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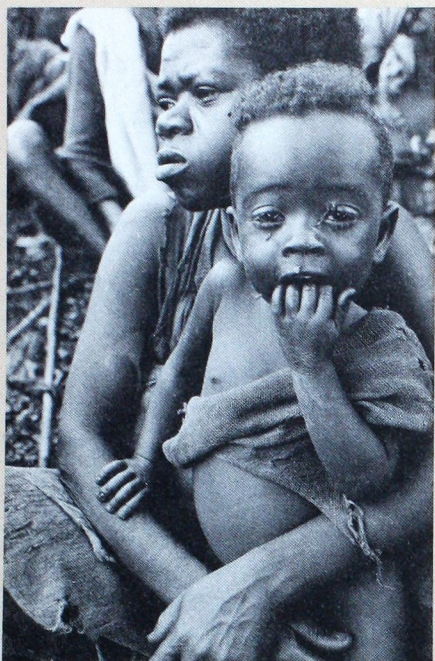
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Enough of such reality!

Picture your family with nothing to eat all this week but two loaves of bread and a gallon of milk. You ration carefully what you have, but every night your children cry themselves to sleep. And by Monday you and your spouse find yourselves too weak to work more than a few hours at a time.

Another week of 90 calories per day per person. Desperate as you are for food for your family, you can muster barely enough strength to work two or three hours a day. And something's seriously wrong with Baby.

By Saturday, Baby cries no more. You get a full night's sleep. Plus some hours not intended.

Yet another week of the same diet, and . . .

Thank God your ordeal is imaginary. But for thousands of African families today—notably those in Ethiopia's famine-stricken Gonder province—an equivalent plight is not imaginary at all. Through no fault of theirs, it's reality.

Thank God we of the imaginary can improve the prospects for those families who've had quite enough of such reality. *David Olson*

Cover photo: Rosey Grier bridges the language barrier with a World Vision-sponsored Karapokot child in Kenya, who, only a year ago, was near death from starvation.

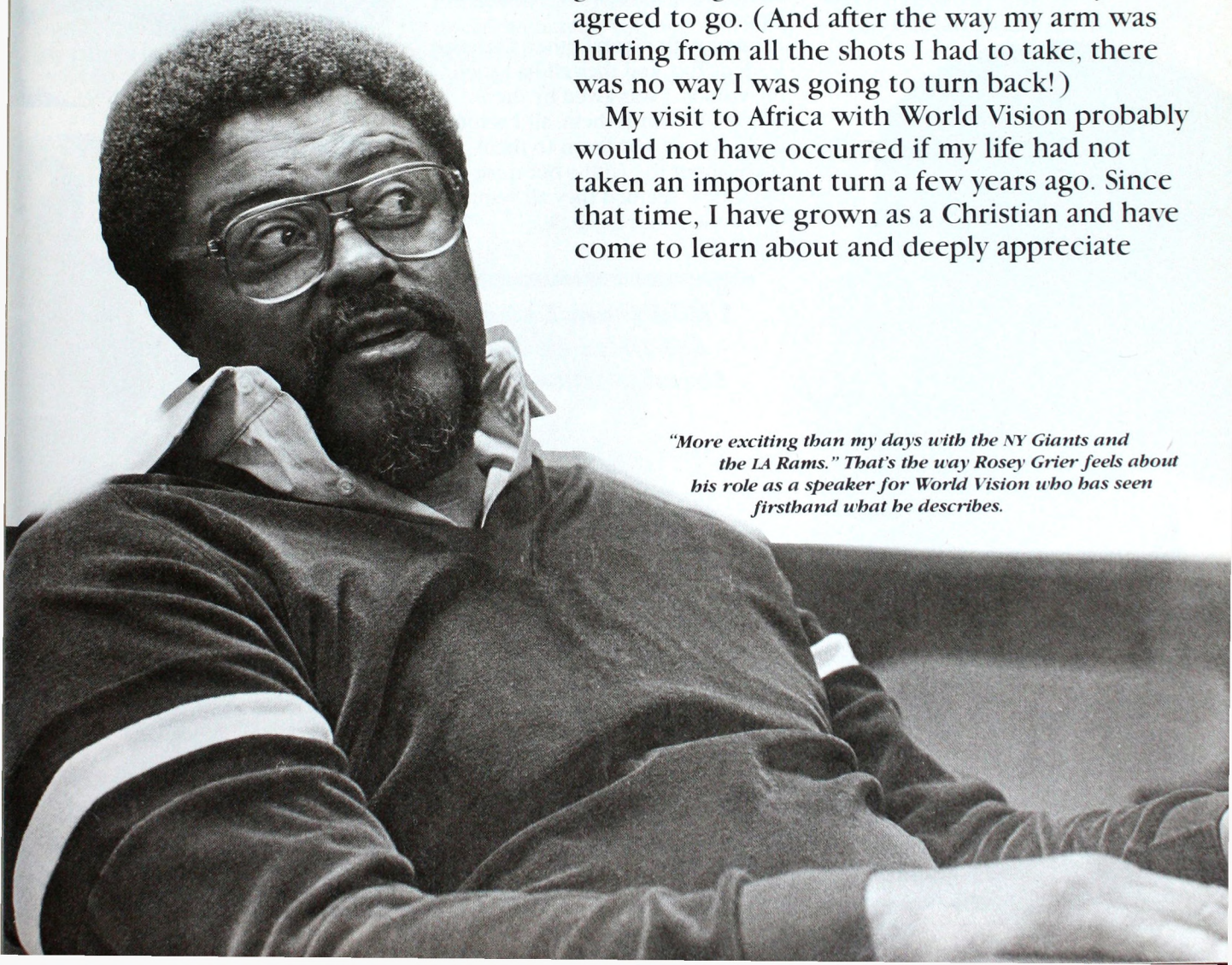
An eye-opening experience

by Rosey Grier

I've always feared flying—especially over long distances. So when World Vision asked me to visit some projects in Africa, I got a little worried. Couldn't we just go to Mexico or something? It's not too far and it would be quick. No, they wanted me to go to Africa. I wasn't quite sure why God would want me to go traveling around in Africa, but I finally agreed to go. (And after the way my arm was hurting from all the shots I had to take, there was no way I was going to turn back!)

