twice a month the volunteers learn more about nutrition, family planning, health and sanitation. As a result of their efforts and the vaccination of mothers and children, deaths among children under five in 14 villages have dropped from 15 out of 40 live births in 1981 to two out of 19 live births in 1986. From 1979 onward, no women have died during pregnancy.

In Kampuchea: The RINE (Rehydration, Immunization, Nutrition, Education) program begun at the World Vision-sponsored National Pediatrics Hospital in Phnom Penh has spread to six rural provinces. The medical staff at all seven centers are government employees who receive much of their training at the National Pediatrics Hospital.

In Mauritania: World Vision has produced five-minute television spots in several languages to help communicate the need for immunization. In the films, religious leaders urge the people to have their children vaccinated so they will be healthy, "as God intended every person to be."

In South Africa: The black township of Duncan Village was being torn apart by unrest, burnings and murders when World Vision opened a daycare center there in 1985. Despite continued violence, project workers provided Christian nurture, nutritious food and necessary immunizations to the pre-schoolers. In August 1986 a measles epidemic broke out, claiming the lives of many children, but the daycare center reported: "Not one of the children in our care contracted the disease."

In Sudan: Nurse Nancy Ayres, of Oklahoma, found a village where five or six children were very sick with measles, and showed the mothers how to bring down the fever, give fluids and nourish the sick children. World Vision is training home visitors to provide similar help in their own villages as part of its child survival work in Sudan.

In the weeks ahead, more endangered children will be assisted through World Vision's "Child Survival and Beyond" programs to the extent of donors' support. Watch for reports in future issues of your magazine.

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LIVE AND LAUGH

Children's laughter. How precious it is in any culture! Especially among the world's poor, it's such a welcome signal indicating that, for the moment, all is well. Or seems well. In a playground made from discards and ingenuity, the two

Guatemalan lads pictured here squeal in glee. The last thing on their minds is the threat of six deadly diseases that kill or disable staggering numbers of children by age 5.

Fortunately in these boys' city (Villa Nueva, near Guatemala City), parents now can begin to enjoy their children's laughter with less apprehension. Child Survival and Beyond—a determined counterattack against those child-killing diseases and more—is producing not just short-term happiness but opportunities to discover lifelong joy through Jesus Christ. And the kids' parents are deeply grateful.

Because the need for Child Survival and Beyond is so urgent in Latin America, Africa, Asia and the island world, I hope you'll read this specially focused issue of *WORLD VISION* most prayerfully. And that you'll call it to the attention of others who will join you in enabling World Vision's teams of workers to bring survival-plus to "the least of these" in Jesus' name.

David Olson



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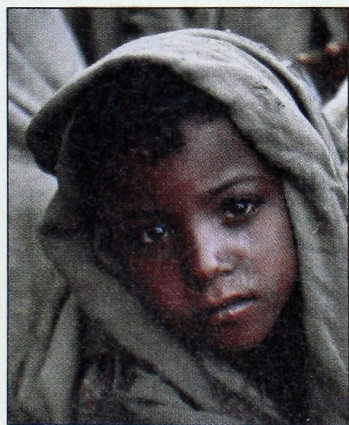
CHILD SURVIVAL AND BEYOND

by Bob Seiple

President of World Vision

Early in August of this year, the nation's news teams rushed to cover the crash of Northwest Airlines Flight 255. As the death toll rose to more than 150, every major newspaper and broadcast station pushed the story to the front and kept it there for days. It dominated the talk at bus stops and barber shops, at dinner tables and business meetings. Collectively, the nation noted it and shuddered.

Meanwhile, in a 24-hour period around the globe, enough children to fill 100 747 planes, died of malnutrition and related illnesses. But this tragedy, so much greater than the first, went almost unnoticed.



So you see why it troubles me that such a crucial movement as child survival is such a well kept secret. The United Nations and the World Health Organization and others have battled for years to hold down the appalling numbers of unnecessary deaths. Yet their work and the continuing crisis make few headlines. Apparently we lack a life-size picture of the problem. We fail to grasp the sheer number of children we are losing.

Behind the numbers, and even more compelling, lie the individual stories. Recently, I visited a clinic in India where a doctor was fitting a polio victim with a leg brace. The doctor was proud of the fit, and for that young boy the brace was a godsend. But for me it stood out as a painful symbol.



Young children, like this trio in Ecuador, stand in need of both the preventative health care measures that make up child survival and the work which looks beyond survival toward abundant life.

expect that some of their children will die.

But if we extend a life, if we help take a child through those difficult early years, we are also obliged to improve the quality of that life, its fullness and richness. It is not enough to

teach ways to keep children alive. We need to lay the groundwork for a life that is more than survival.

Getting children out of poverty starts, of course, with basic survival measures: clean water, disease prevention, nutrition education. But these kids need to be drawn by the hope of educational opportunities and, eventually, employment possibilities.

Polio prevention has been with us for years. The disease has been virtually eradicated in the Western world. Simply put, polio did not need to be a part of this young lad's life.

The boy's father is dead. His mother is in desperate straits, earning barely enough to live on. Her children, who should be a blessing to her, are a tremendous psychological burden simply because she cannot feed them properly. Now, for lack of a routine vaccination, her son is further disabled by polio.

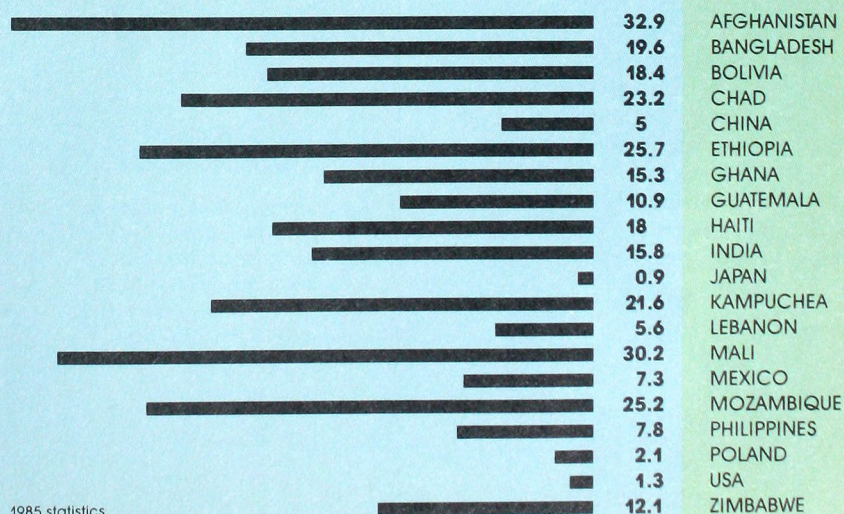
One cannot see such a child, in such a context, without being a proponent of child survival. But as tragic as this scene is, it is also important to realize that child survival measures alone won't change the bleak outlook for

this child. Help for children like this has to be long-term, dedicated, persevering.

World Vision is launching an intensive campaign under the title "child survival and beyond." Our child survival program will follow the United Nations model. We will help put four simple, lifesaving techniques into the hands of parents who have come to

Child survival alone won't change the outlook for Two-Thirds World children. They need much more than that.

Percentage of children born alive who die by age 5 in 20 representative countries



1985 statistics



Ultimately they will need economically developed communities that can support Christian ministry and needed professionals (like medical workers and teachers). In short, our obligations to these children extend beyond mere survival. In our thinking and in our programs we need to be ready to walk with these children into meaningful adulthood.

We're in it for the children and we're in it for the long run.

And of course the phrase "and beyond" also refers to things spiritual. We cannot stop with elementary evangelism any more than we can be satisfied with elementary relief. The spiritual seeds need to be just as carefully watered as they have been sown. Opportunities for faith commitment and spiritual growth need to be just as intentional as economic development.

"Child survival and beyond" means we're in it for the children and we're in it for the long run. An exciting new program, following a pattern set for us thousands of years ago by a God who cares deeply for each child. □

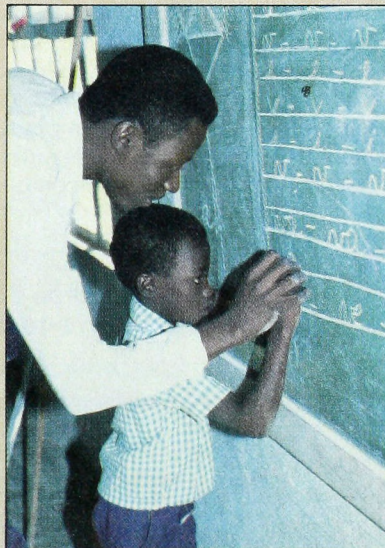
WHAT'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT?

"Economic development [of the kind we work for] is a justice-oriented, biblically based, indigenously owned-and-operated economic program designed to break the cycle of poverty.

"Effective economic development improves small businesses, cottage industries, agricultural opportunities—whatever is appropriate for the people and culture, making possible dignity and hope for a life beyond mere survival."

—Bob Sciple in a speech he prepared for his September 23 installation ceremony

Walking with children beyond survival and toward meaningful adulthood takes place in an abundance of ways. Here are a few of the most common.



Education: Seven-year-old Fidy Champagne gets a helping hand from his teacher, Jules Etienne, at a World Vision-assisted school in Pernier, Haiti.



He carries a briefcase, not a black bag, but Dr. Rufi Macagba is a medical missionary. The former surgeon and hospital director improves the health of needy people around the world by equipping others. Scholarly papers for the World Health Organization and a cartoon-style manual for unschooled parents stand side-by-side among his writings. A policy shaper with World Vision since 1975, Rufi is a principal architect of Child Survival and Beyond.



IT'S NO SNAP FOR THE PARENTS, EITHER

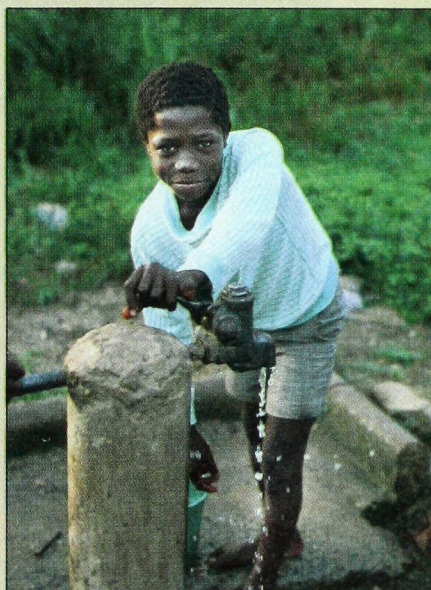
For a mother in the developing world, getting a child immunized usually means giving up half a day's work and wages, traveling on foot or by bus carrying at least one young child, lining up in the sun for perhaps an hour or more, getting back home in time to catch up on the domestic chores, putting up with the usual slight fever and crying which keeps the family awake at night, and justifying to her family why all this lost time and money is necessary on three or four separate occasions for a child who is not even sick.

To build enough desire for their children's vaccination in this context means making it available at times and places convenient to working parents. Even more important, it means empowering parents with information not only about the date, time and place of immunization, but with the knowledge that a series of vaccinations, requiring three to five visits, is essential to protect the life and healthy growth of their children.

The State of the World's Children 1987

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Gardening: In the communal field just outside their classroom, Quichuan preschoolers in Ecuador hold their own little *minga* (traditional work party) to develop gardening skills.



Clean water: A local source, like this one in Ghana, can do wonders to improve the health of a community and lighten the back-breaking, time-consuming task of daily water procurement.

Spiritual development: Morning prayer is as much a part of the daily rhythm as playing and studying for girls in the Guardian Angel Home in India.



A major responsibility

WHEN JESUS PUTS A CHILD IN OUR MIDST

by Tom Houston

Jesus once called a child to stand in front of the disciples. With the child standing at His side, He taught His disciples some important truths, ending with this statement: "Your Father in heaven does not want any of these little ones to be lost."

Many forces in the world are causing children to die. Jesus says it is not our Father's will that this should happen. I believe that Jesus Christ is again putting a child in our midst as an object lesson. We need to recover the strong statements recorded in Matthew 18 and other passages of the Gospels where Jesus refers to children.

It is just as Jesus is beginning His journey to the cross that He places the child in front of His disciples. They are arguing about who will be the greatest. Their concern is advancement, promotion, ambition—and He puts a child in their midst.

"Now think about the child," says Jesus. "This is what the kingdom is about."

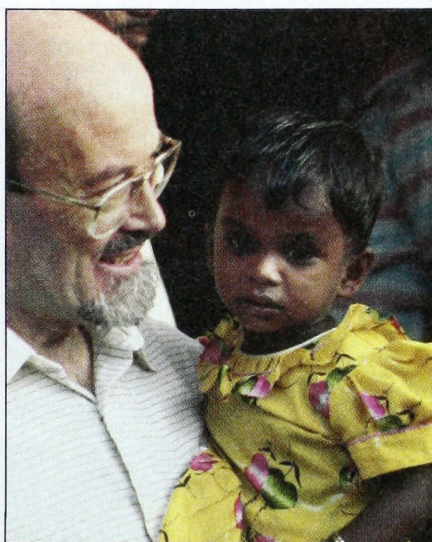
When, in Matthew 19, His disciples scold others for bringing children to Him, Jesus rebukes the disciples and says, "Let the children come to me . . . the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

He counters His culture's view that adults are the important people and children must wait to become important. Little ones are important *now*. He insists. They are important *as children*.

Today we need to assess our own culture's attitude toward children and to compare it with Jesus' attitude.

Jesus says we are to receive children, to welcome them. And the history of how Christians have worked for and loved children is an outstanding one.

Tom Houston with Indian child



Robert Raikes, an eighteenth-century Englishman, saw children working at age 6 in the coal mines and factories of his country. He knew that those children hardly ever saw the light of day. It was slave labor. He decided something must be done for these children whom God loved. He started the first Sunday school. And on each Sunday he taught them not only the Bible but also other important school subjects. That was the beginning of universal primary education.

Raikes was only one of many people who took Jesus Christ seriously regarding children. Think of George Mueller in England; of Hermann Frank in Germany; of child-helping people on every continent. The church of Jesus Christ has always been in the forefront of doing for children that which represents the attitude of the Savior to the children. We follow in the train of those who put a child in the midst and say, "This little one is loved by God. For this one Jesus died."

There is a negative side to this subject too. Jesus not only gave instructions to welcome and receive the children; He said, "If you cause one of them to stumble, to lose faith in me, it were better that a millstone be hanged around your neck and you be drowned in the sea."

One of the most serious statements Jesus ever made about anything was made about people who put a stumbling block in the way of children. Let's not forget it.

We live in a world where people are putting stumbling blocks in the way of children. You know about child beating. You know about child pornography. You know about child prostitution. You know about the impact of war on children. You know about child slavery in places where children are being made to work in factories and under terrible conditions.

Segments of society are putting traumas into the experience of children, forever warping the kind of person they will be. We Christians must be in the business of trying to undo the effects of these stumbling blocks, to cure the effects of the traumas.

Pharaoh tried to kill Moses. Herod tried to kill Jesus. Today a host of enemies will succeed in killing millions of children and many a future godly leader if we, God's people, do not do what the women did in Moses' day and what the holy family did in Jesus' day. In our hands rests their future. □

Tom Houston is international president of World Vision.

They called me "alien devil."

