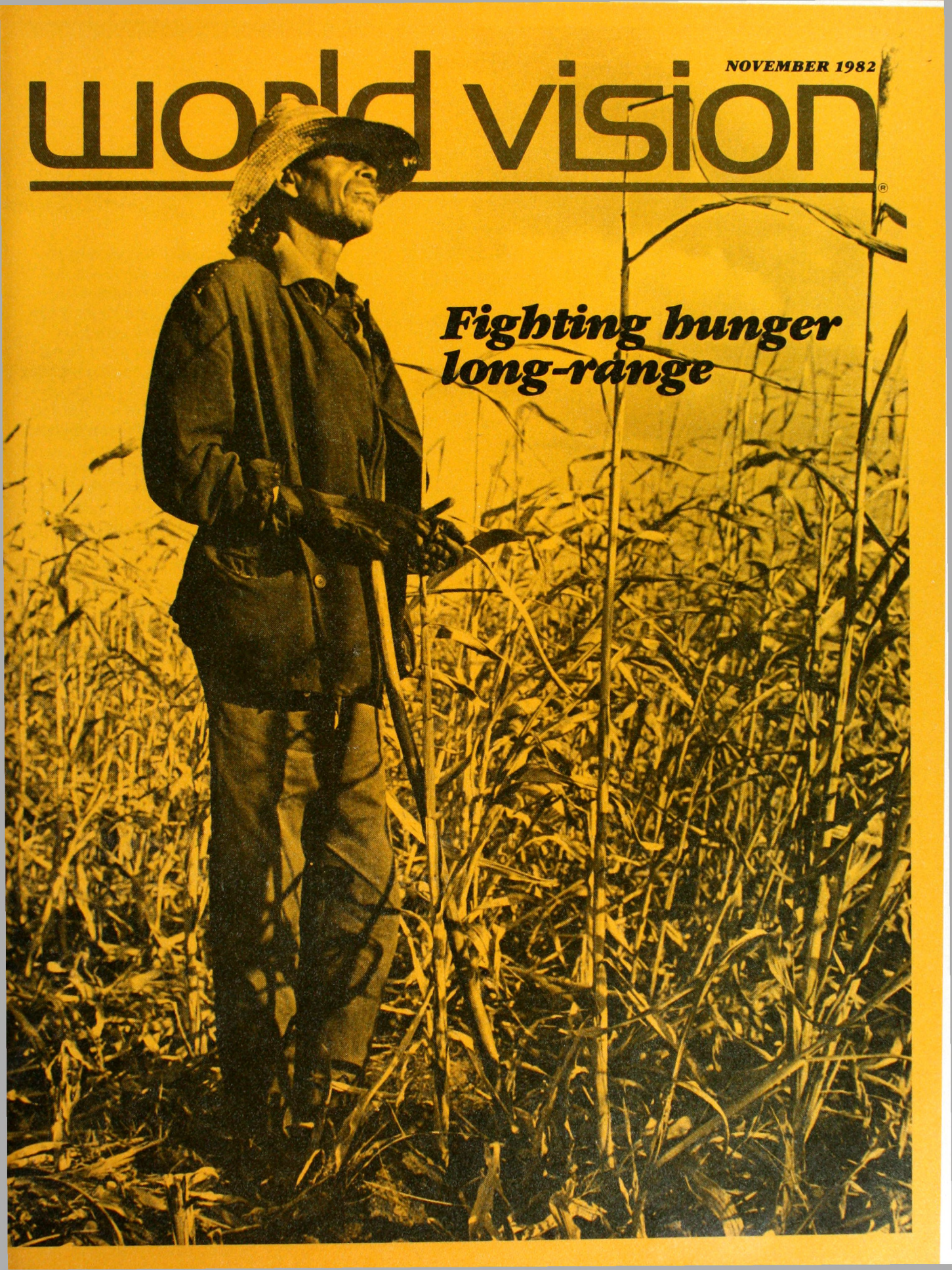
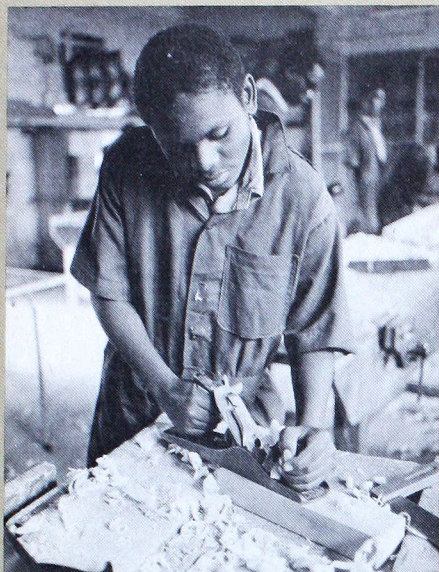


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Multiply your baskets

When you know six of every ten Third World people are seriously malnourished and 500 million are chronically hungry, you yourself can feel faint—even with a generous slice of turkey on your plate. You wish you could deliver a Thanksgiving basket to each door. You know you can't. You know, too, that if you and the rest of the world's caring people somehow *could* deliver a few hundred thousand calories' worth of tasty, well-balanced nutrition to each hungry family, their food problem would face them again next week.

Yet God's earth is completely capable of producing all the food the whole world needs. Some simply don't have a fair chance.

What to do? Simply giving them their chance is not as simple as it sounds, but thank God some of the world's gifted thinkers (make that thinker-*doers*) have devised and demonstrated ways that really work, where used, and really can work worldwide.

One such thinker-doer is World Vision's Bryant Myers, author of this month's centerspread article. Please read everything he tells you on those four pages. Pull some of his ideas into your Thanksgiving table-conversation. And if the Giver of all good things prompts you to express your gratitude by sharing of your bounty with the poorest of the poor, consider making some substantial contributions toward fighting global hunger in the *long-range* way he tells about. It's a way to multiply your baskets.

David Olson

"If we are truly World Vision . . ."



PEERING
INTO THE FUTURE

Through the eyes of Ted Engstrom

On the eve of his shouldering the presidency of World Vision International, Ted Engstrom answered scores of questions about the way he sees World Vision and its future. Here are some of those questions—and his replies:

As you begin your presidency, for what are you particularly thankful to God?

My heart is flooded with thanksgiving to God for His grace and mercy and for a sense of His leading in my life and in World Vision's ministries. I sense the leadership of the Holy Spirit in what we are doing.

I'm intensely grateful for a loving and supportive wife and supporting family. And I'm very grateful for the colleagues worldwide and in this country who are

so affirming and supportive of me in my new role. Most of all, I'm grateful for the privilege of walking day by day with the Lord. The consciousness of His presence is very real, and I'm so grateful for that.

If you could capsule it, what has led to the growth in which World Vision has quadrupled or more since you arrived in 1963?

Three primary things. First, we have earned credibility by the work we have done. In the 1950s we met a peculiar need of bringing together evangelism and social action, two elements which polarized the church at that time. Now it's accepted, but it wasn't then. The idea of giving the cup of cold water together with articulation of the gospel was new. World Vision demonstrated the New Testament principle that you can't divorce social concerns from the message of the gospel.

Secondly, I think the strong leadership God has brought to World Vision has been a factor; we've had the high dreams of people like Bob Pierce and Stan Mooneyham. There's also the fact that we've sought to use contemporary methods and means. At the same time, we have never toned down the message. The guiding force of World Vision has always been evangelism and will continue to be evangelism.

Thirdly, we're pioneers in full disclosure; we've tried to give away everything we have: money, expertise, what we've learned from making mistakes. As a result, we've enjoyed a good reputation both in the evangelical and the conciliar circles. We have friends in both groups. Although we know where we stand theologically with our statement of faith, we are

able to bridge that gap between the conciliar and the evangelical elements of the church.

How has the approach to ministry changed in your time with World Vision?

Well, I think the major change has been to move from childcare and pastors' conferences, for example, as separate entities, into what we now call a "holistic ministry." Now, in community development, we help relate the whole individual to the whole community. I think this is redemptive and very good.

How do you maintain an emphasis on evangelism in an organization?

It starts with the process of screening the individuals whom we

bring to key spots all over the world. We need to make certain that they have burning hearts for God and for evangelism and for the authority of Scripture; that they have had a solid spiritual experience themselves and have a desire to see that the gospel is preached.

Secondly, we analyze every project, every program we undertake, to make sure that within that program evangelism is a significant component. We cannot simply feed individuals and then let them go to hell. The aid is temporary if we bring water to a community without the water of life that Jesus brings. We can't stop simply at doing good things; we must move into the best: to present, both through our presence and through proclamation, the witness of the New Testament, the witness of Christ.

And evangelism has to be in the forefront of all of our short- and long-range planning. It must be thought of and brought to the surface all the time.

Is Ted Engstrom as president going to do things much differently from the way Stan Mooneyham did them?

I'm sure my style of leadership is different from that of Dr. Mooneyham's, but I'm committed to maintaining the momentum we presently have under God. My attention will probably be given more to administrative tasks than to the kind of pioneering work carried out by Dr. Bob Pierce and Dr. Mooneyham.

