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# Spiritual Dominos

BY RICH STEARNS

**T**he other evening I was watching “America’s Got Talent,” a program that showcases just about every kind of skill you can point a video camera at.

I was struck by a man who called himself the Kinetic King, the world’s greatest creator of chain-reaction gadgets.

Each piece of a Kinetic King contraption plays a small part. Its main job is to set off the next link in the chain. Yet, just like dominos, these pieces together set off a spectacular reaction.

I believe that this is how God works in history. Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ set up just 12 dominos, mentored them, and led them in his way. He empowered them with the Holy Spirit and then sent them off to go and do likewise. Two thousand years later there are more than 2 billion followers of Christ in the world. That’s a lot of dominos!

We see these divine chain reactions often in the Bible. Ruth chose to stay with her mother-in-law, Naomi, after her husband died. Ruth’s loyalty led her to marry Boaz. Their son, Obed, became the grandfather of King David, whose descendant was Jesus.

We see these spiritual dominos at work in church history as well. In the 1880s, Robert Wilder was among the first generation of American missionary kids. Born in Kolhapur, India, he was physically weak and fearful of public speaking. Though he earned entry to Princeton, one historian writes that Robert “broke down after a short term of service.”

Yet, his childhood had prepared Robert to love missions work. During college, he signed a pledge along with friends to become a missionary. While he was too frail to fulfill his pledge, Robert encouraged others to take up the task. *One domino fell.*

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A few years later, Samuel shared the gospel with a man who had become disillusioned with his Taoist practice. Kiel



Pastor Kyung-Chik Han (right) helped Bob Pierce establish World Vision in Korea.

Sun-chu trusted Christ, and quickly *another domino fell.*

Some time after becoming a Christian, Kiel was among the first seven graduates of Pyongyang Presbyterian Seminary.

In 1907, Kiel was one of the leaders of the Pyongyang revival. In January of that year, spontaneous prayer and confession broke out during regular church meetings. *Thousands of dominos fell.* Those days of fervent prayer are now considered the birth of an independent, self-sustaining Korean church.

When Kiel died in 1935, 5,000 people attended his funeral. He had preached the gospel throughout the country and had done more than any other person to make

Christianity a Korean faith through his social work and efforts toward Korean independence. One of his dominos, Pastor Kyung-Chik Han, was closely involved in World Vision’s beginnings in Korea.

The church in Korea now numbers about 15 million, and it sends more foreign missionaries than any other country outside the United States. *Millions of dominos continue to fall.*

As Christians, we are all dominos in the chain reaction set off by Jesus 2,000 years ago. The amazing thing about dominos falling is that the chain reaction always starts small—with just one, seemingly insignificant domino.

Whether you are sponsoring children, filling backpacks for children in inner-city schools, talking to your own children, or praying earnestly for the people and issues you read about in this magazine, you have no idea what how big the impact will be as God multiplies your faithfulness. ●



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# FRONTLINES

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## MEASURES

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*"My words  
my mouth  
me empty,  
what I desire  
purpose for"*

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# FRONTLINES

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## DESPERATE MEASURES

**Nesifo is starving.** Sometimes she cries. Sometimes the 1-year-old simply nestles her head against her mother's breast, seeking the little comfort she can. Though her condition is extreme, her story is common. After her family's livestock died, her mother carried her across miles of parched Somali landscape in a bid to find food. They are among millions suffering from hunger in the Horn of Africa, which is experiencing the worst drought in 60 years. World Vision

relief operations, which began in late 2010, include emergency feeding of children and delivery of food aid, medicine, and millions of liters of water for people and animals. The operations span Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Tanzania and are reaching more than 750,000 people. It is a monumental undertaking, but the plight of Nesifo and millions like her demands nothing less. **To help World Vision save lives in the Horn of Africa, see the attached coupon.** ●

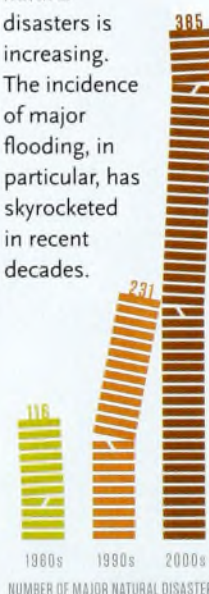


# WORLD WATCH



## DECADES OF DISASTER

It's not all in your head: The number of economically damaging natural disasters is increasing. The incidence of major flooding, in particular, has skyrocketed in recent decades.



SOURCE: CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF DISASTERS, JANUARY 2010.