My visit to Africa with World Vision probably would not have occurred if my life had not taken an important turn a few years ago. Since that time, I have grown as a Christian and have come to learn about and deeply appreciate

"More exciting than my days with the NY Giants and the LA Rams." That's the way Rosey Grier feels about his role as a speaker for World Vision who has seen firsthand what he describes.



World Vision's ministry throughout the world.

I'd been a Christian most of my life, having been baptized at the age of seven and raised with Christian principles of right and wrong. But somehow I felt I was missing something. I'd heard some good preaching as I grew up, but although the sermons were often very emotional, they usually didn't relate to my everyday life.

A few years ago, I began watching a church service on television each Sunday. I was struck by the preaching. The Bible teaching made a lot of sense to me, and I began watching regularly.

One day my son suggested we attend the church, so we went the next Sunday morning. Everybody there had Bibles except us, but pretty soon somebody gave us each one. We tried to follow along with the lesson, but it wasn't easy, since I

hadn't really studied the Bible for a long time.

Toward the end of the service, the pastor said, "If you want to know Jesus and be a son of God, stand up and raise your hand." I felt like he was talking right to me. Both my son and I stood and raised our hands and looked at each other as the tears filled our eyes. That moment was the beginning of a new awakening for my family and me. It brought new life to my relationship with my wife, who later joined my son and me in dedicating her life to Christ.

I realized that even though I was cleansed and forgiven, I was still young in the faith. I had a lot of learning to do.

In those early days of my renewed faith, Paul Carey, director of World Vision's regional offices division, whom I'd known for several years, introduced me to Ted Engstrom. Dr. Engstrom's advice to me then was to take time to grow in the Lord . . . to study the Word and the wisdom of God.

I met with several other Christian leaders, too, and they all had such big visions. I was awed by them. When I was with them, all I wanted to do was sit and listen to them share about the faith—but most of the time it seemed they all wanted to ask me about football!

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see them because I
loved and cared for
them.***

As I grew in the faith, I had several opportunities to be in contact with World Vision. The more I learned about it the more impressed I became with the fact that here were people who were devoting their lives to caring about the problems of other people. I was very moved by that. I also realized that although I was not a Dr. Engstrom or a Billy Graham, I could share the faith with



people at my level of understanding. Maybe God could use me. It was about that time that Dr. Engstrom suggested I visit some World Vision projects overseas in order to get a better understanding of the scope of their ministry. So I did, along with Paul Carey and Ed Novak, a businessman from Denver.

We visited two projects in Cape Town first: the Lavender and the Crossroads projects. Both projects are involved in trying to help people in depressed areas. Some of the conditions in which people were living in the Crossroads area were shocking: cardboard shacks with tin roofs; kids playing in sewers—and this is just outside Cape Town. But I saw that it is where people are hurting the most that World Vision is active.

Being there and seeing World Vision workers involved with different kinds of people was a great experience for me. The love those workers have for the people they're working with is incredible. And they're not doing it for praise; their joy comes from simply seeing the

Music bridged language barriers for Rosey and children he met. Here, a Karapokot child receives an impromptu guitar lesson.



results of their work.

The joy I found among the World Vision workers in Kenya was the same. And the people they worked with that we visited—the Turkana, the Karapokot and the Masai—all shared in that same joy.

One thing I discovered on this trip is that you can't rush in and revolutionize a country. You've got to allow people time to grow. And you've got to work with them and encourage

them. That element has been one of the keys to the success that World Vision has had all over the world. World Vision doesn't go in and tell people what they're going to do for them. They go to a country and say, "We want to help you. What can we do to help you help yourselves?" I was impressed by that.

The kids always amazed me at



(upper left) Karapokot children receive ugali, a stiff cornmeal mush, at Kiwawa feeding program. (left) Karapokots at airstrip near Kiwawa.

every project we visited. I didn't need to know their language because they can see love in your face. It was amazing to talk to them and see them laugh. I told them I came to see them because I loved and cared for them. And I told them that World Vision cares for them and is not going to leave them. The people at World Vision want them to have all the things God wants them to have.

The kids understand that the help they get is coming from concerned, loving people in America and other countries. And they understand that the supporters are not asking anything in return except that they grow up loving and caring about one another. And they're doing it! Their faith is so deep—you could see it in their faces and hear it in their singing and testimonies. Strong leadership

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and spiritual emphasis undergirded everything we saw.

One Karapokot child in particular captured my heart. Project directors Dick and Jane Hamilton had an old guitar at their place, and I picked it up and began to play it. A young boy—maybe 10 or 11 years old—had a natural interest in music and he began to laugh as I played because the rhythms were different than what he was used to. I taught him a few chords and promised I'd send him a guitar of his own when I got home.

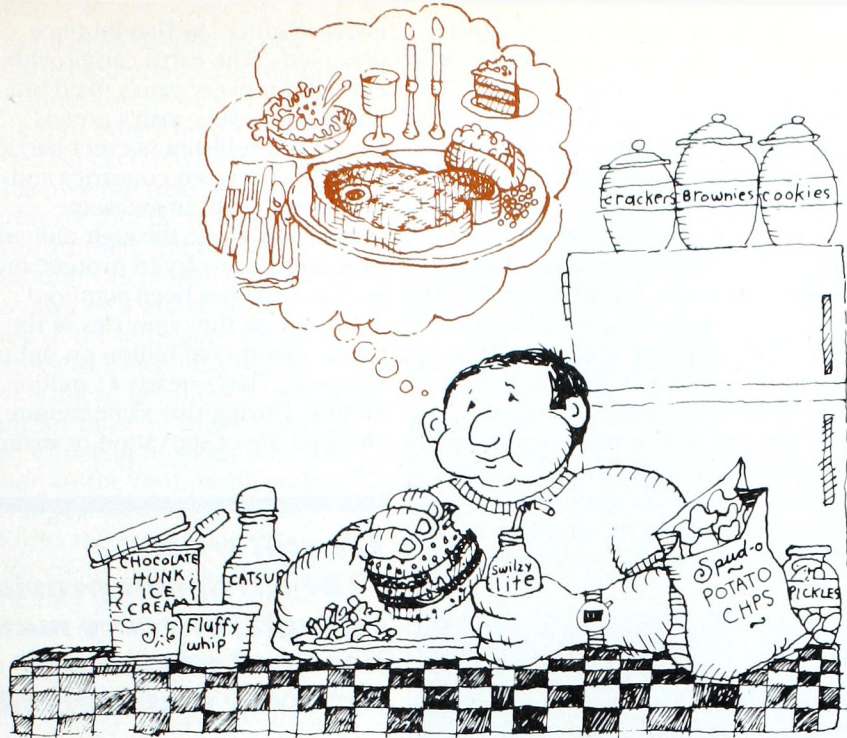
By the end of the trip I noticed I felt a real closeness toward these people. I had a strong desire to

come back to America and just scream, "Help them get water! Help them get food!" But I praise God for World Vision and those people who leave everything and go to foreign countries to live without any Western conveniences to serve people who are sick and dying from starvation. I've seen their work firsthand, and I know that for them it's not just a job, it's a mission based upon the principles of Jesus Christ to feed the hungry. I've seen so much in my 50 years, and it's a joy for me to find men and women so dedicated to a cause.