I've been at World Vision for 20 years now, and people recognize the kind of leadership I have to offer. My personality is different from that of a charismatic Stan Mooneyham, but I desire, as he did, to increasingly bring quality to all that we do.

Incoming and outgoing presidents embrace during commissioning service.



A touch of humor interweaves the solemnity of President Engstrom's prayer-tuned commissioning service.



How would you characterize your approach to management?

Two ways: I am a firm believer in what is commonly known as management by objective. I really believe in having goals, giving them priorities, and having a plan to achieve those goals. Secondly, I believe in management by exception. I want to move in only where I'm needed or where there's a fire to be put out. I believe also in the importance of delegation. And I have one basic rule of my management style, as everybody around World Vision knows, and that is: Don't surprise me!

I've always felt that servant leadership is the best kind of leadership. If I can serve the people who work for me, with me or over me—and help them to grow, I need to do that.

Do you anticipate continued growth ahead . . . is organizational growth always good?

I do anticipate growth, yes. We are projecting growth of approximately 15 percent again this fiscal year, part of a continuing growth pattern we are in these days. And growth or size is not necessarily good or bad. We

believe that God has led us in our growth over these three decades. We haven't gotten large because we wanted to become large. It's because of what God has done for us. As long as we are faithful to the tasks God calls us to, that is the important thing.

Wife Dorothy, son Don and daughter Jo Ann Bengel surround him during an after-the-ceremony reception.



What are your dreams for World Vision's future ministries within the United States?

Our work in the U.S. will be a new thrust beginning this year. Historically, we haven't done very much in the U.S., but if we are truly *World Vision*, we need to include the U.S. in our ministries.

I have high hopes for this program, particularly as we explore the needs of the impoverished, the refugee population, the indigent, those that struggle in our inner cities and the original Americans. I see us doing a lot of training of people in skills so they can become self-supporting. Also, the work we're going to be doing in the United States will not be *for* the poor, but rather *with* the poor. That's a very important emphasis for us at World Vision. I anticipate a lot of good things coming out of our new U.S. ministry program. And with this strong base here we do have credibility and an invitation from

Engstrom led the entire staff in a day of prayer, October 1.



many, many sources to be of service and help to them since we are a service ministry.

How does an organization maintain its credibility?

By being forthright, honest and transparent. I really believe in the importance of full disclosure and have been very active in that arena. I believe we need to be fully transparent, honest in answering whatever questions come, and open in stating just what we're doing and where we're doing it. We need to be clear in explaining what happens to the gifts of God's people and responsible for what I call the stewardship of results.

What will be the largest challenge for World Vision in the next three years?

To maintain credibility; to see what the Lord has for us in new areas of opportunity, such as China; to make sure that we are able to meet emergency needs, like Lebanon and Somalia; to build the dams necessary to stem the floods of needs . . . everything from deep water wells to community development programs that can help change people's lives.

An example is the Las Dhure refugee camp in Somalia. One year at Las Dhure turned everything around from a disaster to a development situation. I want to see a lot more models like that. One of my dreams is to show the difference between "before" and "after." We usually have a lot of information about the "before," and about what's happening now; we know the difference has been made, but we don't report the difference very well. I want to show World

Vision's donors the "after" more often so they can see the changes they are helping make possible."

Do you have any other dreams for World Vision?

My desire is to continue consolidating and improving upon the work we're doing. I believe we're on a good, solid path now, and I don't have ambitions for the organization beyond what we are chartered by God to do. I do envision my building a solid platform for whomever God has as my successor in the years ahead.

What do you fear most for Christians in America and worldwide?

In America, I fear most the inroads of affluence and contentment with isolation from the needs and hurts of the world. As far as the whole world is concerned, I fear a collapse of its economic systems. I'm fearful that we're not training government leadership adequately in the new nations, and I'm fearful of today's anti-God regimes, whether they be rightist or leftist.

I think we're in an apocalyptic

age. The nuclear age is the most dangerous age we've had since Adam. I'm enough of a premillennialist to believe that these could well be the days just before Jesus returns. I know He says that nobody knows the time or the season, but we are to occupy until He comes.

And World Vision's role in such times?

I think World Vision's role is to be faithful in fulfilling the mandates of the New Testament to proclaim the gospel and to take those actions that the New Testament indicates: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting those in prison and caring for the widows and orphans. I think we are called to be reconcilers, reconciling people to God and to each other. □

Through an informative monthly column beginning next month, Ted Engstrom will share his perspective on World Vision's current ministries in each issue of WORLD VISION magazine. Watch for his comments in your December magazine.

Lebanon: Healing amid the horror

"Fear, despair, borderline panic and the death wish are common among those remaining in the camps," said Dennis Hilgendorf of the Contact and Resource Center, World Vision's partner agency in West Beirut. He and Alan Graham, World Vision's Lebanon operations officer, had just visited the Shatila refugee camp, one of the two camps in the southern suburbs of West Beirut where up to 1000 men, women and children had been massacred by "Christian" Phalangists.

"World Vision had distributed large stocks of food kits in July to several Shatila camp families," Hilgendorf said. "I know specifically of three families we had helped who were completely massacred except for one three-year-old boy from a family of nine.

"Bodies were found in many parts of the camp, so these were not isolated instances," he added. "We saw many examples of mutilations and maltreatments. Many children under 12 were killed; the ratio of women to men killed was two to one."

World Vision's Middle East Representative Leonard Rodgers says it is too early to determine what effect these events will have on World Vision's involvement in Lebanon. However, World Vision has provided relief to civilians fleeing the camps for West Beirut.

While the meeting of immediate needs continues, much of World Vision's involvement in the country in recent weeks has shifted from

emergency relief to rehabilitation as other agencies have shouldered some of the responsibility for distribution of relief supplies. One-third of World Vision's \$1 million Lebanon relief budget has been designated for rehabilitation projects, at the recommendation of personnel on the scene.

World Vision's rehabilitation emphasis in Lebanon is divided into three phases: 1) clearing debris, securing unsafe roofs, walls and floors; 2) making minor repairs, restoring utilities, installing doors and security measures; 3) removing marginal buildings, making major structural repairs or additions.

Among those receiving World Vision funding are the Evangelical Girls' School in Tyre (described in the October WORLD VISION magazine), where 600 girls have returned to school, many meeting outdoors as rebuilding continues; the Cortibawi Institute for the Handicapped in Aley; the Gerard Boys' School in Sidon; the Andeweg Institute in Beirut, which offers speech therapy to the deaf and hard-of-hearing; and the Evangelical Church in Ain Zhalta for building repair. Members of the church are providing their own labor.

Among the reasons rehabilitation is seen as an important element in restoring wholeness in Lebanon is the fact that rehabilitation sets the wheels of normal living in motion and enables indigenous organizations to again provide services to their communities. More importantly, however, the rehabilitation in Lebanon is replacing the physical reminders of hatred and war with reflections of Christ-like forgiveness and cleansing. □



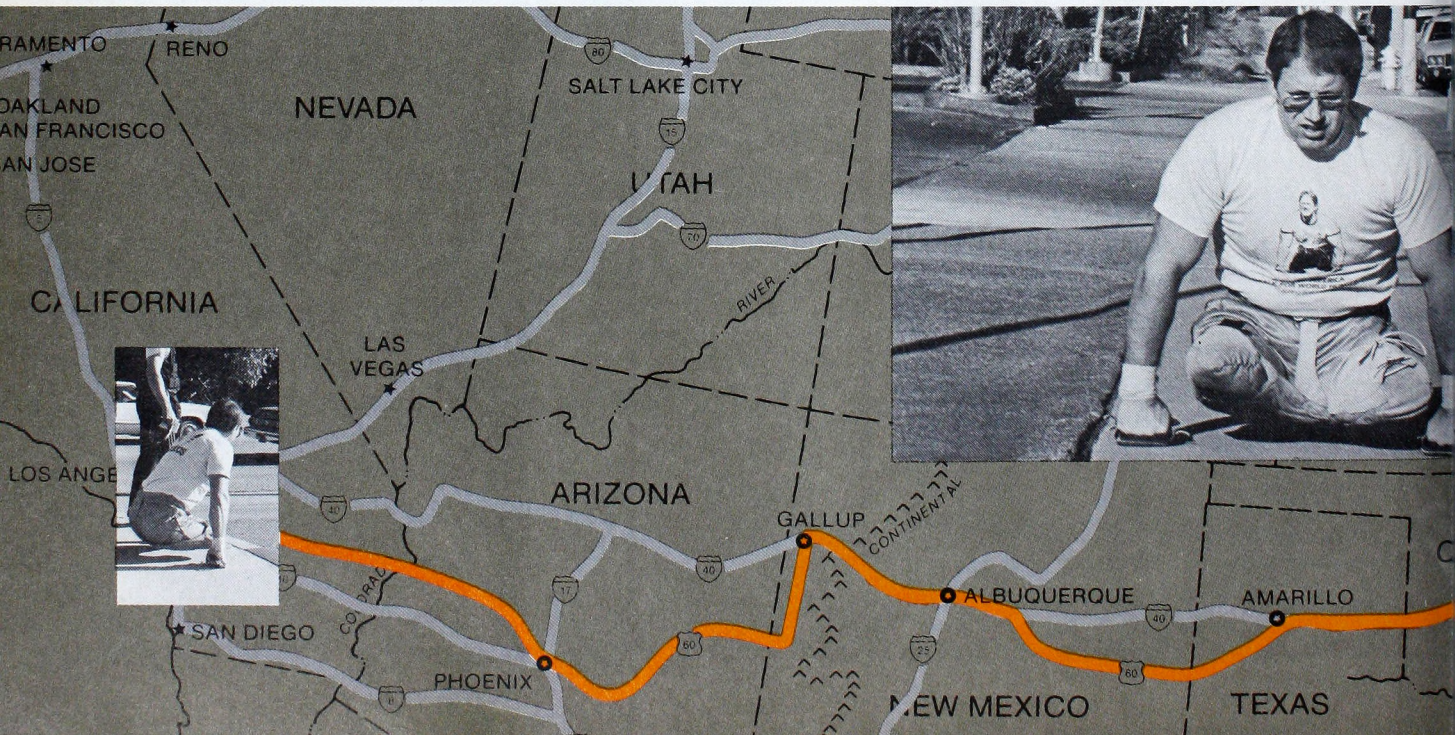
This Palestinian girl and her baby brother were found wandering among the ruins of Ein-el-Hilweh camp. Born as refugees, they have now lost even the hut that was their home.