I WAS A STREET ORPHAN

by Stephanie Fast

I was born in Korea right after the Korean War. It was a short war, only four years, but it devastated Korea and Korean families. Everywhere there were orphans and mixed-blood children fathered by foreign soldiers. I was one of them.

In those days infanticide was rampant. Midwives put to death baby girls of mixed blood. Baby boys of mixed blood could remain alive as long as they would not be able to reproduce.

I don't know why I survived except that God had his hand on me. I believe that my mother loved me, because for some reason I was not put to death. I was cared for until she couldn't hide me anymore, or couldn't support me. Then she took me out in the street and left me there.

For seven years I was a street child. (There were no orphanages at the time; World Vision had just come in after the war, but they could not take care of every abandoned child.) We slept under bridges, behind railroad stations, under railroad tracks. In the summertime I went up into the mountains where I could sleep in caves. We learned to eat field mice, grasshoppers, locusts, grass.

People think of the Orient as a tropical paradise: palm trees and grass skirts. But Korea is a little peninsula off of Manchuria. The winds blow strong and the snow comes early. Every day, I saw little children die around me.

When I came out of the mountains

Each time I should have died, but always someone rescued me.

and into the towns and villages, people called me a derogatory name that means "child of two bloods" and also "alien devil." I was inhuman. I was dirty. I wasn't a Korean. I had no name. I knew that I could never get an education, get married or get a job if I survived. I simply had no future.

One time I was caught by a group of men for a reason I don't remember—maybe I had stolen something. The men took me and another little girl to a building known as the "home of the rats." There were rats as big as cats, mean and vicious, and when they were hungry they attacked anything in their sight.

The men threw us into that building as live bait. I remember I said to myself, "We're not going to die! We're going to survive!" But the other little girl said, "I can't, I can't, I can't."

I saw the rats eat away at that little child, but someone rescued me. For a long time I wondered why I survived. There were other times, too: Once I was tied to a waterwheel and repeatedly dunked, apparently in hopes that I would die. Once I was nearly buried alive in a rice paddy. Another time I was thrown into a well and left there for three days.

Each time I should have died, but always someone came to rescue me. It may have been a family member who watched from a distance; I don't know. But I believe it was the hand of God on my life.

When I was seven years old a cholera epidemic swept through Korea. When you're a street child, you're one of the first to catch cholera. I caught it.

About that time, World Vision sent workers out into the street and told them to pick out only infants and children under age three, because they simply didn't have room for the rest. A World Vision nurse by the name of Iris Erickson, combing my section of the



Stephanie at 9: "God's hand" sustained her through abandonment and abuse.

Stephanie Fast, her husband Darryl and their two young sons live in Surrey, BC, Canada. Stephanie's testimony is being filmed for inclusion in a World Vision TV special and for showing in churches and other group meetings.

town, saw me lying among the rest of the garbage and rubble.

Iris has told me that it was as if God spoke to her and said, "That girl has a purpose in life. I want you to rescue her."

"But God," she argued, "she's almost dead, and besides she seems too old."

But God said, "You take her home with you." So she picked me up, took me home and nursed me back to life.

Let me tell you something. When I was dying on the streets with cholera, I was actually happy about it. At seven years old I was ready to die because I thought I knew what my future would be. I hated myself and the people around me. I didn't want to be abused any more.

When I woke up two weeks later and saw Iris staring at me, I screamed in anger. She kept repeating, "It's OK, you don't have to go back out there; we'll take care of you."

She found a place for me in a World Vision orphanage. As the oldest child there, I was given the job of washing diapers. We didn't have Pampers back then. Our local laundromat was the river on the edge of town and the washing machine was a big stick to beat the clothes. In the winter we had to chisel the ice away to make a hole for washing.

I didn't mind that because I had a roof over my head, three square meals a day,

I thought Goliath had come back to life.

and people who took care of me. What I minded was that every evening when I walked through the gate a string of children followed me, calling me names and taunting me all the way to the river, the whole time I was down there and all the way back.

But in that orphanage, I found for the first time that I could give love. The little ones were so tiny and helpless, and the workers were too busy to really love each one of them individually. I remember spending hours holding little ones in my arms and loving them.

When I was nine years old, Iris Erickson announced that some foreigners would visit the next day to adopt a baby boy. I spent the whole day scrubbing the babies and making them as pretty as possible, putting little ribbons in their hair. We waited with great anticipation for this foreign couple.

I had heard Bible stories in the World Vision orphanage, and when I saw that man walk through the gate I thought Goliath had come back to life. I never saw anyone so big. I watched him closely, because I despised men. But I saw something that I had never seen in any other man:

compassion. When you see compassion, you know it.

I watched this man with the big, big hands lift up each baby, and I knew he loved every one of them. I saw tears running down his face and I knew that if he could have, he would have taken the whole lot home. Then the man saw me, out of the corner of his eye.

Let me tell you, I was almost nine years old but I didn't weigh 30 pounds. I was a tiny, scrawny little thing. I had worms in my body, boils on my skin, scars on my body. I was not a pretty sight. But that man took his huge hand and laid it on my face. It seemed to cover my whole face and half my body. It felt so good, and inside I was begging, "Oh, keep it up, don't let your hand go."

But that's not what I said aloud. Instead, I yanked that hand off my face and looked up at him (I'm sure my eyes came up to his knees) and I spit on him.

If you don't believe that God is alive and that God is a God of miracles, listen to this. That man and his wife came back the next day and took me home with them!

Suddenly I had my own room. I had my own bed. (I didn't know what to do with the bed, but I had it.) My new parents bought me two little dresses, and I'll never forget them as long as I live:

Stephanie's storybook rescue by a World Vision nurse and later adoption by loving parents didn't mean "happily ever after." Childhood wounds ran deep.



one pink and white polkadot and one blue and white polkadot.

Suddenly I was an American. And I had a name, I had an identity.

My parents, who were missionaries, showed me their love in many ways, including the way they tried to help me adjust during a year of furlough in America when I was 12. But when we went back to Korea, where my parents served, I didn't want anything to do with the Koreans in our church. I tried to forget the Korean language. I wanted nothing more to do with the Korean side of me.

In my teenage years my parents began to realize that I had some emotional problems. I wasn't rebellious, I never hurt anyone. But at a certain point in personal relationships I would retreat. And every time I talked about myself it was negative talk.

When I was about 15, my dad came into my room and sat down on the edge of the bed. "Stephanie," he said, "you know the Bible. I don't need to quote it to you. But think about Jesus. He was born to a virgin. He was born in a stinking stable. He went back to his home town and his people turned their backs on him. Even his own disciples let him down in the Garden of Gethsemane. And when He hung on the cross to die, the ones for whom He

In my room that night the Lord released my emotions and I began to cry.

gave his life turned their backs on him.

"Stephanie, you have been hurt. You have been despised. You have been rejected. You have been abused. But there stands the Man who knows everything. Jesus hung on the cross to identify with you."

That night for the first time I prayed, "Lord Jesus, please forgive me for all these sins I've been carrying. All these feelings that I've been carrying, I give them to you, Lord Jesus."

Since the time that I had been thrown in the building with the rats, I had never cried another tear. But in my room that night the Lord released my emotions and I began to cry. From that moment to this day, it has been a continual healing by the Lord.

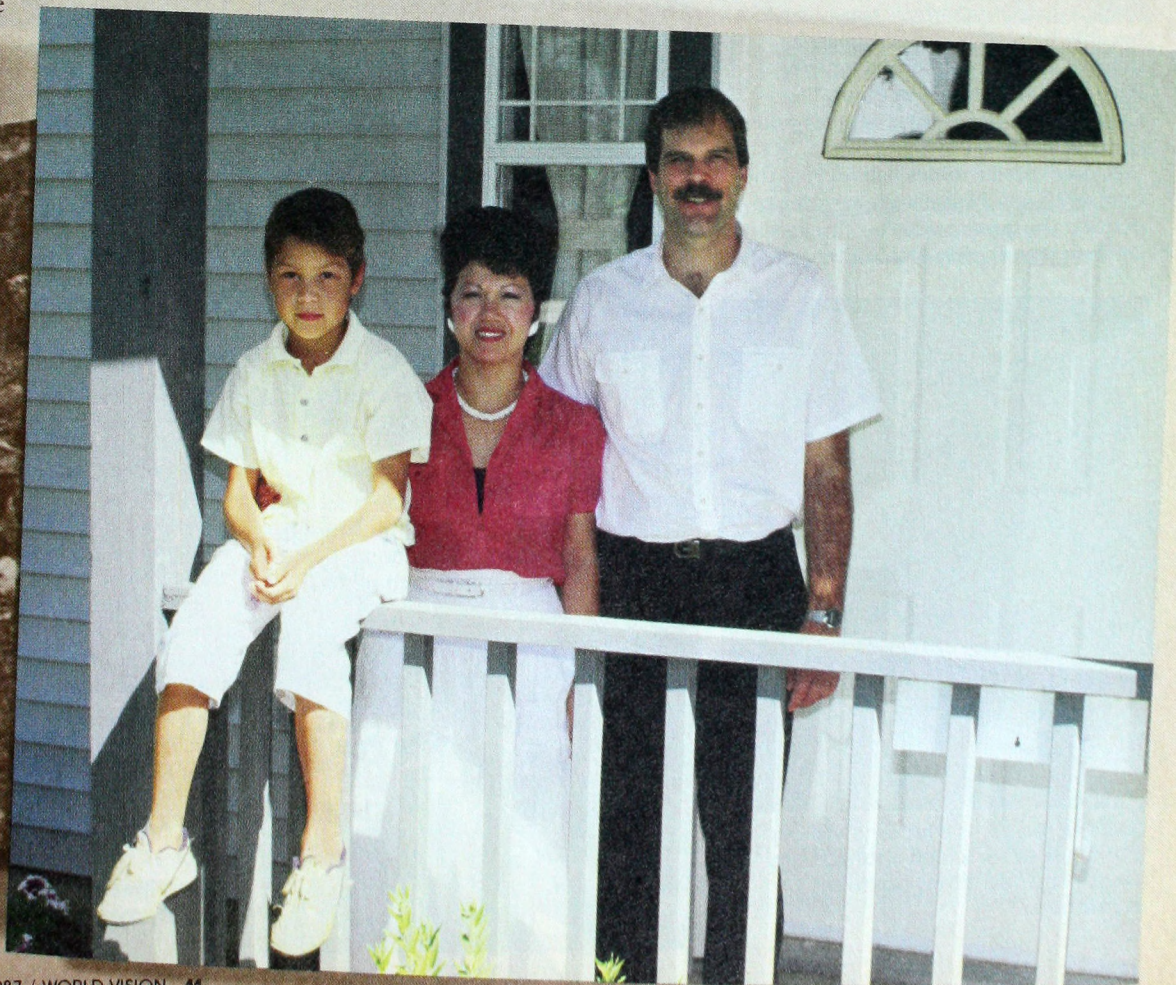
When I was 16 I went to Rockport, Indiana, to complete my high school education. Then I married my husband Darryl, whom I had met in Japan during a Christmastime visit there, where his parents were missionaries. After our marriage, Darryl and I attended Elim Bible Institute, a school in Lima, New York.

We now have an 8-year-old son, Stephen, and one-year-old David. For 11 years we have lived mostly in Surrey, British Columbia, though for three years we filled in for furloughing missionaries in Japan. In Surrey, Darryl is the school administrator at White Rock Christian Fellowship Academy and I major in mothering, though speaking engagements take us to various American and Canadian cities two or three times a month.

I continue to face spiritual battles, and there are many things I do not understand while I face them. But I do know that there is victory in the end.

When we have life in Christ, we are a new creation. That is the beginning of healing. □

Stephanie with her son Stephen, age 8, and husband Darryl. "To this day, it has been a continual healing by the Lord."



BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

by Terri Owens

When Valerio Curillo and his companions arrived on the doorstep of World Vision Ecuador in the bustling capital, Quito, World Vision had no projects in the city. All resources were directed toward the *rural* Indians, who lived in the staggering poverty of highland villages.

But these pleading visitors were also Quichuas. In a determined effort to escape countryside poverty, 53 families migrated to Quito where they instead became helplessly trapped in an unbreakable cycle of urban poverty. World Vision listened to them. The Camal Migrant Association Child Sponsorship Project was born.

Earlier these families had formed the Camal Migrant Association in order to petition the government for the precious laminated cards that would make them



Grateful residents welcome visitors to the house for which sponsorship funds provided down payment assistance.

FRUITFUL EFFORT

Half a million rural Ecuadorans move in and out of Quito hoping to develop a livable income. Most fail to do so.

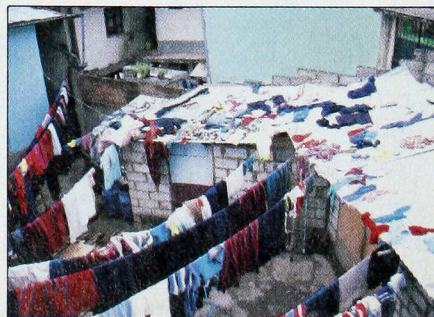
With help of the kind this group is getting from World Vision sponsors, many more could succeed. And there would be spiritual results too.

Tungurahua, the province from which the World Vision-assisted garlic sellers come, five years ago had only 800 known Christians; now it has 7000. In those five years the number of its evangelical churches increased from six to 30.

legal vendors. Without licenses, they were continually seized by municipal police patrolling the marketplace and thrown into jail.

"I was hauled off to jail five or six times," remembers Curillo. "Of course we always tried to watch out for the police, but when one has wares spread out, it is not easy to run!"

Originally from Tungurahua Province in southern Ecuador, the families all sold garlic and onions that they purchased by credit during monthly trips home by bus. In Quito, they lived near each other in



53 rural families who migrated to Ecuador's capital city became trapped in urban poverty. But a better future lies ahead.

deplorable housing, the best they could find with their meager incomes.

"They were living three families to one little room—along with their supplies of garlic and onions," notes World Vision Ecuador operations manager Christian Aponte. "They also had to do their cooking there. The owner of the rooms rationed the water by making it available only at night. He even forbade them to hold worship services on the property. Each family earned only 4000 to 5000 sucres (\$28-\$35) a month and paid a third of their income for the right to live in those shacks."

Such severe overcrowding endangered the families' physical, social and spiritual well-being. Intestinal problems, tuberculosis and other ailments common among Ecuador's poor threatened to spread among them. Tensions flared between individuals weary of being packed so tightly together.

When as an association they at last succeeded in getting licenses from the government, they took on a new goal: finding a way out of their hellish living

Drying time for the migrants' laundry averages three days.



Adults and older children take turns working at the marketplace so some can tend to the younger children at the house so many families share.

In the highlands where they raise their produce, burros are the primary mode of transportation.



condition. Once involved, World Vision also saw better housing as a priority—it would dramatically improve the lives of children as well as adults. Initial gifts from the children's sponsors went toward the down payment on a 23-room house two miles from the Chiriacu Marketplace where many of the families

So far, all but eight association families have come to know Christ.

are vendors. In September 1986, they moved in.

Now there is enough water available for bathing and laundering and there is electricity as well. Instead of cooking in their living areas, families use the house kitchen, often preparing communal meals in huge pots and pans. Presently

two families are sharing each room, but World Vision plans to help them remodel the house so that each family will have its own quarters. And since World Vision is helping to make the house payments and pay the taxes, association members have money to rent storage space for

News about their little church is spreading among other migrants.

their garlic and onions at the marketplace instead of keeping produce in their living quarters.