When I left for Africa, I had no idea what I was getting into, but that trip opened my eyes to a tremendous opportunity for people to open their hearts and love their brothers and sisters in other countries, as well as our own. □

Rosey towers over a throng of Karapokot children who greet him warmly at World Vision's project in Kiwawa.





World hunger is a spiritual problem

by Senator Mark O. Hatfield



Every hour of every day, 2000 people in the world die from starvation. I am reminded of the wisdom of Solomon "...that abundant food is in the fallow ground of the poor, but it is swept away by injustice" (Proverbs 13:23). That is as true today as it was 3000 years ago when it was written. Right now, at least 12 percent of the world population is on the brink of starvation. Another 12 percent is barely surviving. That does not include those who are under-nourished or suffering from disease because of an inadequate diet.

Next to the nuclear arms race, hunger is the most destabilizing force in the world today. Although we ought to care for our needy brothers and sisters simply on the basis of spiritual commitment, even self-interest should cause us to do so. For, my dear friends, desperate people do desperate things. By the end of this century, 60 nations of the world will have the capability of building nuclear weapons. And in many cases this knowledge will be in the hands of madmen who have nothing to lose but their chains. We live in a tenuous situation. We live on the brink of global suicide.

We are facing this crisis, experts say, because of two basic socio-economic problems. One factor is the continuing increase of the world population. Lester Brown of the United Nations has estimated that at the present rate of growth, we will have to double the production of food over the next 20 years merely to maintain the current inadequate level of consumption.

The second factor is the wide difference between levels of consumption, not only of food but of the earth's other natural resources. The average American consumes the equivalent of 2000 pounds of grain per year, and a major part of that consumption is indirect by eating grain-fed meat. In the less well-developed major part of the world, the average grain consumption (mostly by direct intake) is roughly 400 pounds per year. If 20 percent of the

globe's people consumed at the rate at which the United States consumes, there would be nothing left for the remaining 80 percent.

While population growth demands more food to feed more people, consumption levels demand more food because of the diet of the affluent. The convergence of these two factors creates the extraordinary cataclysmic crisis the world faces.

Experts also tell us that to solve the problem we must systematically decrease population, alter consumption patterns, increase food yield technologically, and institute land reform. But it is apparent from

Senator Hatfield addresses World Vision staff near Durbin, South Africa.

looking at India and Tanzania, only two of many countries where leaders had all the right intentions and apparent combination of the suggested strategies, that the momentum was undermined.

To address this puzzle, the Christian community can offer certain unique basic principles. You see, we are not dealing with a purely political or economic problem, but basically with a spiritual problem. And governments of the world will not find a solution to a spiritual problem merely through legislation or appropriations.

The clearest illustration of the spiritual nature of the problem is that our stewardship of resources

is out of kilter. As Gandhi once observed, "The earth can provide enough for every man's need but not enough for every man's greed." Greed and selfishness erect barriers and fears between countries and ultimately result in awesome amounts of waste through military expenditures to try to protect and defend what has been acquired.

Every year the countries of the world spend \$500 billion on military weapons. That's nearly \$1 million a minute. During that same minute, 21 children die of starvation or malnu-

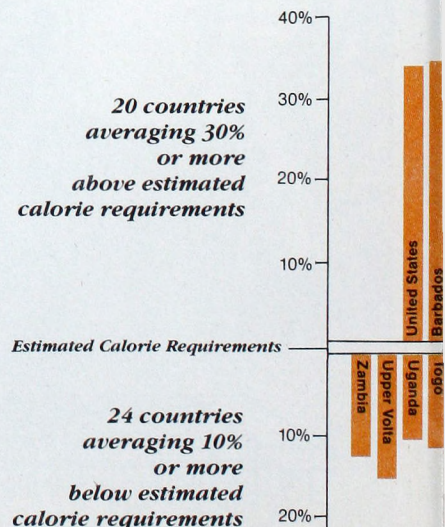
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trition. Every 12 days, we spend \$17 billion on tools of destruction. This is enough to feed, shelter, medically care for and educate all the world's poor for one year. One half of the world's scientists and engineers are employed in creating and deploying the equivalent of ten tons of TNT per person when they could be focusing on meeting basic human needs.

In a fruitful meeting with Daniel arap Moi, president of Kenya, Mr. Moi reminded us of the passage of Scripture that Kenya's first president,



Comparative



r. Kenyatta, quoted on the occasion of his inauguration: "Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than ourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others" (Philippians 3-4). The attitude described here is needed not only in personal relationships, but also on a global scale.

Because of the persistent sin of putting ourselves individually and collectively ahead of others, it is important for those of us who bear the name Christian to speak out. We must confront the root problem that hinders biblical stewardship. We must address the systems of the world that create injustice and deny equity, be they political, economic or social systems. There are many systems that are impeding the very justice that people of faith are called to produce. I pray that your commitment to the gospel and to the person of Christ will move you to redouble your efforts in your community. May you become increasingly sensitive to the pervasive needs and challenge our government to steward its resources. □

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Fortune's smile *has shunned*

These tear-stained faces

streaked with mud

Large brown eyes filled with horror

Of things seen and imagined

Kinsmen butchered before them

Cringing, fragile bodies

Trembling skin to bone

Seeking warmth and solace

Among the strangers sent by God

Broken children, extending souls

for every comfort

Unquenchable desires for love.

Colleen Calhoun Marstrand



Please don't overgeneralize!

His roots are in a conservative evangelical church in Detroit. He remembers a childhood conversion. He remembers also that in his years of growing up he heard nothing about costly discipleship, nothing that would prepare him to take a stand against "the harsh facts of racism" that were increasingly challenging and unsettling the social scene in the city of Cadillacs and Chryslers.