LA to DC on his hands for the hungry

by Randy Miller

Bob Wieland approached the steps at the main entrance of World Vision's offices in Monrovia, California, punched the bottom step and smiled in relief. As he did so, over a hundred World Vision employees standing nearby applauded and cheered. It was late afternoon and Bob had put in a long walk that day—all on his hands.

Bob, who lost his legs when he stepped on a land mine in Vietnam in 1969, is "walking" across America to call attention to world hunger and raise money for its alleviation. World Vision is one of five organizations designated to receive a portion of the sponsorship donations Bob hopes to raise through his walk, which is to



end in Washington, DC roughly 14 months from when he left Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, California on September 8.

Tired and dusty, but wearing a triumphant grin, Bob addressed the World Vision crowd. "We tried to get to World Vision by four o'clock today, but we hit a lot of stop lights. World Vision was the big goal. I knew if I could make it to World Vision, I'd be able to make it to Washington, DC! Being on the road the last seven days has given our whole team a better understanding of what Jesus meant when He said it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Ted Engstrom greeted Bob with a check to help defray travel expenses. "Bob," said Engstrom, "all of us here at World Vision pledge to you our prayerful support as you make this journey. We feel an integral part of your ministry."

"We receive this check in the name of Jesus Christ," Bob responded, and added, "I feel especially honored to be affiliated with World Vision."

Athletics have always played a major role in Bob's life. He was an outstanding high school and college athlete and was negotiating a contract to pitch with the Philadelphia Phillies baseball team when he was drafted and sent to Vietnam.

Bob's accident occurred only three months into his stint as a

combat medic. The 82-millimeter mortar explosion left him unconscious for five days, reduced from 210 to 87 pounds, and plagued by bouts with malaria in the weeks to come.

Due to his excellent conditioning as an athlete, Bob recovered in record time and began pursuing

Americans nationwide will hear the world hunger story from this legless hiker.

weight lifting as a means of rehabilitation upon his return home to Wisconsin. Soon he began entering competitions—and winning. In his eight-year career as an amateur weight lifter, he won Wisconsin's middleweight bench press championship, among other honors. In 1977, his world record-breaking bench press was not sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Association because, among other technicalities, he was not wearing shoes. Since then, he has been banned from official competition.

Never one to let one roadblock hinder his journey, Bob has busied himself in other areas. He has earned two bachelor's degrees and completed work for his master's degree in physical education from

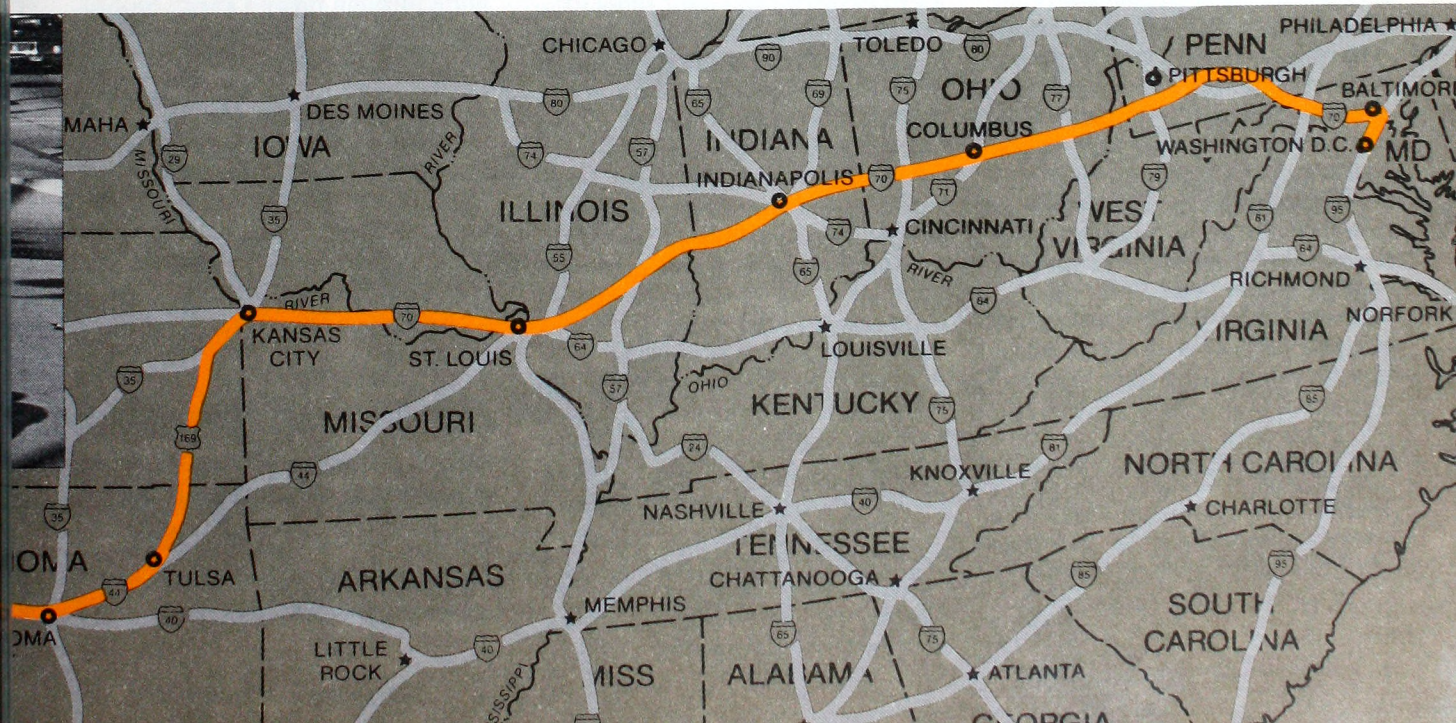
California State University at Los Angeles. He also founded "Strive for Success Motivational and Fitness Enterprise."

The challenge he has set for himself now is to call attention not to himself, but to the problem of world hunger—something he feels called to do as a Christian. In this pursuit he will face, on his six-million-step journey, months of cold weather, merciless mountains, long empty stretches and fatigue. But "Jesus is in every step," he says. "That's where my strength comes from."

Isaac Ruiz, a member of the small team accompanying Bob on his trip, has been a close friend of Bob's since his days as a veterans' affairs counselor at Cal State L.A., where the two met 11 years ago.

"Bob was a champion before he broke a world record," Isaac said. "In everything he does, he doesn't take shortcuts. When I saw him touch those steps (at World Vision headquarters), I thought, 'He's not just a world champion, but a champion Christian, champion friend and a champion of the underdog.' He shares God's love wherever he goes." □

Watch for occasional progress reports on Bob's hike in future issues of WORLD VISION magazine.





THEY SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE . . .

Preacher at portside

by John R. Hamilton

It's 8 a.m. in Montreal, Quebec. A light rain is falling in the harbor. That makes Hans Uittenbosch happy; it means that the longshoremen will not be loading grain, ore or other unprotected cargo into the container vessels. The ships' crews will be off duty, bored, eager to talk to any friendly soul who might come aboard.

Hans, a minister of the Christian Reformed Church, has been going down to ships as the Chaplain of the Port of Montreal for 18 years. Every day, rain or shine, snow or ice, rejected or welcomed, he goes. Why?

Because over and over he has felt God's call to care for "the strangers who are among you." "Rev. Hans" believes that herein lies the biblical mandate for compassionate ministry among seamen. They are forgotten

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people, alone and isolated for months on their floating villages.

Even the largest cargo ships are but matchsticks in the fierce North Atlantic. All it would take for disaster would be for a chain to snap, allowing perhaps a 50-ton locomotive engine bound for India to roll to one side, throwing the balance off and capsizing the ship. More than 200 ocean-going ships disappear every year, according to Jane's *Book of Ships*.

Into this sequestered and risky world enters Hans, as seafarers from dozens of nationalities berth in the bustling Port of Montreal, gateway to the St. Lawrence Seaway and the Great Lakes. "This is the face of my parish," he notes.