Christians among these new homeowners are holding worship services

each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night. So far, all but eight association families have come to know Christ. News about the little church is spreading among other Quichua migrants in Quito, and several visitors have come to share the joy of praising God in their native tongue.

While the residents are overjoyed with their house, other plans are underway. Future goals include setting up a preschool at the house so that parents will have a safe place to leave their children during the day. Presently, they have no choice but to keep their infants and young children at their sides in the marketplace from dawn to dusk. The preschool room will double as an adult learning center where literacy training and classes on hygiene, nutrition, and cooking will be offered at night. Older children attending public schools will be

supplied with books, writing materials and other needed items.

World Vision is also showing the families how to pool their resources to buy produce from the village growers without having to take out loans, which eat up part of their profits.

All these goals are paving the way toward the day when Camal Migrant Association families are well-established with a home of their own, have improved incomes, better health and nutrition, Christian nurture and excellent daycare. On that day World Vision will reach its ultimate goal for this project: to end the project, because at last the cycle of poverty will be broken for these people. □

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LITTLE BOY IN AN ADULT WORLD

In Quito's Chiriacu Marketplace the air hangs heavy with the scent of carcasses, produce, dust and sweat as hawkers chatter and call to potential customers jostling through the crowded walkways of the open-air market.

This is 8-year-old Fabiano Hualo's world. Every day, Fabiano carries garlic up and down the marketplace corridors as purposefully as any man might—until he confronts a set of steep stairs and his little legs strain to mount each step. Though street-wise and able to haggle a

price, he is still a little boy in an adult world.

When dusk closes the marketplace, another world awaits Fabiano and his father—the 23-room home that World Vision is helping an association of garlic and onion sellers to purchase and upgrade. Even though this house has made life in the city better than it ever has been, Segundo would much prefer that his son be in school. For now, this is impossible because the family does not have the required birth certificate

for Fabiano. Until the problem can be straightened out, the most useful thing Fabiano can do is to help his father.

Each chilly dawn finds Fabiano clad in the same soiled, too-small sweatshirt and too-large pants held up by an equally large but tightly-lashed belt as he and his father set off for the marketplace to begin their 12-hour workday.

"What I like most about Quito is being with my father," beams Fabiano. "I like to help my father sell. He gives me little plastic bags of garlic to carry around as I look for customers. On good days I sell ten or fifteen.

"People try to cheat me. Everyone wants to take things home cheaply. But I don't let them get away with it. My father tells me to get 20 sucres (14 cents) for each bag, so I do, no matter how hard people try to get them for 15.

"At the end of the day, we take a bus home because we are tired and the way is so steep. My father says that after we buy our lunch (usually a hot creamy soup made of cooked, mashed grain) and pay for the bus, there is hardly anything left. He also says that if we were in the village, we couldn't even afford that, so we are better off. But what I like best is that I am with my father." □

Fabiano makes sure he gets 20 sucres for each bag of garlic. His family's basic needs depend on the meager income he and his father can gain from their long days' work in the urban marketplace.



ONCE AN ORPHAN, SHE NOW RUNS AN ORPHANAGE

by Amelework Giday

When Tsehay Rosly's Ethiopian parents died, a neighboring Swiss family in Addis Ababa adopted Tsehay and her five brothers and sisters. Years later, after her adopters took her to Switzerland, Rosly responded personally to the cry of thousands who were

orphaned by her own country's severe drought.

"In Switzerland," she explains, "I had a family, a job and money. I was quite content. But when Swiss TV started showing the terrible Ethiopian famine and the many children orphaned as a

result, I was saddened and touched.

"My heart became restless. I wanted to do something to help. I knew that the orphaned children's plight needed to be dealt with."

Rosly prayed about it. Knowing there was little to do on her own, she shared her thoughts with family and friends in Zurich. To her surprise they all encouraged her, promising to help in any way possible. So she began by collecting money and clothing.

Within a few weeks she collected enough money to hold a bazaar, selling Ethiopian handicrafts and food. With the proceeds, and promises of more help, Rosly returned to her homeland.

She contacted the Ethiopian National Children's Commission about her desire to open an orphanage. She was given a plot of land in Addis Ababa and then, with the help of many organizations and people, construction began on a structure housing bedrooms, a kitchen and a dining room. Her own adoptive father drew up the plans; friends contributed building materials.

Selam Orphanage is home now to 64 children, 25 of whom are from World Vision's former intensive feeding center in Ansokia, 300 kilometers north of Addis Ababa. (This was the site where, at the height of the famine, between 14 and 20 people were dying every day.)

Rosly, her husband and their baby son live at the orphanage with the children like one large family. "I want all the orphans to feel as if I am their mother, a parent they can run to at any time. That's why my son sleeps in one of the dormi-

Like many of Tsehay Rosly's orphans, this one at another Ethiopian orphanage arrived in a cardboard box.



tories just like the other children," Rosly explains.

She spends time especially with the smaller children: playing with them, often spoonfeeding new and unsettled arrivals, lulling them to sleep with soft songs that assure them they are cherished by their Heavenly Father.

Singing marks both work and play as the children share in the chores and maintenance of the facility's vegetable garden. They attend a nearby school, and their education is augmented at the orphanage with instruction in farming, sewing and typing. There is spiritual training as well, which Rosly sees as building the bulwark of her charges' adult lives.

Meanwhile, Rosly's vision is growing.

"My heart became restless. I wanted to do something to help."



Tsehay Rosly (center) started Selam Orphanage from scratch, with the help of friends and family.

SABA FINDS A HOME

Ten-year-old Saba Seid is one of the quieter children at Selam Orphanage, a child whose large eyes hint at deep, sad memories.

The onset of the Ethiopian famine was marked for Saba's family by the death of her father, a farmer who had never had trouble providing for his wife, mother and two children.

Saba's only brother died shortly after, and suddenly the three generations of women were without a provider.

Over the next two years, during the height of the famine, Saba's mother gradually sold the household furnishings and cooking utensils. Then she sold the better pieces of lumber from the family *tukul* until it sagged precariously, just barely sheltering the three women from the elements.

When there was nothing left to sell, Saba's mother weakened, contracted dysentery and died. Saba began to beg, an often fruitless endeavour in a community suffering the ravages of drought.

"My grandmother was too old to take care of herself," recalls Saba. "She was trying her best to keep me alive by

"I tried to talk to her, but there was no sound."

giving me her share of food. She used to say that she was too old and would soon die anyway."

While her grandmother slowly wasted away, Saba begged for food from neighbors and strangers by day; by night she fed and cleaned the old woman.

"One evening I heard my grandmother choking and went to her bed. She was moving her mouth. I thought she asked me to bring her water so I poured a little water into her mouth and went to sleep," Saba remembers with tears in her eyes.

"In the morning I tried to talk to her but there was no sound. I was scared. I knew that something was wrong. I went to her bed and saw that the water I gave her in the evening had seeped into her ears."

One by one, Saba's entire family died. Finally she was alone.



"I want all the orphans to feel as if I am their mother."

She dreams that eventually the orphanage could be home to 200 children. The government is prepared to donate the necessary land and Rosly has the energy and the drive. All she lacks at the moment is money.

World Vision has already supported the Ethiopian woman's dream with donations of food and nearly 100 beds. She feels sure that if many of her orphans were to become sponsored children it would help open Selam's doors to possibly as many as her dreamed-of 200 homeless children. □

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"I asked the driver to drop me somewhere, anywhere."

Her grandmother was dead. Saba was alone.

"I started asking myself where to go. I knew I couldn't live in the house alone. One morning I saw a bus driver standing near a hotel, and I asked him to drop me somewhere, anywhere; I just wanted to be outside the town," she recalls.

The bus driver took her to a place about 90 kilometers from Shewa Robit, where Saba was admitted to the feeding center as an orphan. When Tsehay Rosly from Selam Orphanage came to the center to select orphans, Saba was one of the children chosen.

Saba is thankful to be part of the extended family at Selam, a family in which she and others like her can receive the nurturing care every child needs. □



Ted Engstrom, Dorothy Engstrom and ELIC founder Ken Wendling (left to right in center front) pose with 28 teachers who worked in China this summer after learning of the opportunity through WORLD VISION magazine.

THEY TAUGHT IN CHINA

by Terry Madison

This summer 28 Christian teachers from North America spent nine mind-boggling and life-stretching weeks in China because they read a copy of WORLD VISION magazine last fall.

Dr. Ted Engstrom, then president of World Vision, challenged readers of the October 1986 magazine to consider spending a year—or at least a summer—in China with English Language Institute/China (ELIC).

"I believe this is the time for qualified Christian English teachers to rise to the China challenge," he said. "We can make a difference! A life lived out in sacrificial love before these future leaders of China will not go unrewarded."

Of the 108 teachers who fanned out to six different Chinese provinces this year, 28 of them (from 24 states and three Canadian provinces) went in response to those articles. The average age of the group was 41 years; a number of them were in their early 60s.

Teaching English in China is a door of opportunity many believe God has opened. As Ken Wendling, founder of ELIC, asks, "How often does a person strike a time in history when he or she can help with a constructive national program while at the same time living out a life of love and concern for the people in the name of Christ?"

Teachers who went to China this summer had a direct impact on 1500 experienced Chinese teachers taking courses to upgrade their English-

teaching skills. Each teacher has an average of 150 Chinese students studying English. Thus, the ELIC summer-program teachers indirectly influenced 225,000 Chinese teachers and students through the example of their lives and teaching. These students are among China's future leaders.

This fall ELIC sent the first team of teachers to teach English in Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, a remote autonomous region of China. Discussions are now underway to send a second team to teach at the University of Lhasa. More teachers are required throughout China next year.

Two types of teachers are needed:

Team leaders, with a minimum of an M.A. degree in English or a related academic discipline and two years' teaching experience.

Instructors, with a B.A. and teaching aptitude.

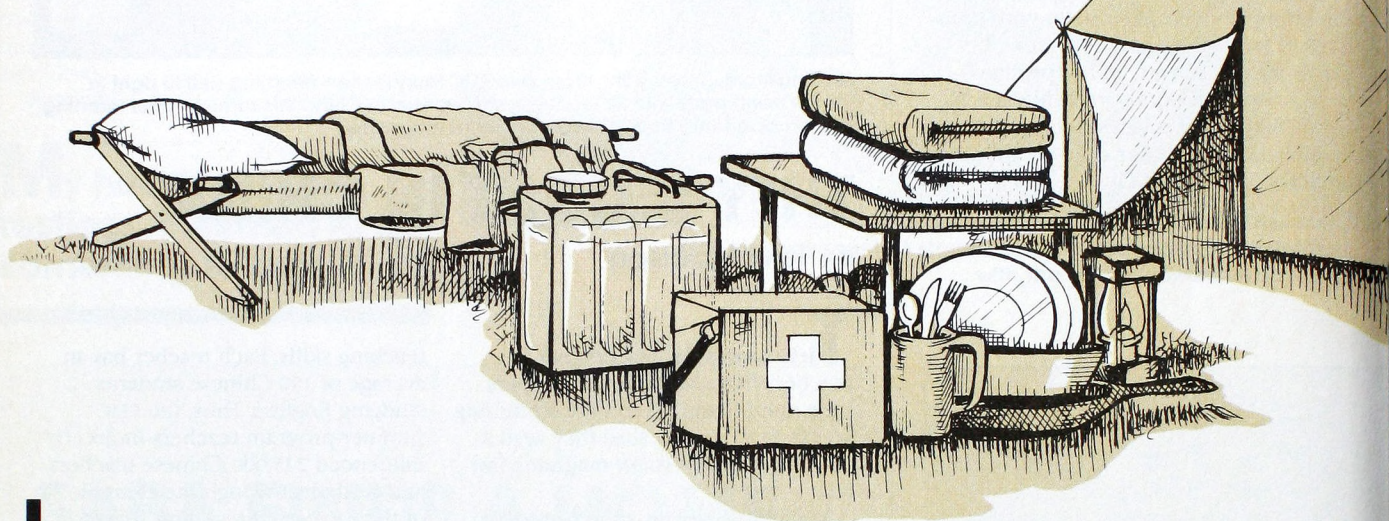
Candidates receive special training in ELIC-developed curriculum before leaving for China.

Teaching in China is not for every Christian teacher. But for those who feel the heavenly tug to walk the High Road in China, the experience will be unforgettable.

All inquiries should be sent to: Recruiting Manager, ELIC, P.O. Box 265, San Dimas, CA 91773. Or phone ELIC at (714) 599-6773. □

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SPONSORSHIP HELPS FAMILY UPROOTED BY WAR



Josiane lived in a village in the mountains of Lebanon with her family. They had their own house, garden and land, and lived peacefully alongside Christian and Islamic neighbors.

But when the war reached their area, everything was turned upside down. One terrible night, Josiane's father, uncles, grandfather, and other relatives and friends were violently killed. That night, 8-year-old Josiane saw her father's bloodied corpse, slaughtered at the hands of a neighbor—the one she used to call "uncle."

The survivors of that gruesome scene

Now Josiane studies without fear that she will have to quit.

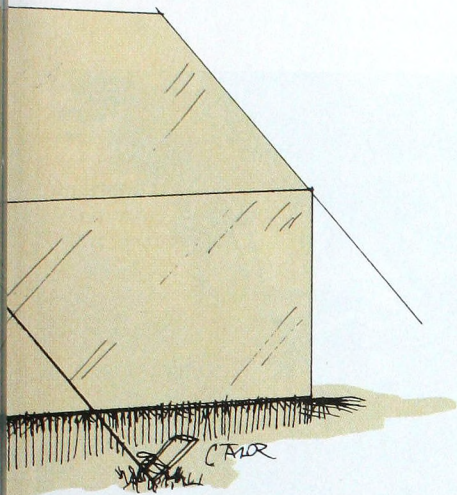
were transferred, barefoot, to the nearby village of Deir El Kamar while their entire village burned, collapsing on its dead. After a few days, it was completely demolished by bulldozers. Josiane's village no longer exists.

Josiane and her brothers and sisters

spent many miserable days with their mother, Juliette, in Deir El Kamar. After three months without home, clothes, or medicine, a political decision moved them again. This time they were taken to East Beirut, to a sports stadium where a small city of tents housed the refugees of the Shouf mountain's 40 villages.

From there the family was transferred yet again to an empty school classroom and given a few kitchen utensils, some bedding, and three days' worth of provisions. They stayed in the school six months with the help of a relative who happened to be living in Beirut. Then a





two-room house was rented by Josiane's grandmother, to be shared with the killed uncle's family. In those same two rooms the families still live today.

That took care of housing, but so many other problems remained, not the least of which was education for the children.

The official schools would not accept children without official personal documents, even if these had been lost because of the war. The only solution that came to Juliette's mind was to borrow money and register the children in a private school—although she had no work and no source of income. She relied on God's care and guidance after explaining her situation to the school director.

The family continued for 3½ years to pay tuition fees with borrowed money. Then one day Juliette received notice that Josiane's fees had already been paid. She went to the school to find out how this was possible. The answer: a sponsor from World Vision. Juliette thanked God for providing for Josiane's schooling and prayed for God's blessing on that faraway sponsor.