Disappointed, he left the church. Later, disillusioned by the "unresponsiveness of political, economic and educational institutions," he began a "deep personal and intellectual searching" which led him to "more study, more reflection and back to the New Testament." As a consequence, he began "to see the wholeness and dynamic power of the gospel for the first time, even in the midst of a church whose witness and lifestyle served to hide and contradict the power of that gospel."

I take Jim Wallis' experience, recounted in his *Agenda for Biblical People*, as a frame within which to view the wholeness of the gospel and the wholeness of that redemptive concern which the gospel involves.

Most of us need a *freeing up*, a release from restrictive stereotypes and shallow clichés, in order to grasp the totality of biblical salvation. It was said of one hermit-like evangelist that "he loves souls but hates people." Contradictory and exaggerated? Yes. But understandable! It is difficult to imagine that anyone would say that about Jesus.

To obtain our needed freeing up from narrow notions, we need a *good thinking through*—as indicated in the testimony of Jim Wallis.

It's the way of "more study, more reflection," more wrestling with the Scriptures.

For example, we must turn the full light of Scripture on the saying, "Changed people will change society." There's a slice of truth there, to be sure, but not the whole of it. Peter was a changed man, filled with the Holy Spirit. Yet, if God had not subsequently stretched Peter's vision and sensitized his conscience, the Christian movement would have wound up (or rather *down*) as a circumcision cult.

Skip nearly two millennia and make a landing in the state of Alabama. The year is 1840. Baptist believers are holding a state convention. The abolition of slavery has become a burning issue across the nation. A special committee has been appointed to make recommendations to the convention. The following is what the "messengers" hear and approve:

(1) That abolitionism is unscriptural, is against the national constitution, is against the peace and prosperity of the churches, and is dangerous to the permanence of the Union; (2) that money shall be withheld from the Board of Foreign Missions and from the American and Foreign Bible Society until Alabama Baptists were assured that these agencies had no connection with antislavery.

Changed people? Yes. Christian believers? Yes. A changed society? No. Indeed, down with change! Up with the *status quo*!

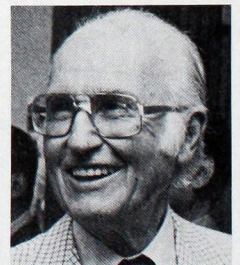
If it appears to any reader that I have made unfair or ungracious reference to Baptists, let me say that I have taken this quotation from Southern Baptist Foy Valentine's book, *The Cross in the Marketplace*. Dr. Valentine is an admired friend who represents an authentically biblical attitude toward race relationships and other social concerns.

Think through another saying that comes trippingly from many lips: "You can't legislate morals or moral behavior."

Here again it is too easy to settle for half-truth. The informed Christian would say that you can never make social legislation a substitute for personal regeneration. The core change is a change of heart, which is a radical work of the Spirit of God.

On the other hand, legislative reform, far from being despised, should be encouraged within prudent limits. While good laws do not change bad hearts, they do modify social behavior. Consider the Magna Carta. Consider the Constitution of the United States. Consider the 13th Amendment (against slavery). Consider the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Not one of these instruments of social organization changed anybody's heart (in the evangelical sense), but they altered the behavior of millions.

It is for this reason, among others, that Christians should get involved in the political processes that are open to them wherever democratic principles are recognized. We have too many evangelical monastics who appear to be afraid that even a polling booth will contaminate them. As a



Paul Rees, a World Vision board member, is a frequent speaker and counselor in pastors' conferences worldwide.

by Paul S. Rees

Three common sayings militate against the gospel's wholeness.

consequence, we have fewer Mark Hatfields in the United States Congress than we could have.

It is in a context of social/spiritual concern that St. Paul instructs the Galatian Christians:

So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest. So then, as often as we have the chance, we should do good to everyone, and especially to those who belong to our family in the faith (Galatians 6:9, 10, TEV).

If social reform is not deeply regenerative, it nevertheless carries with it values that are preventive and protective.

Take a third bit of glibness in which we often indulge ourselves: "It is not the mission of the church to reform society but to preach the gospel."

Here again is a sweeping generalization that needs sorting out. First of all, why either/or? Are social reforms that are ameliorative and uplifting so unimportant that they must be excluded from evangelistic concern? John Wesley held that "the people called Methodists" were raised up "to spread scriptural holiness and reform the nation." He might have announced that they were raised up "not to reform the nation but to spread scriptural holiness." It was precisely such an exclusion of the one from the other that he declined to make. For him it was *and*, not *but*.

Furthermore, while preaching the gospel is indispensable to the church's mission, this is not quite the same as saying that it is *the* mission of the church. I recall that in the Berlin Congress on Evangelism, 1966, John Stott told us that "the mission of the church... is exclusively a preaching, converting and teaching mission." Nine years later, in his

Christian Mission in the Modern World, he quotes himself in his Berlin address, and then declares:

Today, however, I would express myself differently. . . . I now see more clearly that not only the consequences of the Great Commission, but the actual commission itself must be understood to include social as well as evangelistic responsibility, unless we are to be guilty of distorting the words of Jesus.

The words of Jesus to which he particularly refers are found in Matthew 28:19, 20 and John 20:21. If we, the body of Christ, are sent into the world after the fashion of our Lord's mission, then it is inescapable that we should serve our fellow creatures in the totality of *who* they

are and *where* they are. He was that kind of Servant/Savior. If we take His name with integrity, we must bow to the summons to follow His example.

Let's dare to be pierced by Dietrich Bonhoeffer's lines:

*Daring to do what is right,
Not what fancy may tell you.
Valiantly grasping occasions,
Not cravenly doubting—
Freedom comes only through deed,
Not through thoughts taking wings.*

*Faint not nor fear,
But go out through the storm
and the action,
Trusting in God whose commandment
you faithfully follow;
Freedom exultant will welcome
your spirit with joy. □*

Have you tasted God's love?

"God has shown us how much he loves us," wrote a man who knew God well; "it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us!"

That's love!

The writer went on: "By his death [Christ's] we are put right with God" (Rom. 5:8, 9 TEV).

The love shown in Jesus' death for sinners is the love we all need more than any other love. And the experience of being "put right" with the God we've shunned—that's the benefit we all need more than any other.