Hans himself is a colorful character whose energy and enthusiasm for his mission are unbounded. At age 50, this native Dutchman speaks English, French, Dutch and German fluently, and has learned greetings and phrases in at least 20 other languages.

The harbor chaplaincy has established itself internationally with ready access to ships. The clerical

collar and Hans' cross and anchor pendant provide him immediate identification. He even regularly visits ships from such Eastern European nations as Russia, Poland and Yugoslavia. His ready wit, good humor and sincere purpose help him glide through many a sticky spot to see those who really need him. "Angels open the doors for me," he exults.

These "strangers in our gates" usually are not the rowdy sailors of our stereotyped image. Rather, many of them are shy souls who come and go into ports around the world, staying for a few days to load and unload, then moving on again. The harbor chaplain truly has an ever-changing "congregation." Hans may

Every day, rain or shine, snow or ice, he goes to care for "the strangers who are among you."

They are forgotten people, alone and isolated for months on their floating villages.

"The God of the Scriptures hates with a passion crookedness in figures and injustices to those who are not able to defend themselves," he lets them know. The situations usually are resolved peaceably with back wages being paid and the time-delaying and expensive work stoppage being ended.

When a mariner is injured, Hans strides into the hospital to visit him. And down to the docks to make sure the insurance will be paid. One Filipino suffered when a tugboat snapped back and sliced him deeply across both thighs. He was visited once by his shipmates before the vessel had to sail on. Hans was the only one to visit him in the strange French-speaking hospital in which the man found himself.

As president of the International Council of Seamen's Agencies, Hans continues to work with shipping companies and world governments to seek justice and decency for the seaman. The church is filling a need that secular unions have not met.

Captains welcome Hans on board, knowing instinctively that what he brings is good for the men and their morale. "We often have nothing else to do but drink and engage in other vices. It's good that you steer us in the right way," admitted a chief officer from Bombay. Moreover, the mariners themselves know that Hans is a neutral party from outside the shipping company whom they can trust to mail a letter, bring a Bible, or be confided in regarding a harsh superior or bad conditions on board.

And now the holidays approach. Holidays for Hans? No, for Hans, holidays are opportunities. The ships cannot be unloaded. The seamen are relaxing on board in a quiet harbor. A good morning to stroll into a crew's lounge and strike up a conversation. □



(far left) Montreal Harbor at night; (left) Chaplain Hans Uittenbosch listens to the question of a mariner in a ship's noisy engine room; (above) some lively singing in the mess hall of a Yugoslavian ship.

about life. The men, mostly in their 20s, and the occasional woman radio operator, eagerly take the news. magazines and periodicals Hans brings. Even more, they welcome the friendly face and listening ear Hans gives them.

Then comes something unexpected. Hans offers them the gospels, a New Testament, or an entire Bible *in their own language*. The gift of Scripture helps to develop rapport with Yugoslavians, Arabs, Pakistanis, Filipinos, Chinese and dozens more who appreciate reading material in their own tongue. It is readily received. Russians and Poles may take it surreptitiously during a handshake or an embrace, slipping the precious words of God under their shirts for later perusal.

Hans has distributed countless copies of free Bibles to every vessel from Bangladesh to the *Britannia*. He also gives the daily devotional guide, *Today*, published by his church.

At times, Hans is drawn into labor disputes, mediating between a mutinous crew and a captain who has held back promised wages. Several times a year, Hans, whose chaplaincy provides status equal to the rank of captain, sits down with captains and ship owners to proclaim God's demand for justice and fairness in dealing with the laborer.

see a third of them again sometime, but for many, the moments together may be their only contact with the Christian gospel. This imbues Hans' work with a sense of urgency as he covers 14 miles of waterfront and visits hundreds of ships each year.

Hans' Sunday driving habits have become legendary. Beginning at 3 p.m. with an entourage of youthful volunteers, Hans careens his van along the waterfront, past gates and guardhouses, to wherever each ship is berthed. The gang scrambles aboard, and in less than five minutes has alerted everyone in sight of the coming evening service and social. Notices are quickly posted, and word is spread that the van will be back at 6 p.m. to pick up the seamen.

The van ride at 6 p.m. up and down the quays is even wilder. With a capacity of 12 the van must make several fast return trips. Says Hans: "I used to be an ambulance driver, you know!"

But the singing, the refreshments and the outstanding sermon from nautical texts are only one part of this versatile ministry. The crucial encounters come privately with men in their cabins, men who are lonely, afraid, inquisitive. There is plenty of solitary time on a ship for thinking

For people, by people by Bryant Myers

I **overheard** a conversation in which someone asked, "What does World Vision do?"

"Well," came the answer, slowly, "we take care of children and we do evangelism and Christian leadership and development."

"Oh," said her friend. "Well, I understand the care of children and I understand evangelism and Christian leadership, but what's development?"

"Development is, well, uh, you dig wells when you do it."

Obviously this thing called development is a tad more complex than digging wells. And for World Vision it's our major form of ministry, involving many more people than all our relief projects combined. So let's think about it for a moment.

In a statement called "The Directions for the Next Ten Years," our World Vision International Partnership indicates that we will seek to "provide the means necessary so that approximately 75 percent of our project work is in development, 20 percent is in relief and rehabilitation and 5 percent in other international ministries." That means providing the vision, the concept, the workers in the field, the field structure, the money, the skills,

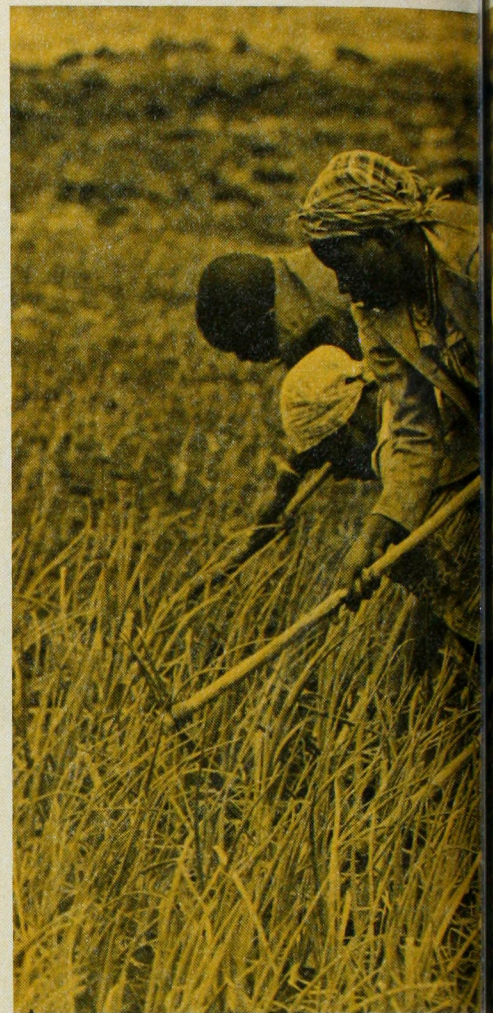
the people, so that three-quarters of our project work is in the form of development. It's our single greatest commitment.

Our international board's policy statement on development is kind of a mouthful:

"Development implies a thoughtful attempt to assist the community of persons to achieve an existence in which the economic, social and spiritual domains are brought together at a level benefiting the dignity of the individual as one made in the image of God. It has to do with the quality of people's lives. It means doing something with whatever means are available and appropriate. Development is people. It seeks to help people become all that God wants them to be. Christian development will be carried out by Christians who are spiritually mandated, motivated and oriented and who act with God's love toward all people."

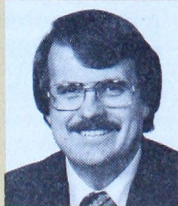
We're not in the business, then, of developing institutions, infra-structures, roads, dams and that kind of thing. Our focus is on people. And all people are created in God's image. Because we are created in the image of God, we all have a right to be valued and cared for. So there's no room for paternalism. We're not going to help the person "over there;" we're going to extend hands to brothers and sisters. They have a right to expect that and we have an obligation to act in that way.

Another key concept is a holistic view of persons. We think the whole person and the entire spectrum of his or her needs are important. Holism also has to do with the fact that individuals do not live by themselves. They live in communities.



True development is for people and BY people, with concern for their individual and community needs.

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So we think about the whole community's needs. In Haiti, they have a phrase for the kinds of community tasks they face. The phrase translates as "killing tasks, bigger than anyone"—tasks that none can do alone. Many of the important needs within a community are "killing tasks." Therefore we have to see people as a community.

And finally, human beings in communities live in a larger environment, and we have to understand that environment. Part of this is the natural environment; that's easy to understand. They're in the desert or



in the forest; there's plenty of water or almost no water; there are roads or no roads. Those things are easy to get a handle on. But another part is the economic environment. Are people in debt? Who owns the land? To whom will increased agricultural production go? And who makes decisions? Who's in power? Who has choices?

All these considerations are essential to our understanding of development because we want all our projects to make a real and lasting difference in people's lives.