Now Josiane studies without fear that she will have to quit because of the fees. Her struggling family is saved from further debt. And what's more, Josiane knows that she has a sponsor abroad who cares about her past and her future. □

SUNITA

by Brian Bird

A brown-eyed little girl named Sunita could have been one of poverty's most tragic victims—one of the many orphaned children left to fend for themselves. Fortunately, Sunita has become a World Vision sponsored child and her tragic young life finally has some hope.

Her home is Calcutta, India, a city of 9 million people. Because of poverty and a severe housing shortage, nearly one out of four Calcuttans lives in the streets. If not for some concerned Christians, Sunita would be one of them today.

Just after her birth, Sunita and her mother were abandoned by her father. Mother and child became part of Calcutta's homeless masses. Could anything worse happen to them? It did.

While Sunita's mother went out searching for work, looking for anything that would bring in a few rupees for food, she came around a blind corner and was killed by traffic.

Little Sunita was left all alone. Her chances for surviving the streets of Calcutta were not good.

But there were people who cared about her. The cold and hungry child was brought to Belhala Children's Center, a refuge of Christian hope just outside Calcutta.

At the center, Sunita, now 4 years old, and over 100 other children receive nutritious meals, education, medical checkups and immunization shots, thanks to a partnership between World Vision and the Salvation Army. The children also

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have a chance to learn about God's love.

"We're providing a new family for a lot of children for whom nobody else

Her chances for surviving Calcutta's streets were not good.

would have cared," says Edna Rowle, the center's superintendent.

"I can't help but think that Sunita and all our children here would have been the kind of kids Christ would have hiked up on his shoulders for a ride around Jerusalem."

Sunita is fortunate. Along with other children around the world, Sunita has been saved by the love of caring Christian sponsors.

But many more children still need help.

"Every time I go into the slums and see all the children who need care," Rowle adds, "and every time I have to turn a child away for lack of space or funds, it just breaks my heart." □

It's amazing what can happen when you . . .

JUST ADD WATER

by James Greenelsh

Lifewater Director Bill Ashe (center), volunteer Amos Broughton (left) and Kenya representative Paul Mugo Maina inspect a Stover drilling rig in Kenya.

"May I take your order?"

"Yeah, give me a burger, fries and a cola," replies the fast-food junkie wearing stereo headphones and a pop music T-shirt.

"Here you go. With tax that'll be \$3.50."

The young man hands the clerk a few crumpled bills from his baggy pants and disappears into the night with his food. Not much for his money.

But what if he takes that \$3.50 with him out through those burger stand doors and on to Africa, Asia or Latin America? What kind of buying power will he find there?

Down the dusty roads of poor rural villages, he makes a startling discovery: the \$3.50 that could do so little in America can provide something here more valuable than gold. As part of a strategic water project it can buy one person a lifetime source of safe-to-drink water.

In underdeveloped countries, 3000 people a day die from diseases related to unsafe drinking water. Most of the doomed ones are children.

Recognizing the crucial importance of water, the United Nations declared the 1980s as the International Safe Drinking Water Decade. World leaders are just beginning to take steps to help the estimated 2 billion people who still have no source of safe drinking water.

Hard on the heels of this growing water crisis, Lifewater International, a young California-based short-term missions organization, has drilled wells in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Nigeria, Tanzania, Kenya, the Philippines and on a Navajo Indian reservation in Arizona.

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With the recent availability of a low-cost, easy-to-use drilling rig that can be operated by one person (The Stover & Sons S-200-2), digging a safe well is sometimes not much more difficult or expensive than installing a sprinkler system in an American front yard.

As I talked with Bill Ashe, founder of Lifewater, I quickly began to catch his vision of scores of college students and young adults going out across the world to make a lasting, life-changing difference in hundreds of poor communities through the priceless gift of water.

Ashe is a water systems engineer with 30 years' experience in resource management. He's an unassuming fellow, but get him talking about how water can change lives and he'll tell you he knows of no other short-term mission opportunity in the evangelical world that can do more good in so short a time with so little money.

As he talks, his passion for the ministry is contagious. "The gift of water has the power to help people grow crops, produce food and fight hunger. The gift of water has the power to prevent sickness and to keep families healthy. Water has the power to give poor communities a chance to grow, prosper and become self-sufficient."

But providing water is not enough, he points out. "In each village where a well is drilled, national Christians proclaim that the water is given in the name of Jesus Christ. As the Lifewater teams drill, people gather around. The team often has the opportunity to tell them about the One who came to give them living water. Some national pastors report measurable church growth in villages where we have reached out with water."

Working hand-in-hand with the national church, Lifewater teams teach



local Christians how to assemble, operate and maintain the drill rig. They also teach the people water management, hygiene and improved agricultural techniques. When the short-termers complete four water projects, they leave the drill rig and the ministry in the hands of trained national leaders who carry on the work.

It's refreshing to find a grass-roots non-profit group like Lifewater. They have a pioneer spirit. It was that spirit that led Bill Ashe and his wife Lorraine to sell their house nestled in the foothills of Los Angeles and move into a mobile home to reduce their living expenses.

When asked about the rewards of such a step of faith, Bill told me of a recent trip to Haiti. "I was sitting under a tree in a small village. A stone's throw away was one of the water wells we had recently drilled. A young woman with a baby strapped over her shoulder and two children by her side walked up to draw water.

"While the mother filled her jug, the little children splashed, and giggled. As I watched the water flowing from the pump and saw the bright healthy smiles on those little faces, I thought to myself—what a priceless gift—a profound picture of Jesus Christ flowing from the Father into our lives." □

Samaritan sampler

SOME WAYS PEOPLE ARE HELPING
OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

Christian Neighbors is a pool of volunteers who provide practical services to seniors in Orange County, California. About 275 volunteers assist with vital needs such as transportation to medical appointments, household repairs or grocery shopping, and often develop continuing friendships with their "clients." Over 70 congregations in the area support the work.

For information contact Christian Neighbors, 900 S. Sunkist St., Anaheim, CA 92806; (714) 491-3880.

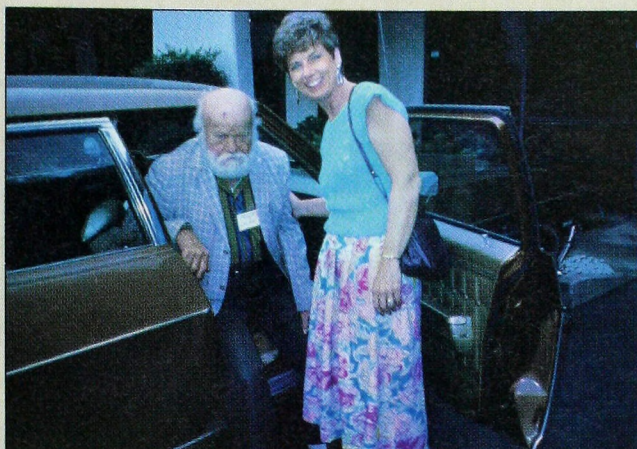
Short-term mission trips—short enough to accommodate most vacation schedules—are taking groups of Christians to destinations such as Thailand, Uganda, Hungary and Baja California. *World Christian* magazine, together with the Fellowship of World Christians, plans and hosts the trips, which include such activities as literature distribution, home Bible studies and sports clinics.

For information contact *World Christian* magazine, Box 40010, Pasadena, CA 91104.

More people pass through the world's hospitals than through its churches each year. Equipping Christian health professionals to address the multi-dimensional needs of these patients is the aim of the International Hospital Christian Fellowship.

The 50-year-old interdenominational organization works in over 100 countries, holding seminars and establishing prayer groups within hospitals. IHCF also provides local churches with training in visitation of sick and elderly persons and distributes literature and audiovisual materials related to issues in Christian health care.

For information contact Inter-



Christian Neighbors volunteers assist seniors with vital transportation needs.

national Hospital Christian Fellowship, Baron van Nagellstraat 9, 3781 AP Voorthuizen, Holland.

Missions by Involvement, a short-term assignment program of Food for the Hungry, sends groups of Christians to work with residents of needy communities in Mexico and the Dominican Republic.

Food for the Hungry provides help in forming teams of 5 to 20 persons, preparing for the field assignment and communicating the experience afterward with home churches and communities. Youth groups, campus organizations and teams of skilled professionals have participated in the program.

For information contact Missions by Involvement, Food for the Hungry, Box E, Scottsdale, AZ 85252; (800) 2-HUNGER or, in Arizona, 998-3100.

PrayerLine, a toll-free phone service of the Southern Baptist Convention, provides round-the-clock recorded messages updating global prayer concerns. Southern Baptists hope to encourage "concerts of prayer" for world evangelization through the news service. Since its beginning in January 1987,

PrayerLine has received over 50,000 calls.

The number is (800) ALL-SEEK; from Virginia, Hawaii and Alaska, it's (804) 355-6581.

Over 600 "unemployable" people in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area found jobs last year with help from Jubilee Jobs Inc. The ministry, affiliated with the Church of the Saviour, follows up on each placement with a full year of encouragement, support and help in developing long-range goals.

For information contact Jubilee Jobs Inc., 2712 Ontario Rd. N.W., Washington, DC 20009.

Linking Christian professionals with teaching posts in China, Educational Resources & Referrals—China (ERRC) has placed over 100 persons in Chinese universities for terms of three months or longer. The Chinese government has shown interest in fields such as international law, literature, business administration, commercial art, industrial technology and ESL (English as a second language).

ERRC also provides support services for students and teachers preparing to go to China. For information contact ERRC, 2600 Dwight Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

Roving Volunteers In Christ's Service are retired people who use their expertise and extra hours to improve ministry facilities across the nation. Teams of couples or singles set up their own little communities on work sites, usually living in recreational vehicles. Christian camps, colleges, schools, children's homes and missions benefit from the loving handiwork of these volunteers.

For information contact Roving Volunteers in Christ's Service, 1499 Edgewood Ranch Road, Orlando, FL 32811; (305) 293-4170.

They call themselves "contemplatives in action"—the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, some 350 strong.

Jesuit volunteers spend a year or more living in community with other JVCers and working for justice among disadvantaged people in the U.S. Some provide legal, medical, housing or nutritional services; some work with specialized groups such as children or the elderly, abused persons, homeless or disabled persons.

For information contact the Jesuit Volunteer Corps at one of these regional offices: Box 3928, Portland, OR 97208; Eighteenth and Thompson Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19121; Box 32692, Detroit, MI 48232; 1427 12th St., Oakland, CA 94607; 1505 Kane St., Houston, TX 77007.

Help us scatter the seed. If you know of a group providing a specific form of practical help for people in the name of Christ, we'd like to consider mentioning their project on this page. Send a contact name and address to *WORLD VISION* magazine, 919 W. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016.

Mini message

Jesus preparing to feed the hungry multitude, as portrayed in the film *Jesus*



FEAST ON THE BREAD OF LIFE!

On a Galilean hillside Jesus fed thousands of hungry people. But the very next day He spoke of a more important kind of bread. He declared, "I am the bread of life." And He promised, "If a man eats of this bread, he will live forever" (John 6:35,51).

Jesus' hearers that day failed to understand what He meant. But at other times and places, spiritually hungry people took Him at His word, received Him into their very beings, and found His promise true.

Today it still is true. While the

metaphor remains a mystery, it's mysterious *reality* to all who truly trust in Him as Lord and Savior.

Reader, are *you* eating the bread of life? If so, you're more to rejoice about than did the people on that Galilean hillside. But if not, *why not?*

If these questions make little sense to you, please read the Gospel of John searchingly, talk with a pastor or other committed Christian, learn what saving faith is—and feast on the bread of life!

For a free copy of a booklet called "Becoming a Christian," simply send your request to WORLD VISION Magazine, 919 W. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016.

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Send your own resume or refer other candidates to Stacey Girdner, World Vision, 919 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016.

When you pray

THANK GOD . . .

- ☐ **for the vision** of primary health care planners who see how innovative and well-executed teamwork can save thousands of endangered children's lives.
- ☐ **for the courageous labors** of health care workers who conduct both emergency and long-range programs in dangerous settings and under trying circumstances.
- ☐ **for the support** of caring donors who make such efforts possible.
- ☐ **for the equipment and supplies** now available to child survival teams where previously there have been none.
- ☐ **for the readiness** of village leaders to welcome Christian health workers despite former barriers of superstition and fear.
- ☐ **for the spiritual commitment** of World Vision field workers who serve in the name of Christ and in partnership with the churches of each area.
- ☐ **for the success** of extremely difficult efforts, by God's enabling.

AND PLEASE PRAY . . .

- ☐ **for continued guidance** for the architects of World Vision's "Child Survival and Beyond" ministries on all continents.
- ☐ **for the health and safety** of the field workers serving in hazard-filled places.
- ☐ **for more donors' support**, needed to reach thousands more who are dying for lack of basic health care.
- ☐ **for additional equipment** and supplies as needed.
- ☐ **for enough personnel** to reach into all communities that seek World Vision's help.
- ☐ **for the Holy Spirit's working** in the hearts of all who see Christ in the lives of the field staff members.
- ☐ **for the success** of specially difficult ventures for God's glory.

NEW NAME, NEW LOOK . . .

Your next issue of this magazine will bring you fascinating new features. It will also wear a fresh new look and even a new name. And I predict you'll want to show it to your friends.

The changes coincide with a change of editor. Negotiations are underway this month with a gifted Christian journalist whose 20 years of work with World Vision and other ministries in many countries have prepared him well to serve you.

As I now "retire" after nine years in the editor's chair, to become a publication ministry consultant and freelance writer, I'm grateful

—for the privilege of having served Christ in this always-dynamic organization.

—for the joy of teamwork with the host of colleagues here, especially those whose names appear in the magazine's masthead.

—for the warm responsiveness of readers who pray for, support and sometimes get personally involved in ministries the magazine depicts.

Thank you, wherever you are, for *your* ongoing partnership with all who constitute World Vision. In those future magazines from World Vision, both your mail carrier and mine will be delivering exciting pictures and stories of things Jesus is doing worldwide through the hands of His caring people. As the slogan on a special-issue postage stamp says, "Keep in touch!"

David Olson

A fresh look at **INTEGRITY**

In a forthcoming book, World Vision's former president, Ted Engstrom, articulates what some previewers say is his most insightful and provocative discussion yet of a subject currently riveted in the minds of Americans: integrity.

"Unfortunately," says Dr. Engstrom, "research for the negative side of this book was all too readily available. Every morning over breakfast we were hit with yet another headline about alleged wickedness in high places—social, political, religious. In editorials, comments from people on the street, talk shows—wherever we turned—integrity shortages were lead items. That's when we knew this book *bad* to be written."

Coauthored by longtime writing associate Bob Larson, the book, titled simply *Integrity*, will be issued by Word Publishing Company, to appear in bookstores in November (\$12.95, hardcover).

Here are a few sample paragraphs:

This morning I threw down my copy of the *Los Angeles Times* in disgust. It was more of the same . . . filled with further explicit allegations of the sexual misconduct of a prominent TV evangelist, along with new stories of his wife's spending habits. I believe in grace and forgiveness, but what makes this evange-

list's sexual impropriety particularly damaging is that his tryst took place *seven years ago*—and he "confessed" only after the incident received national attention.

What is integrity? It is doing what you said you would do.

"One of the most fundamental acts of a society is promise keeping," says Lewis Smedes, professor of theology and Christian ethics at Fuller Theological

Seminary in California. Here is the bedrock of social relationships. When we can no longer depend on one another to do what we said we would do, the future becomes an undefined nightmare.