Peace with God, so necessary in both this life and the next, is God's great love gift to each person who simply, penitently seeks it through the Christ who shed His blood for us and rose to conquer sin and death.

Many people merely know

something *about* that love; they have yet to taste it through personal response. They have not personally responded to the crucified and risen Savior.

Do you know God's love?

If you still lack the relationship with God that spells inner peace, we recommend that you:

1. Read and re-read, open-heartedly, Romans 5:1-11.
2. Seek additional counsel through a Christ-sharing church and/or by writing to WORLD VISION magazine for a free copy of a helpful booklet on knowing God through Jesus Christ.

God wants you to know and benefit from His love now and eternally. Seek that incomparable love in the Lord Jesus Christ. Find it. Taste it. Respond to it—in faith and by giving yourself to Him. You'll be glad you did. □





WHERE THE TWIN OTTER FLIES

Aid for Ethiopia's Gonder province

Emergency aid for famine victims in Ethiopia's Gonder province is helping to ease starvation and sickness as World Vision's relief program in that region gets underway.

Following a survey tour there in December, which revealed the extreme needs felt by so many, World Vision slated \$800,000 for relief work in the Gonder province. Food, health care and adequate means for delivering the goods and services were deemed top priorities.

In January, World Vision's Twin Otter airplane made a successful test landing on an airstrip recently



(left) Thousands await relief food at the distribution center in the village of Ebnet in the Gonder province. (above) Dr. Tony Atkins, relief and rehabilitation director for World Vision, examines a malnourished child at Ebnet.



(left) High-protein biscuits provided by World Vision keep hunger at bay for these children in the Gonder province. Still, the need continues. Mothers and young children are especially vulnerable (below and below left).



cleared and graded at Zuy Hamusset. Ethiopian World Vision Director Ato Tesfatsion Dalellew reported that "the Mission Aviation Fellowship pilots and crew were very pleased with the work done on clearing and grading the field. The Twin Otter landed and took off easily." The airstrip will enable relief materials to be delivered to remote villages otherwise inaccessible.

World Vision relief supplies delivered to Gonder at presstime include more than 200,000 pounds of faffa (a grain and powdered milk porridge mixture); 1000 50-pound cartons of high-protein biscuits, and 2000 pieces of clothing and blankets.

In the months ahead, World Vision will not only provide ongoing relief

aid, but will help fund the construction of an all-weather road between the Gonder villages of Zuy Hamusset and Ebnet. Such a road, durable enough for use by large, heavy-duty trucks, is vital if relief materials are to be delivered to remote villages. □

World Vision has committed itself to providing \$4 million worth of food, medical supplies and other emergency aid to Ethiopians this year. To help meet these urgent needs, please use the return envelope from the center of this magazine.



(above) Taiwanese tour guide Tony Pan jokes with sponsors. (below) A warm greeting is given 85-year-old sponsor Clarence Johnson.



AT A PROJECT CALLED THANKFUL

Kids we'll never forget

by George Marhad

Eager for their first look at a rural village called Siu Lin, 43 childcare sponsors board the bus outside the World Vision office in Taipei, Taiwan. They have been in Taiwan for barely a day, after a 13-hour nonstop flight from Los Angeles. Only a 25-minute bus ride remains of an 8000-mile journey to "Thankful Project," the first project they will visit on the 1982 World Vision sponsors' tour.

Who are these excited people who have traveled so far? In one bus seat is 85-year-old Clarence, an enthusiastic and energetic man who has sponsored a girl since she was preschool age; she is now a sophomore in college. He can hardly wait to see her.

In another seat are 9-year-old Kelly, who is traveling with her aunt, and 13-year-old Susan. Susan eagerly anticipates meeting

a girl her own age whom her family has sponsored for the past five years.

Two young couples from America's business world are aboard to get a clearer idea of God's will for their future.

A 33-year-old single minister of a small church, who works also as a probation officer, joined the tour to visit one of his seven sponsored children. (His goal is to sponsor ten.)

Some on the tour are widows. One widow ministers by inviting people to live in her home. Another, who had lost her son in a tragic train accident, wants to find out if the money she had saved for his college education could be applied to her sponsored girl's university schooling.

Some members of the group are well-seasoned travelers; others are first-timers. They come from varied Christian backgrounds—Episcopal, Baptist, Catholic, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Methodist, independent—and their love for Christ is evident in their fellowship.

World Vision's genial tour guide, George Hahn, is in charge, of course. And also on the bus here is the 37-year-old Taiwanese tour guide responsible for hosting the five-day portion of the tour. A former professional radio announcer and school teacher, the Taiwanese guide will be caught off guard by what he will soon experience.

The bus turned off the main highway onto a narrow, curbside asphalt road not designed for such a large vehicle. Three-foot-wide ditches on

These kids greeted the sponsors as they would their own families.

either side of the narrow road made corner-turning precarious; the driver often had to jockey forward and backward to position the bus for a turn. Backrow passengers found themselves able to reach out the bus windows and touch the thatched siding and roofs of village homes.

Finally, when the last turn was made, the passengers' first sight of the children melted their hearts. Immediately ahead, blocking the road, were 30 boys and girls enthusiastically singing. All the children were dressed in bright red and white. Although they sang in Chinese, the familiar tune helped their American listeners recognize the song: "We are *one* in the bond of love, we have joined our spirits with the Spirit of God, we are one in the bond of love."

Something was very different about these kids. They greeted the sponsors as they would their own families—the children gave them the feeling that they could hardly wait to see them.

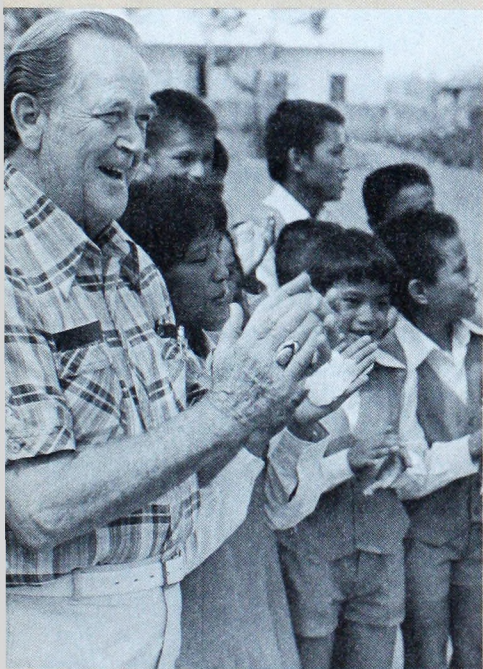
Children and sponsors freely held hands as they walked to the church for a program. For an hour and a half a memorable drama unfolded. The choir sang a variety of Christian songs in Chinese, and the blending of voices and genuine smiles captivated the hearers.