Development is also more than making people better off economically. Christians have something unique to share. If you look closely at what hinders development, you frequently come down to one common root problem: human sin. As things get a little better for the people we're trying to help, a few may try to divert the process for their own benefit or because the process seems to threaten their base

of power. Human sin is the root problem when you talk about development, and the only way to get at the root is through authentic, meaningful evangelism. That's the core of what we bring as Christians to the development process. We need changed hearts, first and foremost, so that the other changes—physical, social, economic—will have a chance to really take root and benefit everybody.

Finally, development is a process which has already begun in the areas to which we go. We do not bring development to other people. They are already on their own pilgrimage

Because individuals live in communities, we think about the whole community's needs.

We do not BRING development. People are already on their own pilgrimage of development.

of development. We at World Vision have to respect what's there and act as facilitators and enablers rather than answer bearers.

There's another reason why I emphasize process. We in the west are very goal oriented, and our tendency is to look toward end results, with much less emphasis on how we are going to get there. That's sometimes tragic. There's a part of India where you can wander around the countryside and find wells with simple hand pumps in total disuse and disrepair. Millions of dollars were spent putting these wells in villages all over this part of India. The goal was a good one: they needed clean water. The approach was to hire a well-drilling rig and a crew of expatriates to dig the wells. When an evaluation team went and asked the people why they didn't use or fix the wells, the response was, "Well, they're not ours. They belong to the white people with the big trucks who came and dug them. We're waiting for them to come back and fix them."

The right goal and the wrong method! True development is for people and *by* people, with concern for their individual needs, their needs as a community, and the environment in which they live.

A poem by Dr. James Yen, founder of the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction in the Philippines, expresses our philosophical approach to development: "Go to the people," writes Yen, "live among them and learn from them. Work with them and plan with them. Build on what they have. Teach by showing and learn by doing. Not a showcase but a pattern and not odds and ends but a system. Not relief but release."

Using Yen's poem, I'll try to illustrate what we mean.

Go to the people. You have to work with the people where they

live. You cannot do development from far away. We have to become trusted and accepted, which means that the relationships between World Vision people and the people in the community are critical to the process. And the only way I know how to build relationships is to live

We try to figure out how to build on what's already there.

with people, share experiences with them and try to feel what they feel.

Learn from them. Poor people really do know a great deal. They understand the limits of their environment. They understand how the local political process works. They already know many things that don't work. An example: Lord Delamere, one of the first settlers in Kenya, looked out upon the Rift Valley, a huge basin that stretches from Ethiopia to South Africa. He came across a beautiful section of undeveloped grassland in Kenya and said, "That's it. Cattle raising." He sent a request to Great Britain for a herd of some very famous cattle. This was back at the turn of the century, so it was a fairly large undertaking to ship cattle from the United Kingdom to Kenya. But he did it. He put them out in the grass where they got fat and sleek. They had their calves—lots of calves, but the calves all died because the mothers could not produce milk. If he had thought to ask a member of the Masai tribe (who have been living in the valley for hundreds of years), he would have been told that they knew what happened to cattle who fed on that grass. That's why they didn't herd their cattle there. Learn from them. They have something to teach us.

Work with them. One of the things we have to affirm is that the time spent by people in subsistence living is extremely valuable; they work very hard just to survive. To fully understand their limits, we have to stand beside them, work with

them and experience the same frustrations.

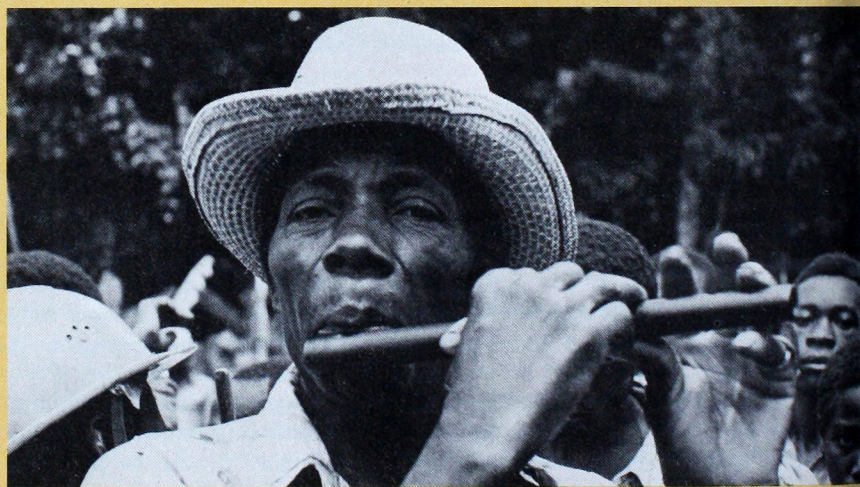
Plan with them. Development is an indigenous process; it's already happening there. We didn't bring it. If we want to help, we've got to figure out how to build on what is already there, rather than bringing in our own agenda. Dr. Rufi Macagba, a World Vision medical advisor, says, "If you work among people who are basically spiritist, use local herb remedies and don't know anything about modern medicine, you have two choices for health care. You can build a clinic, put a nurse in it and tell everybody not to go to the village healer anymore. You'll probably spend the next five years trying to convince them that this strange and new thing is okay and that the village healer—to whom they've been going as long as they can remember—is a bad guy. Or you can teach the village healer simple health care skills." Teach the skills, make that person more effective, and

let them go to the person they have always gone to for their health care. Plan with them. Build on what they have.

Teach by showing, learn by doing. It's difficult to put a rural farmer into a classroom and give a theoretical lecture on agriculture. It won't be relevant. But if you show that farmer how to do one thing in the field where the results can be seen, you've given a lesson that will be remembered for life.

Not a showcase but a pattern. Our goal should not be to build a fancy model project, but rather a pattern for approaching development which honors and respects the people we're trying to help. It's their project. Teach them the pattern. Teach them how to manage their own development. We're not going to be there forever; they are.

Development is the process of releasing people to be themselves.



Not odds and ends but a system. Problems of a community are never in one area alone. Our approach is to address several areas with several solutions because a community's needs are all interrelated. They may not be working on their farms as long as is needed, not because they don't understand agriculture, but because they don't have enough food or because they are not well. They may not be using farming tools correctly because they cannot read the instructions. All the factors are interrelated. To teach them simple health care and nutrition is great, but if they don't have nutritious food to eat, the lesson has been wasted. Not odds and ends but a system. A whole approach to the whole person.

Not relief but release. All people have potential and initiative. Our job is not to make them dependent upon us but to enable them to use their

**Teach by showing,
learn by doing. That's
the way Jesus did it.**

own potential, to take their own initiative to work hard, be rewarded and have an opportunity to say yes to Jesus.

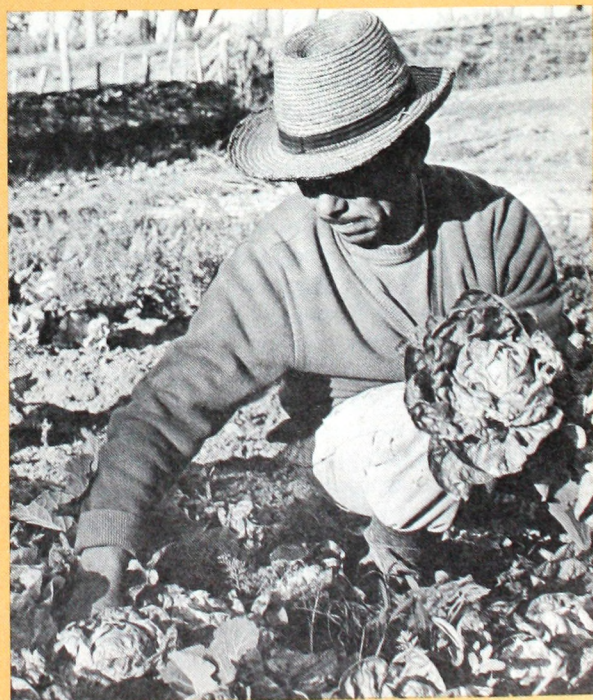
Development is the process of releasing them to be themselves, men and women created in the image of God. It's something Christians are mandated to do by our Lord. Go to the people, live among them, learn from them and work with them. In John we read, "the Word became flesh and lived among us." Jesus went to the people. He didn't stay up there and design models. He came down here with you and me and He lived with us.

Jesus begins with us at our point of need. He doesn't say, "Here is the list of rules. When you hit ten, you've got a ticket to the kingdom." Or

"You've got to come up to this level. When you get here, then you can be in relationship with me." Jesus begins with us wherever we are and He builds from there. Teach by showing; learn by doing. That's the way Jesus did it. He taught us by example, by the way He lived His life. And then He said go and do likewise. He gave us a pattern for living. No set of new clothes to cover a dirty body but rather a whole new body and soul: a change in the very core of our being, in our very nature—total development. Not relief but *release*.

The approach we're taking to development is not just technically sound, it's essentially Christian. I don't call it Christian development because I don't believe true development can be anything but Christian. Development without the components I've listed which make it uniquely Christian is incomplete.