How did we Americans move so much closer to becoming "one nation under greed"? Quite simply. We came by it naturally. "The *natural man* does not receive the things of the Spirit of God," Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJ), "for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

It's easier to hustle the quick buck than the slow cents. And conditions will remain that way until we apply Paul's instruction: "He who is spiritual judges all things" (1 Corinthians 2:15 NKJ).

In discussing international

integrity, my friend and World Vision associate Tom Houston tells this story about our clashing systems of value.

"In the late 1960s Alan Redpath visited us in Nairobi. He had been seeing Africa only through white missionary eyes. One evening, I invited a group of black leaders to our home to have a meal with him and Marjorie. As he listened to their perspective on the missionary story, he became increasingly frustrated until he burst out and said, 'Did we do nothing right?'

"Then there was a pause, and one man, Daniel Wacko by name, said, 'Yes, yes. You did something right. You gave us the standard by which to judge you. If you had not shown us the truth of Christ you would not have put yourself so badly in the dark.' " □

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CHILD SURVIVAL AND BEYOND



CARING THAT LASTS—See page 4

Because you gave

Thanks to the support of faithful donors, World Vision personnel are saving children's lives right now through creative programs in scores of countries around the world. Here are a few examples.

In Bangladesh: Not only World Vision-sponsored children, but also children and mothers in the surrounding community receive vaccination coverage through the Rayerbazar Family Development Center. World Vision also promotes breastfeeding, birth spacing and vitamin A supplementation, along with education about nutrition and sanitation, at the project.

In Ghana: A village drama staged by the World Vision childcare project in Obrachere Village features a young city-educated woman who advises two friends to bottle-feed their babies. Breastfeeding, she tells them, will spoil their figures.

As the drama unfolds, the child of the woman who



Village drama shows the bad consequences when a woman (center) urges two friends to bottle-feed their babies.

gave up breastfeeding falls sick with diarrhea. At the village dispensary she learns that oral rehydration therapy will restore the child's body fluids, and is advised to go back to breastfeeding to keep the child healthy.

In India: Twenty village health volunteers trained by the Bethel Agricultural Fellowship in Danishpet provide primary health care in their home villages. Twice a month the volunteers learn more about nutrition, family planning, health and sanitation. As a result of their efforts and the vaccination of mothers and children, deaths among children under five in 14 villages have dropped from 15 out of 40 live births in 1981 to two out of 19 live births in 1986. From 1979 onward, no women have died during pregnancy.

In Kampuchea: The RINE (Rehydration, Immunization, Nutrition, Education) program begun at the World Vision-sponsored National Pediatrics Hospital in Phnom Penh has spread to six rural provinces. The medical staff at all seven centers are government employees who receive much of their training at the National Pediatrics Hospital.

In Mauritania: World Vision has produced five-minute television spots in several languages to help communicate the need for immunization. In the films, religious leaders urge the people to have their children vaccinated so they will be healthy, "as God intended every person to be."

In South Africa: The black township of Duncan Village was being torn apart by unrest, burnings and murders when World Vision opened a daycare center there in 1985. Despite continued violence, project workers provided Christian nurture, nutritious food and necessary immunizations to the pre-schoolers. In August 1986 a measles epidemic broke out, claiming the lives of many children, but the daycare center reported: "Not one of the children in our care contracted the disease."

In Sudan: Nurse Nancy Ayres, of Oklahoma, found a village where five or six children were very sick with measles, and showed the mothers how to bring down the fever, give fluids and nourish the sick children. World Vision is training home visitors to provide similar help in their own villages as part of its child survival work in Sudan.

In the weeks ahead, more endangered children will be assisted through World Vision's "Child Survival and Beyond" programs to the extent of donors' support. Watch for reports in future issues of your magazine.

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LIVE AND LAUGH

Children's laughter. How precious it is in any culture! Especially among the world's poor, it's such a welcome signal indicating that, for the moment, all is well. Or seems well.

In a playground made from discards and ingenuity, the two



Guatemalan lads pictured here squeal in glee. The last thing on their minds is the threat of six deadly diseases that kill or disable staggering numbers of children by age 5.

Fortunately in these boys' city (Villa Nueva, near Guatemala City), parents now can begin to enjoy their children's laughter with less apprehension. Child Survival and Beyond—a determined counterattack against those child-killing diseases and more—is producing not just short-term happiness but opportunities to discover lifelong joy through Jesus Christ. And the kids' parents are deeply grateful.

Because the need for Child Survival and Beyond is so urgent in Latin America, Africa, Asia and the island world, I hope you'll read this specially focused issue of **WORLD VISION** most prayerfully. And that you'll call it to the attention of others who will join you in enabling World Vision's teams of workers to bring survival-plus to "the least of these" in Jesus' name.

David Olson

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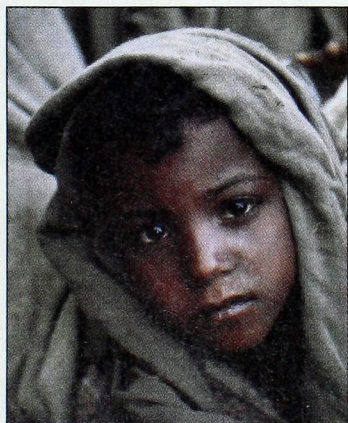
Here and now . . . and hereafter

CHILD SURVIVAL AND BEYOND

by Bob Seiple
President of World Vision

Early in August of this year, the nation's news teams rushed to cover the crash of Northwest Airlines Flight 255. As the death toll rose to more than 150, every major newspaper and broadcast station pushed the story to the front and kept it there for days. It dominated the talk at bus stops and barber shops, at dinner tables and business meetings. Collectively, the nation noted it and shuddered.

Meanwhile, in a 24-hour period around the globe, enough children to fill 100 747 planes, died of malnutrition and related illnesses. But this tragedy, so much greater than the first, went almost unnoticed.



So you see why it troubles me that such a crucial movement as child survival is such a well kept secret. The United Nations and the World Health Organization and others have battled for years to hold down the appalling numbers of unnecessary deaths. Yet their work and the continuing crisis make few headlines. Apparently we lack a life-size picture of the problem. We fail to grasp the sheer number of children we are losing.

Behind the numbers, and even more compelling, lie the individual stories. Recently, I visited a clinic in India where a doctor was fitting a polio victim with a leg brace. The doctor was proud of the fit, and for that young boy the brace was a godsend. But for me it stood out as a painful symbol.



Young children, like this trio in Ecuador, stand in need of both the preventative health care measures that make up child survival and the work which looks beyond survival toward abundant life.

Polio prevention has been with us for years. The disease has been virtually eradicated in the Western world. Simply put, polio did not need to be a part of this young lad's life.

The boy's father is dead. His mother is in desperate straits, earning barely enough to live on. Her children, who should be a blessing to her, are a tremendous psychological burden simply because she cannot feed them properly. Now, for lack of a routine vaccination, her son is further disabled by polio.

One cannot see such a child, in such a context, without being a proponent of child survival. But as tragic as this scene is, it is also important to realize that child survival measures alone won't change the bleak outlook for

this child. Help for children like this has to be long-term, dedicated, persevering.

World Vision is launching an intensive campaign under the title "child survival and beyond." Our child survival program will follow the United Nations model. We will help put four simple, lifesaving techniques into the hands of parents who have come to

expect that some of their children will die.

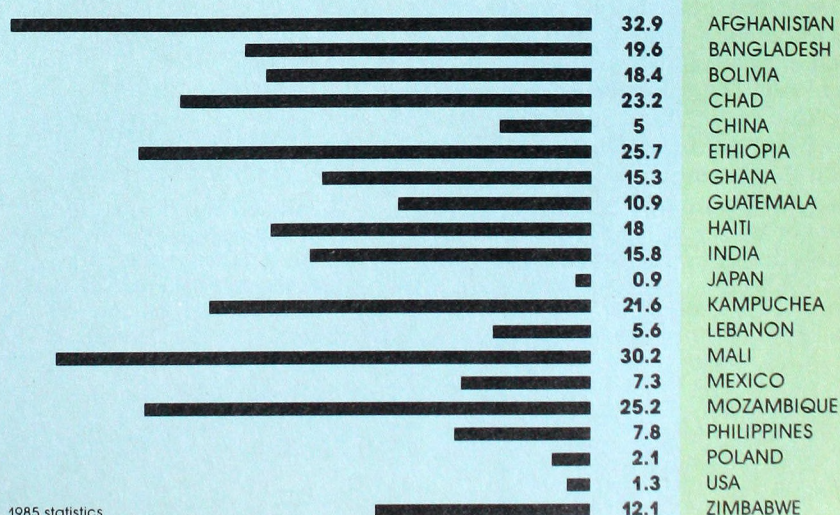
But if we extend a life, if we help take a child through those difficult early years, we are also obliged to improve the quality of that life, its fullness and richness. It is not enough to

teach ways to keep children alive. We need to lay the groundwork for a life that is more than survival.

Getting children out of poverty starts, of course, with basic survival measures: clean water, disease prevention, nutrition education. But these kids need to be drawn by the hope of educational opportunities and, eventually, employment possibilities.

Child survival alone won't change the outlook for Two-Thirds World children. They need much more than that.

Percentage of children born alive who die by age 5 in 20 representative countries



1985 statistics



Ultimately they will need economically developed communities that can support Christian ministry and needed professionals (like medical workers and teachers). In short, our obligations to these children extend beyond mere survival. In our thinking and in our programs we need to be ready to walk with these children into meaningful adulthood.

We're in it for the children and we're in it for the long run.

And of course the phrase "and beyond" also refers to things spiritual. We cannot stop with elementary evangelism any more than we can be satisfied with elementary relief. The spiritual seeds need to be just as carefully watered as they have been sown. Opportunities for faith commitment and spiritual growth need to be just as intentional as economic development.

"Child survival and beyond" means we're in it for the children and we're in it for the long run. An exciting new program, following a pattern set for us thousands of years ago by a God who cares deeply for each child. □

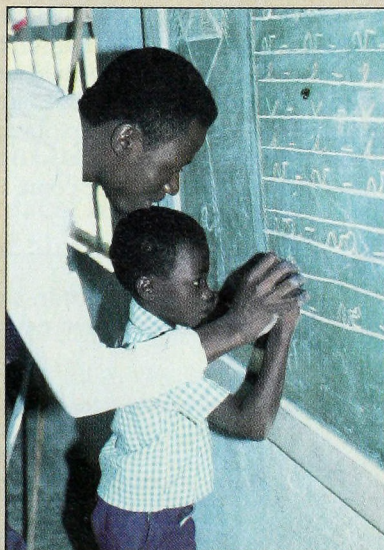
WHAT'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT?

"Economic development [of the kind we work for] is a justice-oriented, biblically based, indigenously owned-and-operated economic program designed to break the cycle of poverty.

"Effective economic development improves small businesses, cottage industries, agricultural opportunities—whatever is appropriate for the people and culture, making possible dignity and hope for a life beyond mere survival."

—Bob Seiple in a speech he prepared for his September 23 installation ceremony

Walking with children beyond survival and toward meaningful adulthood takes place in an abundance of ways. Here are a few of the most common.



Education: Seven-year-old Fidy Champagne gets a helping hand from his teacher, Jules Etienne, at a World Vision-assisted school in Pernier, Haiti.



He carries a briefcase, not a black bag, but Dr. Rufi Macagba is a medical missionary. The former surgeon and hospital director improves the health of needy people around the world by equipping others. Scholarly papers for the World Health Organization and a cartoon-style manual for unschooled parents stand side-by-side among his writings. A policy shaper with World Vision since 1975, Rufi is a principal architect of Child Survival and Beyond.



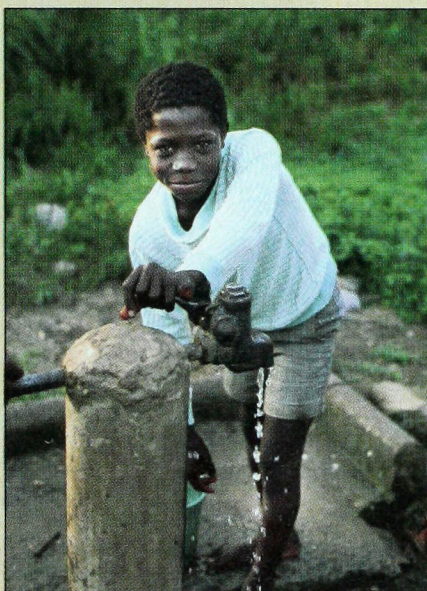
I T'S NO SNAP FOR THE PARENTS, EITHER

For a mother in the developing world, getting a child immunized usually means giving up half a day's work and wages, traveling on foot or by bus carrying at least one young child, lining up in the sun for perhaps an hour or more, getting back home in time to catch up on the domestic chores, putting up with the usual slight fever and crying which keeps the family awake at night, and justifying to her family why all this lost time and money is necessary on three or four separate occasions for a child who is not even sick.

To build enough desire for their children's vaccination in this context means making it available at times and places convenient to working parents. Even more important, it means empowering parents with information not only about the date, time and place of immunization, but with the knowledge that a series of vaccinations, requiring three to five visits, is essential to protect the life and healthy growth of their children.

The State of the World's Children 1987
The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Gardening: In the communal field just outside their classroom, Quichuan preschoolers in Ecuador hold their own little *minga* (traditional work party) to develop gardening skills.



Clean water: A local source, like this one in Ghana, can do wonders to improve the health of a community and lighten the back-breaking, time-consuming task of daily water procurement.

Spiritual development: Morning prayer is as much a part of the daily rhythm as playing and studying for girls in the Guardian Angel Home in India.



A major responsibility

WHEN JESUS PUTS A CHILD IN OUR MIDST

by Tom Houston

Jesus once called a child to stand in front of the disciples. With the child standing at His side, He taught His disciples some important truths, ending with this statement: "Your Father in heaven does not want any of these little ones to be lost."

Many forces in the world are causing children to die. Jesus says it is not our Father's will that this should happen. I believe that Jesus Christ is again putting a child in our midst as an object lesson. We need to recover the strong statements recorded in Matthew 18 and other passages of the Gospels where Jesus refers to children.

It is just as Jesus is beginning His journey to the cross that He places the child in front of His disciples. They are arguing about who will be the greatest. Their concern is advancement, promotion, ambition—and He puts a child in their midst.

"Now think about the child," says Jesus. "This is what the kingdom is about."

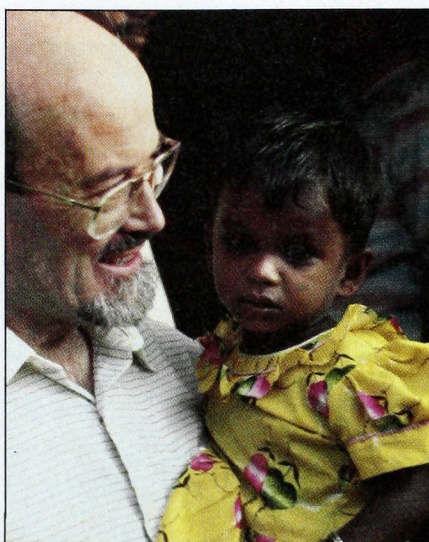
When, in Matthew 19, His disciples scold others for bringing children to Him, Jesus rebukes the disciples and says, "Let the children come to me . . . the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

He counters His culture's view that adults are the important people and children must wait to become important. Little ones are important *now*, He insists. They are important *as children*.