After the singing, a presentation



was made on the progress that had occurred in the last year through the help of World Vision: the installation of 25 sanitary toilets; the variety of training classes for mothers in health care and nutrition; vocational training for parents, and a progress report on the children's basic school and Christian education.

Then the leader of the choir shared a remarkable testimony. She was a 12-year-old girl named Tso Bee Chee, with a face that radiated strength and determination for one so young. She spoke in Chinese and her words had to be interpreted—but what power in her voice and gestures! She used her hands throughout her testimony to emphasize a point, at times pointing upward to highlight a statement about God, at other times drawing her hands together over her heart to emphasize something about service to God.



Sponsors and children shared unforgettable moments of joy and laughter.



These children greeted World Vision sponsors with their joyous singing as the visitors' bus approached.

Tso Bee Chee's most rousing statement was: "I want to be a little preacher and tell everyone in the village about Jesus Christ." The deep sincerity of her words was obvious to everyone who heard her, and applause broke out among the audience.

Unknown to the sponsors, the Taiwanese tour guide was also being deeply moved by all that he was hearing and seeing, for he could understand all the songs and testimonies

in his mother tongue, Mandarin Chinese. At one point he even stood up by himself to applaud after a particularly moving song.

Before the sponsors departed, hugging, hand-holding and gift-giving occurred spontaneously. One young child took off her necklace and gave it to a sponsor. Four of the youngsters surrounded Kelly and expressed their sorrow that she would be leaving soon. One of them took the ring off her own finger and gave it to Kelly as a keepsake.

On the bus, the Taiwanese tour guide could barely speak for several minutes. When he found his voice, he asked one of the sponsors to promise to send him prints of photos taken there.

After their visit to Siu Lin, some of the sponsors said they would find it impossible to tell folks at home what

they had felt or how God had used children to break down so many barriers so quickly. I, too, felt that inability. I still do. But I feel deeply privileged to have been exposed to one of the many present day "movements" of His Spirit, such as what is happening in Siu Lin village. □

World Vision sponsors help more than 390,000 children who have no parents or whose parents cannot adequately provide for them. Right now, 30,000 more children need sponsors being sought by World Vision's United States office. Eighteen dollars a month is all it takes to provide for a child's basic needs. To become a sponsor, please use the envelope from the center of this magazine.

When the last turn was made, the sponsors' first glimpse of the children melted their hearts.

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

Samaritan sampler



Iwa, a new research and development organization, seeks more effective ways to relate Christ to people of Japanese ancestry. Its purpose is to develop evangelistic tools and strategies by integrating Japanese culture and the Bible and through field study, library research, writing and the application and dissemination of its findings. For more information write Iwa, Box 50432, Pasadena, CA 91105.

World Christian is the new name for the student-published magazine previously called *Today's Mission*. Designed to inform and challenge Christian young people concerning overseas service, the colorful bi-monthly is gaining circulation at \$12 per year. Address: Box 40010, Pasadena, CA 91104.

Bread for the World (BFW) is looking for individuals to take part in its 1983 Summer Organizing Project to mobilize Christian involvement in public policies on hunger. After orientation in Washington, DC, participants will be placed across the country to work for eight weeks with local BFW

groups, with follow-up and evaluation in Washington. For more information contact Sharon Pauling, Bread for the World, 6411 Chillum Pl. NW, Washington, DC 20012.

Church and Peacemaking, the conference planned for May 25-28 in Pasadena, is already receiving a large number of registrations. Because attendance will be limited to 2000, anyone who wants to attend should mail the \$49 registration fee (which does not cover lodging or meals) to Church and Peacemaking, 1539 E. Howard, Pasadena, CA 91104.

The nonliterate majority of the world's population gets special attention in the new book *Oral Communication of the Scripture*. Author Herbert V. Klem shares insights about African oral art and explains the process of teaching Scripture without relying on literacy. Special rate: \$8.60 postpaid from William Carey Library, Box 40129, Pasadena, CA 91104.

The Salvation Army's 1982 award for community service went to Dr. Timothy Johnson, a health columnist and asso-

ciate pastor of an Evangelical Covenant Church in Massachusetts. In announcing the award, The Salvation Army described Dr. Johnson as "the nation's most successful communicator of health-care information." He writes a daily column in more than 90 newspapers and is medical editor for ABC-TV's "Good Morning, America!"

One million inmates in the country's penal institutions received surprise gifts last Christmas. The American Bible Society provided copies of the New Testament, along with a pocket Scripture calendar, to any prisoners who wished to receive them. Each inmate was encouraged to keep the Scripture upon release from prison.

"Evangelizing Ethnic America" is the theme of a four-day conference scheduled for April 1985 in Houston, Texas. North American members of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization initiated the conference, which will focus on ways to reach non-English speaking ethnic groups. The purpose of the conference is to share research data, models, methodologies and programs of successful evangelistic outreach.

LCWE (Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization) is asking Christians worldwide to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, May 22, 1983, as a day of prayer for world evangelization. The LCWE Pastor Prayer Support Team

has prepared special materials to help ministers gear their congregations for this evangelism challenge. The materials are available from Day of Prayer, LCWE, Box 1100, Wheaton, IL 60187.

National parks are the settings in which many seminary and college students will minister for Christ this summer (as in some recent summers), besides being employed in park service. For information from the agency facilitating such work, write Warren W. Ost, A Christian Ministry in the National Parks, 222½ East 49th Street, New York, NY 10017.

Christian Blind Mission International (CBMI), whose directors believe nearly 20 million West Africans suffer from "river blindness," is seeking to prevent eyesight loss by distributing Diethyl tablets at a cost of \$4 per patient for a year's supply. CBMI's address is P.O. Box 175, Wheaton, IL 60187.

Seeds, a magazine published by Oakhurst Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia, won top honors in the first annual World Hunger Media Awards for its feature on women and hunger.

High school juniors, especially, can benefit from reading the informative booklet, "Why Should You Consider a Christian College?" Copies are available at \$15 per hundred from Christian College Coalition, 1776 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036.