The James Yen poem closes with the lines: "Start with what they know and build upon what they have. But of the best leaders, when their task is accomplished and their work is done, the people all remark, 'we have done it ourselves.'" It's their process. Helping is our ministry. We're to be servants. □



Letter from Lebanon

At Ted Engstrom's commissioning service, the new president read a letter he had just received from Leonard Rodgers, World Vision's Middle East representative, who has stayed in Beirut and its environs throughout the last several months to minister to survivors of the carnage there. Leonard wrote:

"These last 90 days have been like another life all crunched up into three months. It will take a long time to communicate the impact of these days. In some ways I have lived like a wild man. I have clothing and personal items strung all over East and West Beirut and in Cyprus. At one point my hotel was bombed and I had to kick the door of room 418 down in order to collect my things and go to another and safer place.

"During this time I had very little time to meditate or pray. I kept going knowing that God understood and that the past would carry me and the future would heal me. The prayers and support of the World Vision family meant more than I can express. I felt lifted and encouraged by their prayers and constant concern for the people of Lebanon, our small team of workers in Lebanon, and me. It is wonderful to be a part of a team of people who know how to care.

"I have just now read Zephaniah 3:17 (the World Vision 1982 verse) and was encouraged by it. God has been mighty to save me. I need now to be quieted by His love. This has become my prayer for the people I worked with in Lebanon who are still there. They need our prayers. They have passed through a kind of hell.

"Enclosed is a 20-second exposure which I took from the roof of my hotel in East Beirut on August 4th. The lights are in West Beirut and are rockets, bombs, etc.—a virtual rain of fire. World Vision was of great



Rodgers' "rain of fire" photo. (inset) Rodgers at ruins of Cortibawi School for the Handicapped, a World Vision aid target.

encouragement to the people who were under this rain of fire.

"Alan Graham of New Zealand and Dennis Hilgendorf of Beirut were just fantastic, as were the nearly 300 volunteers who made all the help

possible. God welded us into a real team. A certain fellowship is made in such circumstances and I will never forget it."

Prayerfully,
Leonard Rodgers

Would you appreciate assurance that you're one of His?

It's one thing to be grateful at Thanksgiving for your temporal blessings; it's another to be able to thank God for the special relationship in which *you know for sure that you are His forever.*

If you want such assurance but don't have it, you can find what you need through the writings of the Apostle John. Near the end of his account of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, John says: "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life through his name."

To gain assurance that you are His and He is yours, read and reread, reflectively and believably, the entire Gospel of John, and give yourself to the Savior-Lord of whom it tells. Seek spiritual counsel also in a Christ-centered church near you, and worship God in union with the believers there.

For a free copy of a helpful John R. Stott booklet called "Becoming a Christian," write the editor of WORLD VISION magazine at 919 W. Huntington Drive, Monrovia, CA 91016. □

Another daughter

by Don Bergstrom

5:30 a.m., November 25, 1981.

Thirty minutes earlier, my wife Debbie and I had started the three-hour journey from our home to the San Francisco airport, where we would meet our foster daughter-to-be, a ten-year-old refugee from Vietnam. As we drove along, Debbie once again pulled the snapshot from her purse. *How would we find her? What would she think of us? Would there be a communication barrier? Would she adjust to our way of living, and to our own children?*

A greater question lurked in our minds. *What kind of life has she had on the boat and in the refugee camp in Indonesia?*

Actually, our journey had begun three months earlier when we read the WORLD VISION article "More Ways to Work with Refugees." That day we prayed, "Lord, we are available to help in any way You choose." We sat down with our five children and asked them to consider the possibility of opening our home to a refugee child. We showed them pictures of little children who had no home and who perhaps knew no love. We read some Bible verses that our children could understand—about Jesus and His compassion, and about our responsibility in sharing.

And now it was really happening!

At the airport we reported to the office of the International Committee on Migrations. There we met a translator and quickly followed him to the customs area. The plane had just arrived. We remained outside a restricted section while he went on ahead.

Don Bergstrom is pastor of the First Church of God in Pacific Grove, California.



Thuy Trang is as much a part of our family as the children who were born to us.



The next 30 minutes seemed like an eternity, but the translator finally came back through the door with Thuy Trang close behind. He spoke a few words to her in Vietnamese, then turned to us and said, "Here's your new daughter."

I picked up her small overnight bag. It contained very little, but it

was everything she owned. Debbie began to cry as she hugged our smiling, bewildered, skinny little girl.

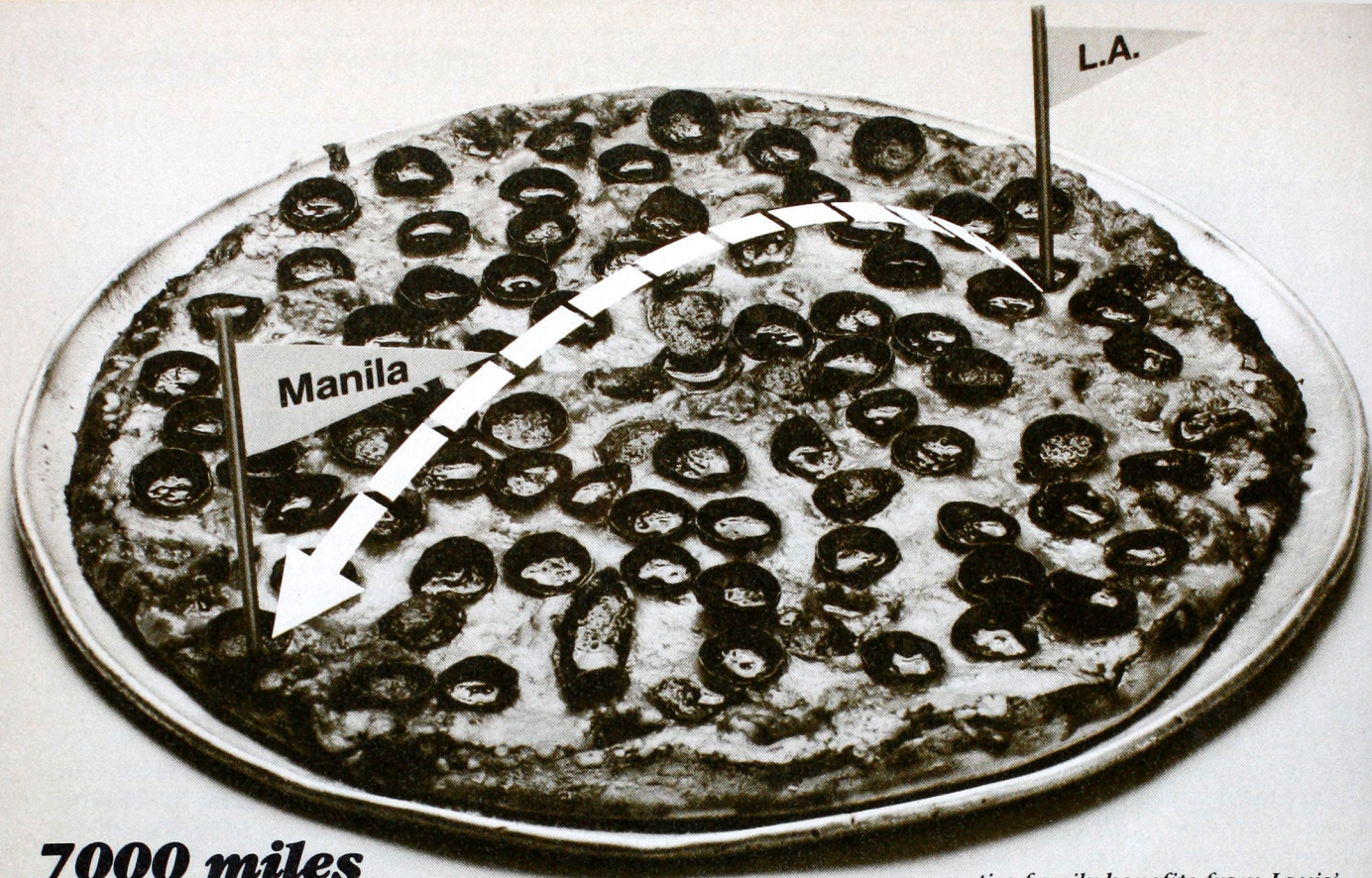
Now, a year later, Thuy Trang is as much a part of our family as the children who were born to us. We've known times of laughter, such as the time my wife slid our New Year's turkey from the oven and Thuy Trang exclaimed with wide eyes, "Oh Mama, very big chicken!" We've also known nights when she cried herself to sleep. *What was wrong? Had we offended her?* (Later we learned that she was crying because of her little friends still in the refugee camp. She couldn't understand why she had been more fortunate.)

She cried also when she thought of her own mama, still in Vietnam. The crying ceased when we began to pray with her at night—a practice we've always had with our other children but didn't want to force on her too soon. Now she has her own Bible, which she keeps under her pillow.

She knows that Jesus is her Friend. She's learning English at school and at home. She likes ice cream and hamburgers and birthday parties.

People say, "What a fortunate little child!" We say, "No, *we* are the fortunate ones." And to our Heavenly Father we say, "Thank you, Lord, for prompting us to open our home and our hearts to Thuy Trang. What a blessing she is!" □

For information on providing a foster home for a refugee or on sponsoring a family or group of immigrants, write World Relief Refugee Services, P.O. Box WRC, Nyack, NY 10960 or phone toll-free (800) 431-2808.