Today we need to assess our own culture's attitude toward children and to compare it with Jesus' attitude.

Jesus says we are to receive children, to welcome them. And the history of how Christians have worked for and loved children is an outstanding one.

Tom Houston with Indian child



Robert Raikes, an eighteenth-century Englishman, saw children working at age 6 in the coal mines and factories of his country. He knew that those children hardly ever saw the light of day. It was slave labor. He decided something must be done for these children whom God loved. He started the first Sunday school. And on each Sunday he taught them not only the Bible but also other important school subjects. That was the beginning of universal primary education.

Raikes was only one of many people who took Jesus Christ seriously regarding children. Think of George Mueller in England; of Hermann Frank in Germany; of child-helping people on every continent. The church of Jesus Christ has always been in the forefront of doing for children that which represents the attitude of the Savior to the children. We follow in the train of those who put a child in the midst and say, "This little one is loved by God. For this one Jesus died."

There is a negative side to this subject too. Jesus not only gave instructions to welcome and receive the children; He said, "If you cause one of them to stumble, to lose faith in me, it were better that a millstone be hanged around your neck and you be drowned in the sea."

One of the most serious statements Jesus ever made about anything was made about people who put a stumbling block in the way of children. Let's not forget it.

We live in a world where people are putting stumbling blocks in the way of children. You know about child beating. You know about child pornography. You know about child prostitution. You know about the impact of war on children. You know about child slavery in places where children are being made to work in factories and under terrible conditions.

Segments of society are putting traumas into the experience of children, forever warping the kind of person they will be. We Christians must be in the business of trying to undo the effects of these stumbling blocks, to cure the effects of the traumas.

Pharaoh tried to kill Moses. Herod tried to kill Jesus. Today a host of enemies will succeed in killing millions of children and many a future godly leader if we, God's people, do not do what the women did in Moses' day and what the holy family did in Jesus' day. In our hands rests their future. □

Tom Houston is international president of World Vision.

They called me "alien devil."

I WAS A STREET ORPHAN

by Stephanie Fast

I was born in Korea right after the Korean War. It was a short war, only four years, but it devastated Korea and Korean families. Everywhere there were orphans and mixed-blood children fathered by foreign soldiers. I was one of them.

In those days infanticide was rampant. Midwives put to death baby girls of mixed blood. Baby boys of mixed blood could remain alive as long as they would not be able to reproduce.

I don't know why I survived except that God had his hand on me. I believe that my mother loved me, because for some reason I was not put to death. I was cared for until she couldn't hide me anymore, or couldn't support me. Then she took me out in the street and left me there.

For seven years I was a street child. (There were no orphanages at the time; World Vision had just come in after the war, but they could not take care of every abandoned child.) We slept under bridges, behind railroad stations, under railroad tracks. In the summertime I went up into the mountains where I could sleep in caves. We learned to eat field mice, grasshoppers, locusts, grass.

People think of the Orient as a tropical paradise: palm trees and grass skirts. But Korea is a little peninsula off of Manchuria. The winds blow strong and the snow comes early. Every day, I saw little children die around me.

When I came out of the mountains

Each time I should have died, but always someone rescued me.

and into the towns and villages, people called me a derogatory name that means "child of two bloods" and also "alien devil." I was inhuman. I was dirty. I wasn't a Korean. I had no name. I knew that I could never get an education, get married or get a job if I survived. I simply had no future.

One time I was caught by a group of men for a reason I don't remember—maybe I had stolen something. The men took me and another little girl to a building known as the "home of the rats." There were rats as big as cats, mean and vicious, and when they were hungry they attacked anything in their sight.

The men threw us into that building as live bait. I remember I said to myself, "We're not going to die! We're going to survive!" But the other little girl said, "I can't, I can't, I can't."

I saw the rats eat away at that little child, but someone rescued me. For a long time I wondered why I survived. There were other times, too: Once I was tied to a waterwheel and repeatedly dunked, apparently in hopes that I would die. Once I was nearly buried alive in a rice paddy. Another time I was thrown into a well and left there for three days.

Each time I should have died, but always someone came to rescue me. It may have been a family member who watched from a distance; I don't know. But I believe it was the hand of God on my life.

When I was seven years old a cholera epidemic swept through Korea. When you're a street child, you're one of the first to catch cholera. I caught it.

About that time, World Vision sent workers out into the street and told them to pick out only infants and children under age three, because they simply didn't have room for the rest. A World Vision nurse by the name of Iris Erickson, combing my section of the

Stephanie Fast, her husband Darryl and their two young sons live in Surrey, BC, Canada. Stephanie's testimony is being filmed for inclusion in a World Vision TV special and for showing in churches and other group meetings.

Stephanie at 9: "God's hand" sustained her through abandonment and abuse.



town, saw me lying among the rest of the garbage and rubble.

Iris has told me that it was as if God spoke to her and said, "That girl has a purpose in life. I want you to rescue her."

"But God," she argued, "she's almost dead, and besides she seems too old."

But God said, "You take her home with you." So she picked me up, took me home and nursed me back to life.

Let me tell you something. When I was dying on the streets with cholera, I was actually happy about it. At seven years old I was ready to die because I thought I knew what my future would be. I hated myself and the people around me. I didn't want to be abused any more.

When I woke up two weeks later and saw Iris staring at me, I screamed in anger. She kept repeating, "It's OK, you don't have to go back out there; we'll take care of you."

She found a place for me in a World Vision orphanage. As the oldest child there, I was given the job of washing diapers. We didn't have Pampers back then. Our local laundromat was the river on the edge of town and the washing machine was a big stick to beat the clothes. In the winter we had to chisel the ice away to make a hole for washing.

I didn't mind that because I had a roof over my head, three square meals a day,

I thought Goliath had come back to life.

and people who took care of me. What I minded was that every evening when I walked through the gate a string of children followed me, calling me names and taunting me all the way to the river, the whole time I was down there and all the way back.

But in that orphanage, I found for the first time that I could give love. The little ones were so tiny and helpless, and the workers were too busy to really love each one of them individually. I remember spending hours holding little ones in my arms and loving them.

When I was nine years old, Iris Erickson announced that some foreigners would visit the next day to adopt a baby boy. I spent the whole day scrubbing the babies and making them as pretty as possible, putting little ribbons in their hair. We waited with great anticipation for this foreign couple.

I had heard Bible stories in the World Vision orphanage, and when I saw that man walk through the gate I thought Goliath had come back to life. I never saw anyone so big. I watched him closely, because I despised men. But I saw something that I had never seen in any other man:

compassion. When you see compassion, you know it.

I watched this man with the big, big hands lift up each baby, and I knew he loved every one of them. I saw tears running down his face and I knew that if he could have, he would have taken the whole lot home. Then the man saw me, out of the corner of his eye.

Let me tell you, I was almost nine years old but I didn't weigh 30 pounds. I was a tiny, scrawny little thing. I had worms in my body, boils on my skin, scars on my body. I was not a pretty sight. But that man took his huge hand and laid it on my face. It seemed to cover my whole face and half my body. It felt so good, and inside I was begging, "Oh, keep it up, don't let your hand go."

But that's not what I said aloud. Instead, I yanked that hand off my face and looked up at him (I'm sure my eyes came up to his knees) and I spit on him.

If you don't believe that God is alive and that God is a God of miracles, listen to this. That man and his wife came back the next day and took me home with them!

Suddenly I had my own room. I had my own bed. (I didn't know what to do with the bed, but I had it.) My new parents bought me two little dresses, and I'll never forget them as long as I live:

Stephanie's storybook rescue by a World Vision nurse and later adoption by loving parents didn't mean "happily ever after." Childhood wounds ran deep.



one pink and white polkadot and one blue and white polkadot.

Suddenly I was an American. And I had a name, I had an identity.

My parents, who were missionaries, showed me their love in many ways, including the way they tried to help me adjust during a year of furlough in America when I was 12. But when we went back to Korea, where my parents served, I didn't want anything to do with the Koreans in our church. I tried to forget the Korean language. I wanted nothing more to do with the Korean side of me.

In my teenage years my parents began to realize that I had some emotional problems. I wasn't rebellious, I never hurt anyone. But at a certain point in personal relationships I would retreat. And every time I talked about myself it was negative talk.

When I was about 15, my dad came into my room and sat down on the edge of the bed. "Stephanie," he said, "you know the Bible. I don't need to quote it to you. But think about Jesus. He was born to a virgin. He was born in a stinking stable. He went back to his home town and his people turned their backs on him. Even his own disciples let him down in the Garden of Gethsemane. And when He hung on the cross to die, the ones for whom He

In my room that night the Lord released my emotions and I began to cry.

gave his life turned their backs on him.

"Stephanie, you have been hurt. You have been despised. You have been rejected. You have been abused. But there stands the Man who knows everything. Jesus hung on the cross to identify with you."

That night for the first time I prayed, "Lord Jesus, please forgive me for all these sins I've been carrying. All these feelings that I've been carrying, I give them to you, Lord Jesus."

Since the time that I had been thrown in the building with the rats, I had never cried another tear. But in my room that night the Lord released my emotions and I began to cry. From that moment to this day, it has been a continual healing by the Lord.

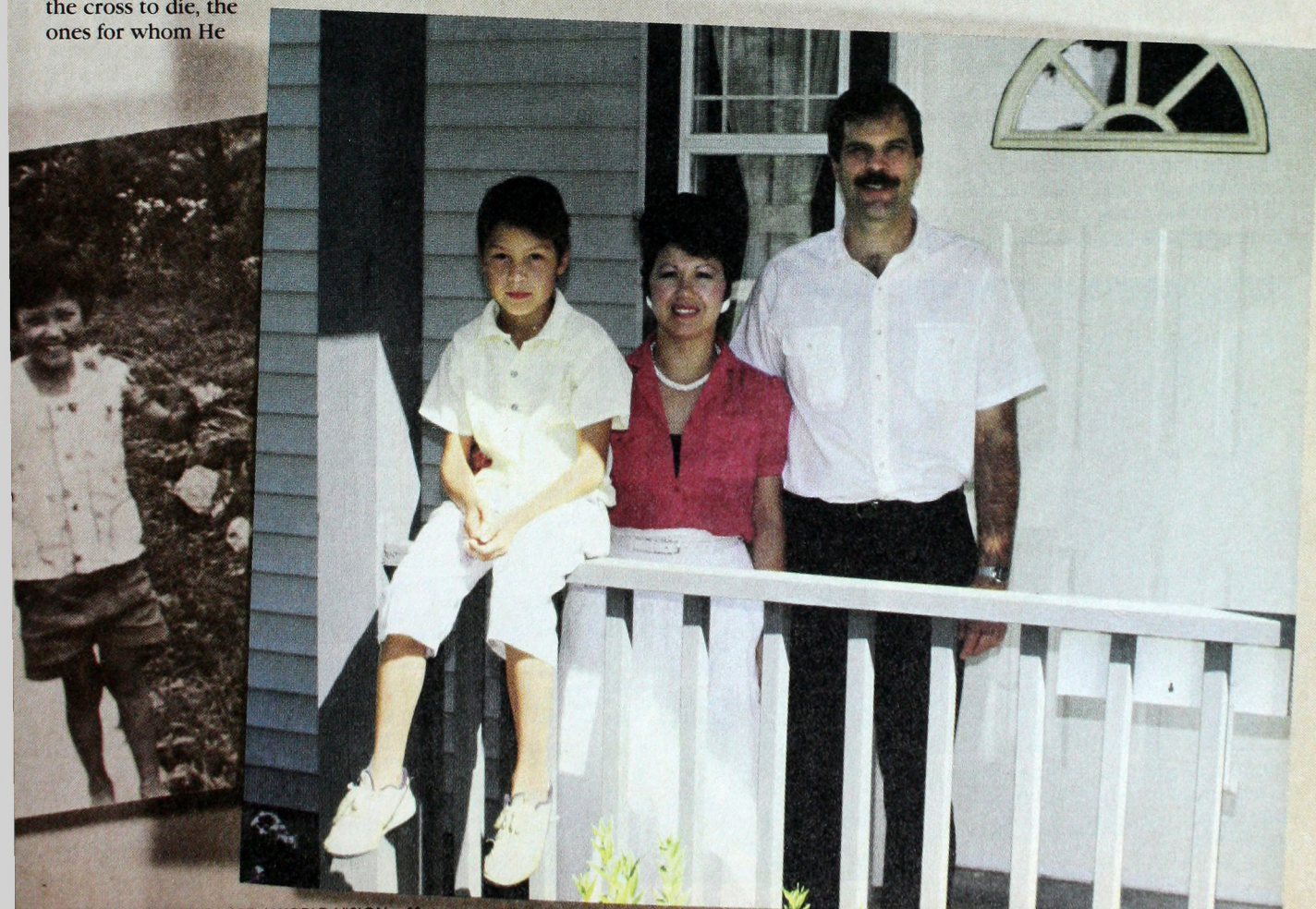
When I was 16 I went to Rockport, Indiana, to complete my high school education. Then I married my husband Darryl, whom I had met in Japan during a Christmastime visit there, where his parents were missionaries. After our marriage, Darryl and I attended Elim Bible Institute, a school in Lima, New York.

We now have an 8-year-old son, Stephen, and one-year-old David. For 11 years we have lived mostly in Surrey, British Columbia, though for three years we filled in for furloughing missionaries in Japan. In Surrey, Darryl is the school administrator at White Rock Christian Fellowship Academy and I major in mothering, though speaking engagements take us to various American and Canadian cities two or three times a month.

I continue to face spiritual battles, and there are many things I do not understand while I face them. But I do know that there is victory in the end.

When we have life in Christ, we are a new creation. That is the beginning of healing. □

Stephanie with her son Stephen, age 8, and husband Darryl. "To this day, it has been a continual healing by the Lord."



BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY

by Terri Owens

When Valerio Curillo and his companions arrived on the doorstep of World Vision Ecuador in the bustling capital, Quito, World Vision had no projects in the city. All resources were directed toward the *rural* Indians, who lived in the staggering poverty of high-land villages.

But these pleading visitors were also Quichuas. In a determined effort to escape countryside poverty, 53 families migrated to Quito where they instead became helplessly trapped in an unbreakable cycle of urban poverty. World Vision listened to them. The Camal Migrant Association Child Sponsorship Project was born.

Earlier these families had formed the Camal Migrant Association in order to petition the government for the precious laminated cards that would make them

FRUITFUL EFFORT

Half a million rural Ecuadorans move in and out of Quito hoping to develop a livable income. Most fail to do so.

With help of the kind this group is getting from World Vision sponsors, many more could succeed. And there would be spiritual results too.

Tungurahua, the province from which the World Vision-assisted garlic sellers come, five years ago had only 800 known Christians; now it has 7000. In those five years the number of its evangelical churches increased from six to 30.

legal vendors. Without licenses, they were continually seized by municipal police patrolling the marketplace and thrown into jail.

"I was hauled off to jail five or six times," remembers Curillo. "Of course we always tried to watch out for the police, but when one has wares spread out, it is not easy to run!"

Originally from Tungurahua Province in southern Ecuador, the families all sold garlic and onions that they purchased by credit during monthly trips home by bus. In Quito, they lived near each other in

53 rural families who migrated to Ecuador's capital city became trapped in urban poverty. But a better future lies ahead.

deplorable housing, the best they could find with their meager incomes.