AMY GRANT:

'Together' is a gift of love

For recording star Amy Grant, doing a song for a World Vision benefit album was an answer to months of prayer.

"For a long time I had felt God's hand leading me to become actively involved in hunger relief efforts," she said. "I was delighted to become involved in this project. I pray God will use the album to help feed His suffering children around the world."

"Together... a Gift of Love to a Hurting World," features Grant and nine other leading Christian artists who have contributed songs and who are donating sales receipts and royalties from the record to World Vision's global hunger relief programs.

"It suddenly occurred to me several months ago that when I meet in heaven with these people who have suffered so much, I want to know that I had reached out to help them on earth," said Grant.

Performing on the album with Grant are: Andrae Crouch, Dino, the late Keith Green, Walter Hawkins, the Imperials, Evie Karlsson, Barbara Mandrell, Sweet Comfort Band and B.J. Thomas.

Produced by Light Records, "Together" is the product of an idea spawned in the mind of musician Randy Adams after viewing a World Vision television special. Adams, who was inspired to rally Christian re-



Amy Grant

cording artists' support of hunger programs, contacted World Vision officials and then began approaching his colleagues with the idea.

Already being distributed through both secular music stores and Christian bookstores, "Together" is selling at a remarkable pace.

While the concept of a benefit album is nothing new, Ralph Carmichael, president of Light Records, stated: "Bringing these musicians together on one album that transcends their contractual obligations is a first in the Christian music business."

Like Amy, the other nine participating artists are praying that God will use their unique project to bring hunger relief to thousands of the world's neediest people. □



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People & projects

Bob Wieland on his legless walk across America.



Still walking on his hands

Bob Wieland, who lost both legs to a land mine in Vietnam, is continuing his "walk" across America to help the hungry. After taking two weeks in January for a world hunger tour with Food for the Hungry, Bob resumed his cross-country walk on January 15 from Quartzsite, Arizona. He began the journey last September from Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, California, and plans to complete it in Washington, DC roughly 14 months from then. World Vision is one of five organizations designated to receive a portion of the sponsorship donations Bob is raising through his walk.

Good health in Somalia

Community health workers at the Las Dhure refugee camp in Somalia are now receiving training at a newly

established night school. To help in the training, a health book has been printed in English and Somali, and has been distributed to other agencies as well. Health care assistants have also been trained to produce their own teaching materials for educating the camp population in public health. The result of these endeavors can be seen in the improved cleanliness of the camp and the improved health of the refugees.

Continuing education in Korea

Intelligent but needy students in Korea are now able to continue their educations through WV Korea Pierce Scholarships (named after World Vision's founder, Bob Pierce). Every year, 60 students are chosen from agricultural, engineering, commercial

and other high schools as recipients of college scholarships. Ten seminary and 15 college students are also awarded scholarships to help them become pastors, engineers, music directors and church leaders. Annual training is also held for spiritual growth and leadership development.

Year-round grain supply

To make grain available to the people of Bougoumene in Chad during the drought months of June through September, World Vision is helping develop the Bougoumene Cereal Bank. Gared, the development organization of the Assemblies of God, is World Vision's primary partner agency in the project, which will involve 2643 farmers in 11 villages cultivating 63 hectares of land. The cooperative bank will buy the millet, grind it and distribute it during the dry season.

Christian scouting in Haiti

Twenty thousand primary school children in Haiti are receiving training in Christian living through Caravane Nazarenne, a religious scouting program operated by the Nazarene church. With the help of World Vision donors, Caravane program leaders have designed a curriculum to help the children develop in four areas: socially, spiritually, mentally and physically. Lesson plans developed for the first two years of the program have proven successful. Plans for the remaining three years are being developed and will be completed by the fall of 1983.

Cholera epidemic

World Vision assisted some 300,000 families in 30 Tanzania villages who contracted cholera last December after drinking contaminated river water. Twenty-eight of the victims admitted to the Mvumi hospital were World Vision-sponsored children. A quarantine resulting from the epidemic also led to a serious food shortage. Working with the Anglican Church,

World Vision provided medicine and daily meals to the cholera victims, and provided clean water for 30 villages by digging wells in strategic locations.

Slum fire in Kenya

A fire in the Mathare Valley slum settlement in Nairobi, Kenya left 476 families homeless last December. In an effort to prevent a recurrence of this tragedy, World Vision and local churches arranged with the Kenyan government to provide land for the relocation of 300 families. Working with the Redeemed Gospel Church, World Vision provided iron roofing materials for new homes and income-generating loans to strengthen small businesses. Evangelism is a major emphasis of the project, with a goal of establishing two new churches in the area.

A redeemed future

Samuel Kimani used to think he was a man without a future. Living in Kabati, a village in the Murang'a district of Kenya, he was one of some 26,000 landless residents existing in abject poverty. Today Samuel and his family feel good about their future. With the help of a small business loan from World Vision (working with the African Independent Pentecostal Church), Samuel began a shoe repair

shop. As a result, the health of his family has improved because they can now afford such essentials as soap and salt. Other families in the community have also benefited from the World Vision project through education, vocational training, agricultural assistance and medical help.

Lebanon aid continues

World Vision is continuing to work in Lebanon with the Beirut-based



Ruins in Al Khiam Village in Lebanon, where World Vision is assisting in reconstruction

Contact and Resource Center to rebuild and rehabilitate the war-torn country. Three villages currently are receiving help through the construction or restoration of over 100 homes, stores, churches, schools and institutions for the handicapped. Individual family requests for emergency relief are also being met.

Students sponsor children

Conservative Baptist Seminary students in Denver are pooling loose change to sponsor needy children through World Vision. Eight children are sponsored by the entire student body, 14 more by individual students. The children, living in Brazil, Haiti, the Philippines and South Africa, correspond with their sponsors. Student missions representative Sharon Winslow reports: "We wanted a tangible means to collectively share love with others. World Vision provides us with that opportunity."