7000 miles for pizza

Seven thousand miles is a long way to travel to take a child out for a pizza, but Louis Simpson of California thinks it was well worth the trip.

Louis went on a three-week tour of Asia because it included four days in Manila, where he was able to spend time with a nine-year-old Filipino boy he sponsors through World Vision.

"As a matter of fact," said Louis with a warm smile, "that pizza was split three ways—between me, Ronie and his project worker."

Ronie Rodriguez and his family live in poverty on the island of Cebu, more than 300 miles from Manila; his project worker had accompanied the excited little boy to the Philippine capital to meet his sponsor.

The pizza came at the end of a morning shopping excursion. Since the boy spoke little English, his project worker served as interpreter.

"I bought Ronie a little jacket that morning," Louis remembers, his eyes lighting up at the memory of the joy that simple purchase had brought to

the needy youngster. "Ronie saw one in a store, and nothing else there would suit him. But it was a size 14 and he was a size 9! I had to convince him that the salesgirl could find one nearer his size. He was tickled!"

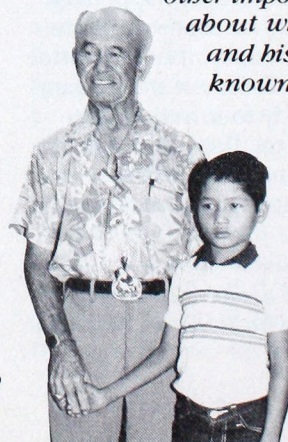
Louis, a retired mail carrier, lives in an isolated part of California's back country near an old Butterfield Stage route. "I live alone," he notes, "so sometimes I go two or three days without seeing anybody. My phone, radio and television keep me in touch with the world."

Louis first learned of World Vision's sponsorship program through a television special. "I was moved when I saw what World Vision was doing to help others, and I decided to become a sponsor. The world's needs can be rather overpowering at times. What can you do about so many, many millions? But when it's concentrated down to a few people or to one—Ronie, for example—I feel like I can do something."

Even though Louis has returned to California and Ronie to Cebu, Louis continues to have a significant role in Ronie's daily life. In fact, Ronie's

entire family benefits from Louis' sponsorship. World Vision channels Louis' support into programs it operates through a church in Ronie's community. Ronie's parents are too poor to buy school supplies, but thanks to Louis these items are provided by the project. A portion of Louis' sponsorship gift also supports workshops where older members of Ronie's family can learn useful trades.

Life for the Rodriguez family is improving in other ways, too, through World Vision-aided health clinics and classes in sanitation, nutrition, childcare, Bible study and other important subjects about which Ronie and his family had known little. □



World Impact workers live and teach the love of Christ as neighbors to ghetto residents in Los Angeles, Newark, St. Louis and other cities across the U.S. World Impact offers Bible clubs for children and teenagers, adult Bible studies, and person-to-person evangelism and discipleship to those living in the inner city. For more information write World Impact, 2001 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90007.

"Discovery: A Way to the Future" is a new training program designed to assist local congregations in effective community involvement. Co-sponsored by SCUPE (Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education) and the Evangelical Covenant Church of America, the project is currently involved in training ten Chicago area Covenant churches. More information is available from SCUPE, 30 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60610.

6741 urban teenagers in Baltimore, Maryland were temporarily employed last summer through the "Blue Chip-In Project," an elaborate partnership of citizens, clergy and City Hall. The teams of 14 to 20-year-old boys and girls were paid minimum wage to work odd jobs such as house painting, home repair, yardwork and even teaching dance to pre-schoolers. Response was so great that many teenagers wanting to work were turned down due to a lack of positions.



Bags of groceries for the needy are unloaded in New York City.

Churches in Pennsylvania and New York City are helping feed the poor through a Grocery Sharing Project organized by the Mennonite Central Committee. Members of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in Pennsylvania transport bags of groceries to New York City churches who then distribute them to persons in need. In September and October, 600 bags filled with staple foods were delivered.

Visually impaired persons can receive Bibles and other Christian literature in braille, oversize type, or talking book records at no charge from the John Milton Society for the Blind. Write the Society at 475 Riverside Drive, Room 832, New York, NY 10115.

"Salvation in Chicago," an exhibit on the city's history of evangelism, is on display at the Billy Graham Center, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. Letters, maps, posters, scrapbooks and photographs feature some of the major evangelists and outreach efforts in Chicago during the last hundred years. The exhibit will be open through November 24. Admission is free.

Refugees in the U.S. and abroad are responsible for a marked increase in requests for Scriptures, according to the American Bible Society. America's 849,000 refugees have created a demand for Bibles in Laotian, Cambodian, Vietnamese, Spanish and Creole. Most requests have come from church and other Christian relief workers across North America.

Southern Baptists' Israel Mission needs 35 workers to help maintain and expand ministries in Israel. Needed are field evangelists, student workers, an auto mechanic, a bookstore manager, a cook/dietician, and agricultural and maintenance workers. Write Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Box 6767, Richmond, VA 23230.

The Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) needs agricultural, nutritional, economic and technical workers for a variety of positions overseas. Agriculturalists and others with farm backgrounds are especially needed in Bangladesh, Brazil, Bolivia, Haiti, Sudan and other countries. For more information, contact MCC, 21 South 12th St., Akron, PA 17501.

Good News is for Sharing, an innovative, six-part film series designed for use in small study groups, presents a natural and informal approach to evangelism. Billy Graham associate Leighton

Ford, through a group discussion setting, focuses on motivation, content and sharing methods. The series can be rented for \$198 (plus postage and insurance) from David C. Cook Publishing Co., 850 North Grove Ave., Elgin, IL 60120.

Hunger Causes and Cures, a 234-page compilation of presentations in a Southern Oregon State College symposium, is available for \$5, postpaid, from Hunger: SOSC, Ashland, OR 97520.

Global Opportunities is the monthly bulletin of the Overseas Counseling Service (OCS), which lists over 1500 job openings around the world. Through this service, OCS assists Christians in locating secular jobs overseas where they may share the gospel. Contracts are usually for two to three years, often renewable. Write OCS, 1600 E. Elizabeth, Pasadena, CA 91104.

Some 50 Haitian refugees currently are being sponsored by over 20 black churches in the Chicago area. The sponsorship is part of a cooperative effort by Lutheran Child and Family Services and the Rev. Jesse Jackson's Operation PUSH. Sponsoring churches help refugees integrate into society by settling families in furnished apartments and helping to involve them in language schools, medical programs and jobs.



Veero Rani, filled with hope because of Christ, feeds her cows.

Filled with new hope

Veero Rani, her husband Nazir Masih and their eight children are farm laborers in Haryana, India. Because of blight and poor harvests in the past, they have had to borrow money at high interest rates to meet immediate survival needs. Now, through a World Vision community development project, the Masih family is filled with hope. Better nutrition, clothes, clean drinking water, education for their children, improved sanitation and irrigation facilities are making their lives easier. "My hope for the future is rooted in Christ," says Veero.

Tanzania flood victims

World Vision, the Red Cross, the Moravian and Lutheran Churches and the Christian Council of Tanzania have begun a cooperative effort to assist some 35,000 flood victims in Tanzania's Kyela district. Heavy spring rains caused several rivers to overflow, flooding thousands of acres of harvestable crops and damaging homes and sanitation facilities. Flour, beans, rice, blankets and

clothing were distributed to flood victims; health clinics received medical supplies and pharmaceuticals. The project is also helping to repair some 600 damaged homes.

Help for the children

With the help of World Vision, the Baptist Church of Ceres, Brazil organized an elementary school for 150 needy children living on the outskirts who might otherwise have been destined to become street beggars. They now attend school and are provided with school supplies, nutritious food, medical assistance and Christian education. And their parents are benefiting from World Vision-sponsored literacy and job-related skill courses, as well as gardening and health care programs.

Education for the blind

Malawi's Resource Centers for the Blind are being improved through help from World Vision. Teacher training, educational materials and nutritious food enable 200 blind children to receive the

same quality of education as children in ordinary schools. By concentrating on developing mobility and communication skills, the students will be able to more easily integrate into society.

Kampuchea

As of August 30, some 111,000 outpatients and 2100 inpatients had been treated during the first 11 months of the fiscal year in the World Vision-supported National Pediatric Hospital in Phnom Penh. Since the hospital first opened in October of 1980, over 168,000 outpatients and 4200 inpatients have been treated.

Philippine project progress

David Baltazar is one of approximately 1500 people living in the Philippines who are being helped through World Vision's Samaritan Childcare Project. Most of these people live along rivers and in poor areas where unemployment is high due to a lack of industry. But through the help of World Vision donors, medical help, nutritional and hygiene education and farming assistance are provided. There is also a day-care program, as well as home Bible study and Christian fellowship programs. And because of a small loan provided by the project, David now farms ampalaya (bitter gourd), string beans and other vegetables, some of which he sells to neighbors for profit.

David Baltazar weeds his garden in the Philippines.