"They were living three families to one little room—along with their supplies of garlic and onions," notes World Vision Ecuador operations manager Christian Aponte. "They also had to do their cooking there. The owner of the rooms rationed the water by making it available only at night. He even forbade them to hold worship services on the property. Each family earned only 4000 to 5000 sucres (\$28-\$35) a month and paid a third of their income for the right to live in those shacks."

Such severe overcrowding endangered the families' physical, social and spiritual well-being. Intestinal problems, tuberculosis and other ailments common among Ecuador's poor threatened to spread among them. Tensions flared between individuals weary of being packed so tightly together.

When as an association they at last succeeded in getting licenses from the government, they took on a new goal: finding a way out of their hellish living



Grateful residents welcome visitors to the house for which sponsorship funds provided down payment assistance.



Drying time for the migrants' laundry averages three days.



Adults and older children take turns working at the marketplace so some can tend to the younger children at the house so many families share.



In the highlands where they raise their produce, burros are the primary mode of transportation.



condition. Once involved, World Vision also saw better housing as a priority—it would dramatically improve the lives of children as well as adults. Initial gifts from the children's sponsors went toward the down payment on a 23-room house two miles from the Chiriaco Marketplace where many of the families

So far, all but eight association families have come to know Christ.

are vendors. In September 1986, they moved in.

Now there is enough water available for bathing and laundering and there is electricity as well. Instead of cooking in their living areas, families use the house kitchen, often preparing communal meals in huge pots and pans. Presently

two families are sharing each room, but World Vision plans to help them remodel the house so that each family will have its own quarters. And since World Vision is helping to make the house payments and pay the taxes, association members have money to rent storage space for

News about their little church is spreading among other migrants.

their garlic and onions at the marketplace instead of keeping produce in their living quarters.

Christians among these new homeowners are holding worship services

each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night. So far, all but eight association families have come to know Christ. News about the little church is spreading among other Quichua migrants in Quito, and several visitors have come to share the joy of praising God in their native tongue.

While the residents are overjoyed with their house, other plans are underway. Future goals include setting up a preschool at the house so that parents will have a safe place to leave their children during the day. Presently, they have no choice but to keep their infants and young children at their sides in the marketplace from dawn to dusk. The preschool room will double as an adult learning center where literacy training and classes on hygiene, nutrition, and cooking will be offered at night. Older children attending public schools will be

supplied with books, writing materials and other needed items.

World Vision is also showing the families how to pool their resources to buy produce from the village growers without having to take out loans, which eat up part of their profits.

All these goals are paving the way toward the day when Camal Migrant Association families are well-established with a home of their own, have improved incomes, better health and nutrition, Christian nurture and excellent daycare. On that day World Vision will reach its ultimate goal for this project: to end the project, because at last the cycle of poverty will be broken for these people. □

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LITTLE BOY IN AN ADULT WORLD

In Quito's Chiriacu Marketplace the air hangs heavy with the scent of carcasses, produce, dust and sweat as hawkers chatter and call to potential customers jostling through the crowded walkways of the open-air market.

This is 8-year-old Fabiano Hualo's world. Every day, Fabiano carries garlic up and down the marketplace corridors as purposefully as any man might—until he confronts a set of steep stairs and his little legs strain to mount each step. Though street-wise and able to haggle a

price, he is still a little boy in an adult world.

When dusk closes the marketplace, another world awaits Fabiano and his father—the 23-room home that World Vision is helping an association of garlic and onion sellers to purchase and upgrade. Even though this house has made life in the city better than it ever has been, Segundo would much prefer that his son be in school. For now, this is impossible because the family does not have the required birth certificate

for Fabiano. Until the problem can be straightened out, the most useful thing Fabiano can do is to help his father.

Each chilly dawn finds Fabiano clad in the same soiled, too-small sweatshirt and too-large pants held up by an equally large but tightly-lashed belt as he and his father set off for the marketplace to begin their 12-hour workday.

"What I like most about Quito is being with my father," beams Fabiano. "I like to help my father sell. He gives me little plastic bags of garlic to carry around as I look for customers. On good days I sell ten or fifteen.

"People try to cheat me. Everyone wants to take things home cheaply. But I don't let them get away with it. My father tells me to get 20 sucres (14 cents) for each bag, so I do, no matter how hard people try to get them for 15.

"At the end of the day, we take a bus home because we are tired and the way is so steep. My father says that after we buy our lunch (usually a hot creamy soup made of cooked, mashed grain) and pay for the bus, there is hardly anything left. He also says that if we were in the village, we couldn't even afford that, so we are better off. But what I like best is that I am with my father." □

Fabiano makes sure he gets 20 sucres for each bag of garlic. His family's basic needs depend on the meager income he and his father can gain from their long days' work in the urban marketplace.



A head start for Quichua tots

PRESCHOOL IN THE ANDES HIGHLANDS



Tucked among the rolling, fog-clad hills of Ecuador's Andean highlands are countless isolated Quichua Indian villages. To ears accustomed to the noises of auto traffic, telephones and ghetto blasters, these villages are remarkably quiet. Here, silence is broken by the bleating of a passing sheep herd or the dull thud of farm tools breaking the earth.

The youngest children spend their days in their families' compounds, their clothing fragrant with wood smoke from open fires inside the dark one-room dwellings. Children view anything outside the earthen walls of their homes with timid eyes. Except for family their only companions are the chickens, sheep, pigs and burros they begin tending as soon as they can walk. To them, standing at the edge of their parents' fields is like standing at the edge of the world.

For such children the first year of school is agony. Parents often have to escort their frightened boys and girls to the classroom each morning although it

Secluded Quichua children, like these four holding hoops they like to spin along the ground, often find the sudden plunge into Spanish-speaking primary school overwhelming.

is right in their own little village. The stranger teaching them talks in Spanish, a language not understood by many of these Quichua-speaking children. They even have trouble holding a pencil or crayon—they have never before touched such things or used their hands in such a way.

School becomes a shattering experience. The painfully shy children are terrified of their teacher. Because Spanish is so difficult for them to understand they fall far behind in their lessons. Parents can't give them extra help—most adults in the villages are illiterate and have trouble with Spanish themselves. Many of the youngsters end up repeating first grade. Those who complete first grade often don't survive

The teachers know their students need affirmation.

second or third. Their self-esteem, already shaky, plummets.

World Vision Ecuador has a Quichua word for the projects helping the village children from ages 3 to 6. It is *huahuahuasi* [wah-wah-wáh-see]—"a house for children." Huahuahuasi is the morning preschool program that World Vision has introduced in 16 Indian communities. Now in its third year, the program already is getting high marks from children, parents and public school teachers amazed at the skill and confi-

dence of huahuahuasi graduates tackling first grade.

The preschools are staffed by adults selected from the children's own villages and trained by World Vision. These adults read the books, play the games and sing the songs they will be teaching their students. They also are given tips on how to handle young children in a classroom and are taught first aid. No one needs to tell them how important their work is: they each have traumatic memories of primary school and know better than anyone how much their students are going to need warmth, affirmation and the freedom to speak Quichua.

As a result, these teachers are highly motivated to create a happy family-like atmosphere for the children. The class-



A dozen pairs of eyes fix raply on an outdoor puppet theater, part of a preschool program which prepares the tots to enter primary school with confidence.

Huahuahuasi teachers from the children's own villages are trained by World Vision to create a happy, family-like atmosphere for the preschoolers.



rooms are usually in the local community center. Many of these centers have been built by villagers using materials provided by World Vision. The electric lights, concrete floors, glass windows and little chairs and desks are quite amazing to children who have spent their short lives in bare huts. More amazing are the building blocks, jigsaw puzzles, plastic toys, crayons, coloring books, musical instruments, puppet theaters and other items supplied by World Vision.

Each of these delights has a practical side as well. Although the youngsters are extremely agile on their feet due to the uneven terrain, they have little opportunity to develop manual skill. The preschools develop these skills by using

The children are learning that the Savior values both them and their abilities.

building blocks, jigsaws, crayons and coloring books to stimulate eye-hand coordination. Likewise, the Spanish songs the children learn teach them numbers, days of the week and parts of the body. Playing games together helps them build social skills.

Teachers also involve the children in the life of the community. When weddings and other important social events fall on a weekday morning, the

children attend as a class. If death strikes a village family, they go as a group to pay their respects. Some classrooms are next to communal fields and have a supply of small spades and cultivator forks so students can help garden—and afterwards learn the importance of always washing their hands and tools. From time to time the children even put on a little play and invite the entire community. Gradually, boys and girls learn to approach the people around them without fear.

More importantly, they are learning that the Savior values both them and their abilities—a lesson with an impact far beyond just preparing the children to enter first grade. The feelings of self-worth that the huahuahuasis are awakening will help these children through a lifetime of challenges. □



Preschoolers in the Palugsha project hold their own little gardening party, then learn to wash the dirt from their tools and hands.

Jose Masaquiza, preschool teacher in San Pedro Chibuleo, mixes outdoor activities with classroom time for his young pupils.

'GRANDMA' HILDEGARD'S KOREAN KIDS

"For some time," she wrote, "I have been thinking about writing to you. I thought you would be interested in knowing about the showers of blessings God has rained upon me through World Vision. I think it is a thrilling story."

The editor thinks so too. So here it is, in Hildegard Wichmann's own words, from her home in San Diego, California.

It was during or shortly after the Korean war when I first heard about World Vision. At a church service, we were told that the organization needed sponsors for orphans in Korea.

"That's for me," I thought. "I can have a child!" (I was single at the time, and still am.)

Soon I had an "adopted" daughter, Park Soon Ja, who had been picked up on the streets and taken to an orphanage in Chun Ra Nam Do, Korea.

World Vision translated our letters and sent me pictures of my little girl. She liked music. One year I sent her a nice harmonica.

Eventually a letter came from World Vision to tell me that Soon Ja was now 18 years old, past the age of needing support. She had moved to a remote village and there was no address where she could be reached. The orphanage had given the harmonica to a 5-year-old girl, Moon Jung Hee, and asked if I would consider adopting her.

I was deeply distressed. I had thought of Soon Ja as my daughter for life. Now I had lost her. But I agreed to sponsor Moon Jung Hee. How could I disappoint a little girl?

A few years later I asked Jung Hee what she would like me to send her. To

my surprise she wrote back, "I should like to have music lessons." I like to think that the harmonica had something to do with that—one of God's mysterious ways. And so I sent five extra dollars a month for a music teacher.

The last time I heard from Jung Hee she had two children. Her husband was connected to the orphanage, and was the choir director at their church. Jung Hee was the church organist and was helping support the family by giving music lessons.

But there is more to my story. A year or so after Soon Ja left the orphanage I got a letter from the superintendent. Soon Ja had come back. She wanted more education. I offered to send her to school and she was soon enrolled. Then I was informed that she had run away from school. Again I had lost my daughter.

A few years later Soon Ja came back to the orphanage. She had run away to get married. Now her husband had left her and taken their son. Soon Ja was so

depressed she took poison. Now, half-dead, she had returned to her childhood home—my prodigal daughter. Could I do less than the father of the prodigal son in Jesus' story? I sent money to help her again. Soon Ja was cared for in the orphanage while she needed help.

Then Soon Ja had her son back again—I'm not exactly sure how this happened. Then the husband (or perhaps it was another man) came back with two other children and apparently left her with them. She accepted them. World Vision wrote that they were trying to find sponsors for the three children. I was still sending money for Soon Ja.

By that time I was retired from teaching; I no longer had to save for my old age. So I wrote to World Vision telling them, "I will sponsor those children as well as their mother. She is my daughter. They are my grandchildren."

Then the father came back. World Vision wrote that the family was now able to support itself so I stopped



sending money but we still kept in touch.

One day Soon Ja wrote that her husband was in the United States. She and the children wanted to come but it would take a while.

Then on December 2, 1981, I had a phone call from New York. A man asked, "Would you like to speak to your daughter?"

You can imagine what a thrill that was! Soon Ja knew no English but she did say "my mother." That was enough.

Her husband Mr. Lee said, "Your daughter would like to see you."

I said, "I will try to go to New York next summer." I went. I saw my daughter and my three grandchildren.

Mr. Lee is now an American citizen. He drives his own cab in New York City, working six or seven days a week for ten or more hours a day. They live in a

How can I thank God enough for my lovely daughter and three promising grandchildren?

comfortable apartment and have all they need.

Soon Ja, my daughter, sews in a factory six days a week.

Their son John is now in his second year at Carnegie-Melon University, majoring in computer science. He worked hard all summer to earn money for his education.

Daughter Ellen attends a special high school for students of music and art.

Their youngest child, James, is in junior high school. In his most recent letter to me he wrote, "I want to do well in school so my parents will be proud of me."

How can I thank God and World Vision enough for my lovely daughter and my three promising grandchildren? World Vision saved little five-year-old Soon Ja. Who knows what plans God has for her children?

I have been to New York three times now to see my family. When I visit, I can't keep them from showering me with gifts.

A million thanks to World Vision for what you have done for these children and for what you are still doing for thousands of children all around the world.

Sincerely,
Hildegard Wichmann □

SUNITA

by Brian Bird

A brown-eyed little girl named Sunita could have been one of poverty's most tragic victims—one of the many orphaned children left to fend for themselves. Fortunately, Sunita has become a World Vision sponsored child and her tragic young life finally has some hope.

Her home is Calcutta, India, a city of 9 million people. Because of poverty and a severe housing shortage, nearly one out of four Calcuttans lives in the streets. If not for some concerned Christians, Sunita would be one of them today.

Just after her birth, Sunita and her mother were abandoned by her father. Mother and child became part of Calcutta's homeless masses. Could anything worse happen to them? It did.

While Sunita's mother went out searching for work, looking for anything that would bring in a few rupees for food, she came around a blind corner and was killed by traffic.

Little Sunita was left all alone. Her chances for surviving the streets of Calcutta were not good.

But there were people who cared about her. The cold and hungry child was brought to Belhala Children's Center, a refuge of Christian hope just outside Calcutta.

At the center, Sunita, now 4 years old, and over 100 other children receive nutritious meals, education, medical checkups and immunization shots, thanks to a partnership between World Vision and the Salvation Army. The children also

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have a chance to learn about God's love.

"We're providing a new family for a lot of children for whom nobody else

Her chances for surviving Calcutta's streets were not good.

would have cared," says Edna Rowle, the center's superintendent.

"I can't help but think that Sunita and all our children here would have been the kind of kids Christ would have hiked up on his shoulders for a ride around Jerusalem."

Sunita is fortunate. Along with other children around the world, Sunita has been saved by the love of caring Christian sponsors.

But many more children still need help.

"Every time I go into the slums and see all the children who need care," Rowle adds, "and every time I have to turn a child away for lack of space or funds, it just breaks my heart." □

"Our generous God will help us."

TUITION FOR TAMAR

by Krikor Nekrourian

They were a happy and well-off family: a father, mother and four young daughters. Not only did the father earn enough to provide them with good clothes and food, but they could afford to give a share to a needy neighbor or relative. By their prayers, the family felt very near to their Savior and they enjoyed the blessing and peace of God as they walked in His path.

One sad day during the Lebanese war when Krikor, the father, was traveling home from work, a stray bullet seriously wounded him. After three months of suffering, Krikor died in the arms of his wife and daughters.

The poor widow was left alone with her children under the worst conditions.