Samuel Kimani at work mending shoes

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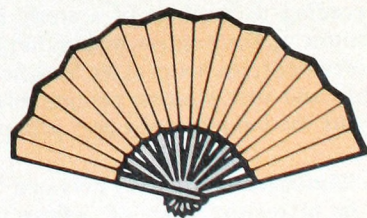
- **famine-stricken Africans** who find themselves with no way to produce or obtain food.
- **relief workers** bringing food and emergency supplies to starving and malnourished people in Ethiopia.
- **Paul Landrey** and other World Vision team members preparing to work closely with other evangelical leaders in developing holistic ministries to the most needy in some American cities.
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Globe at a glance

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Severely malnourished people in the world number 450 million, according to estimates by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, and have food to sustain their bodies only if they do not work or travel by foot. Estimates made by the World Bank and the U.S. government list more than 800 million people throughout the world as being too poor to meet their most basic food, shelter and clothing needs.

Some of the world's most impoverished people will receive U.S. aid this year from the Agency for International Development (AID). In December, Congress passed a measure requiring AID to give 40 percent of its 1983 development budget to projects that benefit people living in "absolute poverty." Bread For the World, a Christian citizens' movement, initiated the provision. Thousands of U.S. citizens helped by phoning their Congressional Representatives.

Thousands of Ethiopians in 11 of the country's 14 provinces continue to suffer from the famine brought on by last year's drought. Depleted food supplies and a shortage of



water have brought on not only hunger and malnutrition but an increase in skin and eye infections resulting from a lack of personal hygiene. Ethiopian government and international relief aid has begun to ease suffering in some of the most severely affected areas, but further assistance is expected to be needed for months to come.

Awaiting food at a distribution center in Ethiopia.

Christianity is flourishing in the Soviet Union, according to Metropolitan Filaret, a Russian Orthodox church leader in the Ukraine. Up to 10,000 people worship where Filaret leads services, and there are 50 to 100 baptisms each week.

Drug abuse among adolescents is less likely to occur if children have strong, positive relationships with their parents, according to findings of a study funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Researcher Judith S. Brook, associate professor of psychiatry at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York, said that positive parent-child relationships can also negate the influence of a peer group that uses drugs.

In Zimbabwe, harmony between blacks and whites seems to be increasing. Years of "whites only" segregation in the country's urban areas has been eliminated, although racism can still be found in some parts of the countryside. While some 32,000 whites have left the country since the advent of black rule three years ago, statistics of recent months indicate a turnaround: in November, more whites moved to Zimbabwe than from it.

Poland continues to be open to the reading and publishing of Scripture, but acute shortages of paper, ink and binding materials prevent much printing of Bibles unless such materials can be provided by outside sources.

The latest U.S. census revealed the extent to which the tradition of the family is changing. The number of people who live in families headed by a man or woman without a spouse has grown from 21.7 million in 1970 to 35 million today. One of every eight children—nearly half of all black youngsters—now live in a single-parent home. Nationwide, 1.9 million households have persons of the opposite sex sharing living quarters outside of marriage.

Drinking problems are a fact of life for one-third of the families in the U.S., according to a recent Gallup Poll. Some 81 percent of the 1566 adults interviewed by telephone consider alcoholism a major national problem. When asked, "Has drinking ever been a cause of trouble in your family?", 33 percent (up from 22 percent the year before) said yes.

Hong Kong may soon be returning "boat people" to Vietnam unless Western nations help resettle the refugees, according to a *Los Angeles Times* report. If projections of overcrowding are borne out, says one Hong Kong official, "involuntary repatriation" may be necessary by the year's end.

America's neediest regions are suffering the brunt of the heaviest cuts in federal assistance, according to a study by the AFL-CIO Public Employees Department and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. Says the report: "Cuts in federal domestic assistance [in 1980 and 1981] . . . have pushed state and local governments—and the people dependent on the services they provide—near the brink of disaster. Further cuts would push them over."

In Jerusalem, the cradle of Christianity and Holy City of Jews and Muslims, the Christian population is down from 20 percent in 1948 to 3 percent today. Only 12,000 of the city's 410,000 residents are listed as Christians, while 295,000 are Jews and 102,000 are Muslims. Political pressure sometimes affects the practice of Christianity. Arab Christians, particularly, are affected because one in every four Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank is classified as a Christian.

Soviet troops in Afghanistan may be turning to religion, reports East/West News Service, because of letters and personal papers found on the bodies of Soviet soldiers. One letter, written by a young Russian soldier to his two sisters, concludes: "with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ." Anti-religious indoctrination of members of the Soviet armed forces is more intense, however, than that of the U.S.S.R.'s civilian population.



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(Philippians 1:5)

For years I have had a deep personal burden for the needs of neglected people within the United States. Members of our World Vision board have heard me express this concern and we have had healthy, sometimes lengthy, discussions about what, if anything, World Vision could and should do in U.S. ministries. Since our past focus and call has largely been on critical *overseas* needs, we wrestled and prayed over the appropriateness of a *domestic* ministry.

Recently we have agreed together enthusiastically that God is in fact leading us into new involvements in U.S. ministries, without in any way diminishing our commitments to the peoples of the less-developed nations of our world.

Our plan is to focus particularly on the hurting people of the inner city in selected areas, with special attention also to the needs of refugees in our country.

Led by Paul Landrey, an energetic team which we call our U.S. Ministry

division has been diligently at work for more than a year clarifying the intended direction of our ministry involvements.

A delightful discovery by our researchers was that throughout the country there is a significant mood of cooperation among many who are already focusing on domestic ministries. For example, urban community leaders are discovering the importance of networking and sharing resources. And a growing number of local churches are discovering new vitality through programs that minister to the total spiritual, physical, social and emotional needs of people. Such churches will be the important link in our ministry to the poor.

We know that at the heart of people's needs is the problem of human sin. We are determined not to allow human sinfulness to trap us into detached condemnation. Neither will we allow ourselves to foster naive and false expectations of utopia "if only the environment can be

improved." We believe that evangelism must be at the very heart of what we bring to the development process. Hearts need to be drawn into loving submission to God at the same time that neglected neighbors are receiving practical manifestations of love.

Geographically where, you may ask, will we focus our attention? Very likely, in some of the most depressed areas of Chicago, such as Humboldt Park, and in certain metropolitan communities of Detroit, northwest Pasadena and Washington, DC. We plan to undertake these ministries carefully, thoughtfully and, we hope, effectively.

I know that many Christians share this same burden for the needy in our country as well as for those in other countries of our world. I have heard this personally from so many as I have traveled throughout the country, especially in recent years. In a sense, including the United States makes our ministry involvement more truly bespeak our *world* vision.

Thank you for the encouragement I have felt in pursuing a more encompassing ministry to the world's neglected people, wherever they may be found.

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