South African Oasis

A war on malnutrition is being waged in South Africa by Dr. Bac, head of Gelukspan Hospital in Bophuthatswana. Through this World Vision-assisted project, children, their mothers and



Gelukspan Hospital worker comforts a young patient, Kleinboy Mothobi.

entire communities are being helped nutritionally. While malnourished children are treated in the hospital, their mothers are taught the importance of hygiene, good nutrition and immunizations, as well as how to treat small ailments and detect tuberculosis. When the women return home with healthy children, they share their new-found knowledge with other women in their villages.

Flood relief

World Vision is working with the Delhi-based Discipleship Center to assist victims of India's monsoon-caused floods. Garments, blankets and other relief supplies are being distributed through the Discipleship Center, an agency working in cooperation with local Christian churches and community groups. The Indian government is currently distributing all foodstuffs to flood victims.

Egypt/Israel tour

An informative tour including a look at World Vision ministry in Cairo is scheduled to be led by Dr. and Mrs. Engstrom and Mr. and Mrs. Hedley in September 1983. Information on the itinerary and costs is available from Mr. Hedley at the World Vision address.

El Salvador work continues

Despite continued fighting in El Salvador, World Vision has maintained programs of childcare, relief, development and evangelism there. At the end of July, World Vision was assisting 8623 children through 54 childcare projects, and thousands of Salvadorans had been

aided by relief projects. In addition, some 3400 families will be assisted during the first six months of fiscal year 83. This aid will include the provision of food, fertilizers and insecticides, as well as training in cultivating 86 acres of vegetable gardens.

Grapefruit giveaway

Two million bags of surplus grapefruit, due to be plowed under because of a glutted market, were distributed to needy children in South Africa by World Vision. Schools and charities in Johannesburg and Reef areas received more than 70 tons of the surplus citrus in June. Naturally high in vitamin C, the shipment arrived just in time to be used as a "cold fighter."

Christmastime caring

Again this year, workers are preparing to mail quantities of colorful Christmas "gift" cards to persons who order them. Designed to express love to friends who need no material gifts and to provide practical help for suffering Lebanese children and adults, each card brings \$10 toward World Vision's ministry of love to the Lebanese. (For information see the ad on the back page of this magazine.)

Is God calling you . . .

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

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

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

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

Please pray for:

- **Ted Engstrom** in his expanded role as president of World Vision International.
- **Alan Graham**, Dennis Hilgendorf, Leonard Rodgers and all others serving Christ in Lebanon.
- **Bob Wieland** and his hiking partners as they call our nation's attention to the realities of world hunger.
- **Guatemalans** seeking to share the love of Christ with fellow victims of their nation's civil war.
- **Churches** and families who are helping refugees find a new life in United States communities.
- **Inquirers** who have asked WORLD VISION magazine for guidance in coming to a personal knowledge of the Savior.

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Globe at a glance

NEWS BRIEFS FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND INTERCESSION

Fewer Indochinese refugees will be coming to the U.S. in the future. Under new State Department rules, refugees entering "first asylum" countries in Southeast Asia may come to the U.S. only if they have close relatives here; are former government employees or worked for U.S.-based organizations; or were officials of the pre-1975 governments of Indochinese countries.

Military spending far outdistances spending for health and education in most countries according to the Stockholm International Peace and Research Institute. India spends 630 times more on a soldier than on educating an individual; 1600 times more than on an individual's health. In the U.S., the cost of a soldier is 93 times higher than education and 155 times higher than health.

Haiti is the only nation in the Americas on the United Nations' list of 32 least developed countries. Half its citizens are unemployed; another quarter are under-employed. In Port-au-Prince, 70 percent of the population lives in slums, and thousands of rural citizens go there when they can no longer stand rural poverty.



One Haitian woman's "kitchen"

Women in Pakistan suffer injustices and restriction of basic rights under current laws, and they face even stiffer boundaries as new regulations are enacted. Fundamentalist mullahs in the Islamic Ideology Council are reviewing and rewriting Pakistan's laws. Already, women have been banned from participating in spectator sports except in front of all-female audiences. In anticipation of government orders, one college has banned women from physics and mathematics, channeling them instead into a new course called "household accounts."

The people of Poland are suffering from the American grain embargo according to a U.S. Protestant delegation recently in Warsaw. "It is paradoxical that we continue to sell grain to Russia but not to Poland," said United Methodist General Secretary Norman Dewire. "We are using Poland as a political pawn . . . to get back at Russia. . . . The sanctions are hurting the people at a time we most want to help them."

Argentina's Catholic bishops have asked the military government to let relatives of "disappeared persons" know the fate of their kin. An estimated 8000 to 10,000 people have disappeared in Argentina in the past six years. Gen. Omar Riveros, Argentina's ambassador to Uruguay, said that the arrests and abductions took place "under written orders from high government places." The bishops said, "It would be a

great contribution to . . . democracy if the government could take steps to solve this problem."

Guatemalan refugees in Mexico now number 40,000 according to the Council of Hemispheric Affairs. The flow of refugees has been greater since April than it was in previous months.

China's newly-drafted constitution drew the attention of religious leaders recently as laws governing the practice of religion were adopted. The new constitution stipulates that citizens shall not be forced to believe or not to believe in religion. China Christian Council Vice President Yan Jiale says the law "guarantees the equal and indiscriminate political treatment of religious believers and other citizens."

Salvadorans deported by the U.S. government will no longer be flown out of the country by Western Airlines. Pressure from church stockholders and other groups brought about a halt to Western's role in the process, by which some 25 Salvadorans had been sent back to their homeland daily. Evidence of continuing human rights violations and the knowledge that at least some deportees would face death upon their return prompted the stockholders to act.

Pope John Paul II said it was the duty of church and society to come to the aid of Poland's political prisoners during what he described as "the current state of war" in his homeland. He added that we have "the right and the duty to be concerned about them . . . and to bring about respect for their complete human rights."

Cholera, tuberculosis and related diseases in South Africa are linked directly with the government's policy of apartheid and separate development according to prominent South African medical doctors. The two main contributing factors are said to be differences and imbalances in the nation's health care system and a policy of detention without trial for political detainees.

Colombia is now the second-largest source of foreign adoptions (after Korea). Adoptions from that country were almost unheard of a decade ago. In 1972 only 35 Colombians were brought to the U.S. for adoption. In 1981 the figure stood at 626. "No country has as many (private or governmental) adoption agencies in its cities as Colombia has," says Jean Nelson-Erichsen of the Los Niños International Adoption Center in Austin, Texas.

European churches in countries such as Germany and the Netherlands are playing a prominent role in the inspiration of the peace movement. In Germany, leading theologians have turned to the Scriptures to discuss such passages as the Sermon on the Mount as basis for their convictions.



Profile of the ingrate

“Ingrate” is a hard word. Even when one is not sure of its meaning, “ingrate” falls on the ear with a brassy sound.

But it is a fitting word. It denotes a thankless person—an ungrateful person—one whose response to life is ingratitude.

“Neither were thankful” is the simple phrase by which the Authorized version translates the Apostle Paul’s description of ingrates in Romans 1:21. “Or even thank Him for all His daily care,” says the Living Bible.

Paul equates ingratitude with Godlessness. To be unthankful is to be idolatrous. It is to ignore or reject God and substitute some finite object to replace Him. “When they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful.”

Perhaps no other word more accurately describes our present culture. Despite all our knowledge, all our technology, all the inestimable benefits lavished on us, many of us tend to be an ungrateful people. We who always have more than enough of everything find it difficult to identify with the majority of Earth’s peoples who never have enough of anything. We think and speak as though our standard of living is normal for most of the world, though it is extraordinarily abnormal.

What we consider life’s necessities are simply beyond the reach of most people in the world—people who cannot even imagine the lifestyle so common to our culture. One would think that our response would be abounding gratitude to God. Instead, we’re famous for complaining. Take as one example, gasoline for autos. It costs three or four dollars per gallon in many parts of the world. But we are so accustomed to paying much less, we consider a dollar and a half a heavy burden.

In our American economy, the average household spends about 25 percent of its income for food. In many other countries, food requires 80 percent or more of a family’s income. In our consumer culture, luxuries, therefore, quickly become necessities, and new luxuries are sought as modern advertising panders its wares with relentless persuasion.

Study the style of advertising in America, whether by television, magazine, newspaper or radio. The appeal is to hedonism, materialism, luxury and human pride. Non-essentials that fail to enhance life—and actually encumber it—are touted as necessities for “the good life.”

“The good life?” In Romans 1:18-32 Paul exposes the tragic degeneration that follows ingratitude. Ingrates become destructive, anti-social, anti-God.

The antidote is gratitude. To be truly aware of our uncommon liberty, freedom, abundance which we enjoy

as Americans is to become truly grateful. How can we restrain worship and adoration, glory and honor to God when we acknowledge the incalculable blessings we enjoy in our land? Out of gratitude and worship flow love: love which is aware of—and responsive to—the needs of others.

To be grateful is to care enough to share. It is to understand that what God gives us is ours only to share with those in need.

To be Godly is to be grateful. To love. To care. To share.

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Martha and I had to cancel our trip to Europe. I tell you, this inflation is killing us. But our trip to Asia last summer was really something else. Tokyo was fabulous. I brought back two cameras and a tape recorder . . .



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