Their days became sad, dark and difficult. Although the older three daughters were exempt from tuition at Apkarian School, the family's expenses increased every day. Then came the day when the youngest girl, Tamar, had to go to school.

On the day of registration, the mother brought the first three daughters to school. I noticed Tamar's absence and asked the mother why she didn't bring her. In tears she answered, "I don't want to be more burden than this to the school. I shall keep her at home."

As principal of the school, I was extremely touched by the considerate feelings of the mother. I told her, "Go and bring Tamar to school. I'm sure that our generous God will help us."

So Tamar came to school and the blessing of God soon followed. It came from heaven by the hands of members of



Tamar

World Vision. Now this small girl has a chance to have a sponsor in a far-off country.

But who is happier: little Tamar who has the chance to go to school, or the sponsor who has the pleasure of making her schooling possible? □

Krikor Nekrourian is principal of Apkarian School, Beirut, Lebanon.

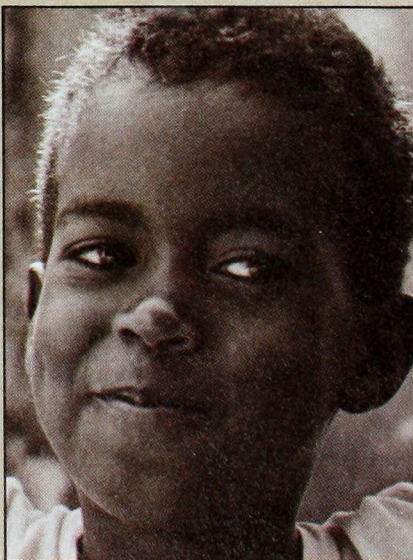
Brighten a child's life—and your American friend's too.

SHARE THE JOY OF SPONSORSHIP

As a sponsor you know how rewarding it is to be the special friend of a grateful child you've never seen—a boy or girl in Asia, Africa or Latin America whose home is a hovel, a shack or an orphanage. You've been able to see that child in the photo you've received, and you've learned something about him and his family through the biographical highlights, occasional progress reports and letters you receive from that child or caretaking adult.

Such sponsorship is a practical way to express Christian love across many miles, giving many Two-Thirds World children a tangible basis for hope of breaking poverty's shackles, not to mention an introduction to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Across the globe, many more



children desperately need sponsors like you. In certain needy countries, thousands of the neediest children have been listed individually by World Vision workers. And in one special place one special child right now awaits word that someone else with a caring heart like yours has decided to provide that kind of support.

Could one of your friends become a sponsor? And might you be able to help that friend discover the joy of sponsorship?

If the answer is yes, please share your experience with your friend, along with the reply envelope in the center of the magazine and your own word of encouragement to respond to this call. The joy will spread across many miles. □

Samaritan sampler

SOME WAYS PEOPLE ARE HELPING
OTHERS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

Christian Neighbors is a pool of volunteers who provide practical services to seniors in Orange County, California. About 275 volunteers assist with vital needs such as transportation to medical appointments, household repairs or grocery shopping, and often develop continuing friendships with their "clients." Over 70 congregations in the area support the work.

For information contact Christian Neighbors, 900 S. Sunkist St., Anaheim, CA 92806; (714) 491-3880.



Christian Neighbors volunteers assist seniors with vital transportation needs.

Short-term mission trips—short enough to accommodate most vacation schedules—are taking groups of Christians to destinations such as Thailand, Uganda, Hungary and Baja California. *World Christian* magazine, together with the Fellowship of World Christians, plans and hosts the trips, which include such activities as literature distribution, home Bible studies and sports clinics.

For information contact *World Christian* magazine, Box 40010, Pasadena, CA 91104.

More people pass through the world's hospitals than through its churches each year. Equipping Christian health professionals to address the multi-dimensional needs of these patients is the aim of the International Hospital Christian Fellowship.

The 50-year-old interdenominational organization works in over 100 countries, holding seminars and establishing prayer groups within hospitals. IHCF also provides local churches with training in visitation of sick and elderly persons and distributes literature and audiovisual materials related to issues in Christian health care.

For information contact Inter-

national Hospital Christian Fellowship, Baron van Nagellstraat 9, 3781 AP Voorthuizen, Holland.

Missions by Involvement, a short-term assignment program of Food for the Hungry, sends groups of Christians to work with residents of needy communities in Mexico and the Dominican Republic.

Food for the Hungry provides help in forming teams of 5 to 20 persons, preparing for the field assignment and communicating the experience afterward with home churches and communities. Youth groups, campus organizations and teams of skilled professionals have participated in the program.

For information contact Missions by Involvement, Food for the Hungry, Box E, Scottsdale, AZ 85252; (800) 2-HUNGER or, in Arizona, 998-3100.

PrayerLine, a toll-free phone service of the Southern Baptist Convention, provides round-the-clock recorded messages updating global prayer concerns. Southern Baptists hope to encourage "concerts of prayer" for world evangelization through the news service. Since its beginning in January 1987,

PrayerLine has received over 50,000 calls.

The number is (800) ALL-SEEK; from Virginia, Hawaii and Alaska, it's (804) 355-6581.

Over 600 "unemployable" people in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area found jobs last year with help from Jubilee Jobs Inc. The ministry, affiliated with the Church of the Saviour, follows up on each placement with a full year of encouragement, support and help in developing long-range goals.

For information contact Jubilee Jobs Inc., 2712 Ontario Rd. N.W., Washington, DC 20009.

Linking Christian professionals with teaching posts in China, Educational Resources & Referrals—China (ERRC) has placed over 100 persons in Chinese universities for terms of three months or longer. The Chinese government has shown interest in fields such as international law, literature, business administration, commercial art, industrial technology and ESL (English as a second language).

ERRC also provides support services for students and teachers preparing to go to China. For information contact ERRC, 2600 Dwight Way, Berkeley, CA 94704.

Roving Volunteers In Christ's Service are retired people who use their expertise and extra hours to improve ministry facilities across the nation. Teams of couples or singles set up their own little communities on work sites, usually living in recreational vehicles. Christian camps, colleges, schools, children's homes and missions benefit from the loving handiwork of these volunteers.

For information contact Roving Volunteers in Christ's Service, 1499 Edgewood Ranch Road, Orlando, FL 32811; (305) 293-4170.

They call themselves "contemplatives in action"—the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, some 350 strong.

Jesuit volunteers spend a year or more living in community with other JVCers and working for justice among disadvantaged people in the U.S. Some provide legal, medical, housing or nutritional services; some work with specialized groups such as children or the elderly, abused persons, homeless or disabled persons.

For information contact the Jesuit Volunteer Corps at one of these regional offices: Box 3928, Portland, OR 97208; Eighteenth and Thompson Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19121; Box 32692, Detroit, MI 48232; 1427 12th St., Oakland, CA 94607; 1505 Kane St., Houston, TX 77007.

Help us scatter the seed. If you know of a group providing a specific form of practical help for people in the name of Christ, we'd like to consider mentioning their project on this page. Send a contact name and address to *WORLD VISION* magazine, 919 W. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016.

Mini message

Jesus preparing to feed the hungry multitude, as portrayed in the film *Jesus*



FEAST ON THE BREAD OF LIFE!

On a Galilean hillside Jesus fed thousands of hungry people. But the very next day He spoke of a more important kind of bread. He declared, "I am the bread of life." And He promised, "If a man eats of this bread, he will live forever" (John 6:35,51).

Jesus' hearers that day failed to understand what He meant. But at other times and places, spiritually hungry people took Him at His word, received Him into their very beings, and found His promise true.

Today it still is true. While the

metaphor remains a mystery, it's mysterious *reality* to all who truly trust in Him as Lord and Savior.

Reader, are *you* eating the bread of life? If so, you've more to rejoice about than did the people on that Galilean hillside. But if not, *why not?*

If these questions make little sense to you, please read the Gospel of John searchingly, talk with a pastor or other committed Christian, learn what saving faith is—and feast on the bread of life!

For a free copy of a booklet called "Becoming a Christian," simply send your request to WORLD VISION Magazine, 919 W. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016.

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Perhaps God is calling you into service on another continent, in a place of great need. World Vision is actively recruiting professionals with Two-Thirds World experience for our relief and development work in Africa and Asia.

Consider the impact you can have as a Christian worker among people who desperately need your expertise. Our continuing needs are for:

- Agriculturalists
- Public health nurses
- Accountants
- Pediatricians
- Project managers
- Logisticians
- Nutritionists
- Administrators
- Mechanics

This work isn't for everyone. To help you decide if it's for you, recruiters have developed these basic prerequisites:

- Mature Christian faith
- Substantial experience in the Two-Thirds World
- Minimum 12-month commitment
- Ability to adapt to unpredictable conditions (French, Arabic or Portuguese language skills helpful)

Send your own resume or refer other candidates to Stacey Girdner, World Vision, 919 W. Huntington Dr., Monrovia, CA 91016.

When you pray

THANK GOD . . .

- ☐ **for the vision** of primary health care planners who see how innovative and well-executed teamwork can save thousands of endangered children's lives.
- ☐ **for the courageous labors** of health care workers who conduct both emergency and long-range programs in dangerous settings and under trying circumstances.
- ☐ **for the support** of caring donors who make such efforts possible.
- ☐ **for the equipment and supplies** now available to child survival teams where previously there have been none.
- ☐ **for the readiness** of village leaders to welcome Christian health workers despite former barriers of superstition and fear.
- ☐ **for the spiritual commitment** of World Vision field workers who serve in the name of Christ and in partnership with the churches of each area.
- ☐ **for the success** of extremely difficult efforts, by God's enabling.

AND PLEASE PRAY . . .

- ☐ **for continued guidance** for the architects of World Vision's "Child Survival and Beyond" ministries on all continents.
- ☐ **for the health and safety** of the field workers serving in hazard-filled places.
- ☐ **for more donors' support**, needed to reach thousands more who are dying for lack of basic health care.
- ☐ **for additional equipment** and supplies as needed.
- ☐ **for enough personnel** to reach into all communities that seek World Vision's help.
- ☐ **for the Holy Spirit's working** in the hearts of all who see Christ in the lives of the field staff members.
- ☐ **for the success** of specially difficult ventures for God's glory.

NEW NAME, NEW LOOK . . .

Your next issue of this magazine will bring you fascinating new features. It will also wear a fresh new look and even a new name. And I predict you'll be proud to show it to friends who'd like to know more about sponsorship.

The changes coincide with a change of editor. Negotiations are underway this month to engage a gifted photojournalist who has visited and reported on many a sponsorship project in Asia and elsewhere, and who knows well the needs and interests of sponsors.

As I now "retire" after nine years in the editor's chair, to become a publication ministry consultant and freelance writer, I'm grateful

—for the privilege of having been a part of this organization that serves so many children in the name of Christ.

—for the joy of teamwork with the host of colleagues here and overseas—especially those whose names appear in the masthead.

—for the sense of partnership with sponsors who pray for, support and correspond with needy children in the Two-Thirds World.

Thank you, wherever you are, for your ongoing sponsorship of a young someone who needs what you're providing. In future magazines from World Vision, both your mail carrier and mine will be delivering inspiring pictures and stories of things being done for children by the hands of God's caring people. As the slogan on a special-issue postage stamp says, "Keep in touch!"

David Olson

A fresh look at **INTEGRITY**

In a forthcoming book, World Vision's former president, Ted Engstrom, articulates what some previewers say is his most insightful and provocative discussion yet of a subject currently riveted in the minds of Americans: integrity.

"Unfortunately," says Dr. Engstrom, "research for the negative side of this book was all too readily available. Every morning over breakfast we were hit with yet another headline about alleged wickedness in high places—social, political, religious. In editorials, comments from people on the street, talk shows—wherever we turned—integrity shortages were lead items. That's when we knew this book *had* to be written."

Coauthored by longtime writing associate Bob Larson, the book, titled simply *Integrity*, will be issued by Word Publishing Company, to appear in bookstores in November (\$12.95, hardcover).

Here are a few sample paragraphs:

This morning I threw down my copy of the *Los Angeles Times* in disgust. It was more of the same . . . filled with further explicit allegations of the sexual misconduct of a prominent TV evangelist, along with new stories of his wife's spending habits. I believe in grace and forgiveness, but what makes this evange-

list's sexual impropriety particularly damaging is that his tryst took place *seven years ago*—and he "confessed" only after the incident received national attention.

What is integrity? It is doing what you said you would do.

"One of the most fundamental acts of a society is promise keeping," says Lewis Smedes, professor of theology and Christian ethics at Fuller Theological

Seminary in California. Here is the bed-rock of social relationships. When we can no longer depend on one another to do what we said we would do, the future becomes an undefined nightmare.

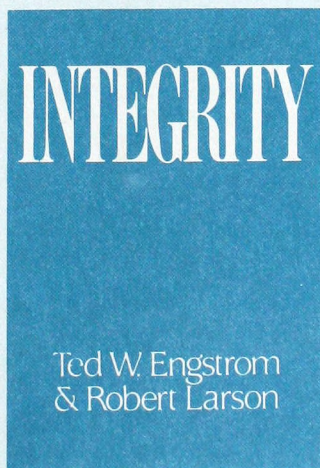
How did we Americans move so much closer to becoming "one nation under greed"? Quite simply. We came by it naturally. "The *natural man* does not receive the things of the Spirit of God," Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NKJ), "for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

It's easier to hustle the quick buck than the slow cents. And conditions will remain that way until we apply Paul's instruction: "He who is spiritual judges all things" (1 Corinthians 2:15 NKJ).

In discussing international integrity, my friend and World Vision associate Tom Houston tells this story about our clashing systems of value.

"In the late 1960s Alan Redpath visited us in Nairobi. He had been seeing Africa only through white missionary eyes. One evening, I invited a group of black leaders to our home to have a meal with him and Marjorie. As he listened to their perspective on the missionary story, he became increasingly frustrated until he burst out and said, 'Did we do nothing right?'

"Then there was a pause, and one man, Daniel Wacko by name, said, 'Yes, yes. You did something right. You gave us the standard by which to judge you. If you had not shown us the truth of Christ you would not have put yourself so badly in the dark.' " □



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THIS CHRISTMAS GIVE THE GIFT THAT



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A Special Gift For Your Friends and Relatives

This year World Vision has found a way to make your Christmas giving twice as joyful — for you, your friends or family and for a hurting child.

Thanks to the generosity of Christian friends in the music ministry, Sandi Patti's magnificent inspirational classic, *HYMNS JUST FOR YOU*, and an uplifting collection of award-winning songs, *GREAT MOMENTS IN GOSPEL MUSIC*, are available to you for a special gift to World Vision.

For each suggested gift of \$20 given to brighten the life of a needy child this Christmas you will receive a complimentary copy of one of these

outstanding recordings to give to a friend or relative as a special Christmas gift.

You'll also receive a personal gift card to sign and give to your friend or family member with each record or tape you order. The card will explain that a donation was given in their honor and how that gift plays a part in bringing Jesus' love to a needy child this Christmas.

Whether you choose *HYMNS JUST FOR YOU* or *GREAT MOMENTS IN GOSPEL MUSIC*, your friends and family are sure to be delighted and inspired.

So, please give the gift that gives twice this Christmas. Share your love with a needy child by filling in the attached coupon and mailing it with your contribution to World Vision. It will help make this Christmas truly special — for you, your loved ones and for a hurting child!

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