ANNIE LOW/World Vision

## CHINA | FLOODS FOLLOW DROUGHT

Devastating flooding in Jiangxi Province in July destroyed crops and disrupted the critical rice harvest. World Vision distributed 635 metric tons of rice to benefit more than 42,000 people and supplied 112 metric tons of fertilizer to assist with agricultural recovery. The flooding followed the worst drought in 60 years. Many benefiting from the distributions had already faced food shortages for six months.

## KENYA | SLUM FIRE

A petrol explosion and resulting firestorm swept through hundreds of tin, scrap-wood, and cardboard shanties in Sinai, one of Nairobi's notorious people-packed slums. More than 100 people died in the September accident, and as many were sent to hospitals for burn treatment. Survivors, having lost loved ones, homes, and their few precious belongings, fled to Tom Mboya temporary

camp, where World Vision supplied aid and materials including bedding and kitchen items.

## MEKONG DELTA | MORE THAN SEX

Although human trafficking is strongly associated with the sex trade, a report released by World Vision shows that only one in 10 trafficking victims around the world ends up in prostitution. The report—"10 Things You Need to Know About Labor Trafficking in



KIT SHANGLANG/World Vision

the Greater Mekong Sub-Region"—reveals that most of those trafficked worldwide end up in industries such as fishing, food processing, and domestic service. The report recommends several initiatives in the Mekong Delta, including vocational training and immigration advice.

## HAITI | SANITATION SCARE

Torrential rains this summer flooded camps where more than 600,000 people





JON WARREN/WORLD VISION

continue to live after the massive earthquake that struck Port-au-Prince in January 2010. World Vision moved quickly to restore adequate sanitation in several camps by installing more mobile latrines and repairing and sanitizing existing latrines. The organization also increased supplies of clean water. The actions were prompted by concern that a lack of clean water and sanitation in the wake of the floods would lead to further outbreaks of cholera.

#### PAKISTAN | CRISIS CONTINUES

More than a year after Pakistan suffered its worst flooding in modern history,

World Vision is calling for relief efforts to continue for at least another year. Last year's floods affected more than 20 million people, destroyed millions of acres of crops, and sent child malnutrition rates soaring. To date, World Vision has reached about 1.5 million people with food aid, clean drinking water, hygiene kits, blankets, and shelter.

#### JAPAN | SCHOOL MEALS

World Vision began providing hot school lunches to children in Minamisanriku in June. The



WORLD VISION STAFF

town's school lunch facility was destroyed by the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck earlier this year. To date, World Vision has helped more than 80,000 people following the quake with basic necessities and meals, as well as school supplies and emotional support for affected children. Generous donors have given more than \$57 million to fund the response.

#### INDIA | FLOODS HURT

Severe flooding in July breached embankments, submerged roads and houses, and adversely affected more than 300 villages in Assam. World Vision shipped prepositioned emergency supplies from its warehouse in Guwahati to assist more than 4,000 families affected by the flooding. ●



INDIA

#### WORST FOR WOMEN

Countries where women and girls face the highest risk of rape, child marriage, genital mutilation, stoning, "honor" killings, female infanticide, and/or trafficking.

- 1 / AFGHANISTAN
- 2 / D.R. CONGO
- 3 / PAKISTAN
- 4 / INDIA
- 5 / SOMALIA



World Vision is working in each of these countries to alleviate poverty and protect women.

SOURCE: THOMSON REUTERS FOUNDATION, JUNE 2011

KIT SHANGQUANG/WORLD VISION





Don with Beauty, 4, a Zambian girl born with disabled feet.

# REINVENTING THE WHEELCHAIR

*A groundbreaking innovation brings mobility to thousands.*

After working for years designing medical equipment, Don Schoendorfer was dissatisfied. The engineer from Irvine, Calif., would labor to come up with something better than his competitors, only to watch them turn around and produce something that topped his product. He felt as if he were on a meaningless treadmill—simply trying to make one company more profitable than another.

But then Don learned that an estimated 100 million people in the world are forced to crawl in the dirt for lack of a wheelchair. And

he wondered if this might be his chance to make better use of his talents. "One of the images that I brought back from vacation in Morocco," he says, "was this woman lying on the ground crawling—using fingernails for traction, clothes ragged and knees bleeding."

Don discovered that the cost of a traditional wheelchair is beyond the means of many in the developing world. Also, those chairs are often unsuitable. So he founded the nonprofit Free Wheelchair Mission to provide robust, low-cost wheelchairs using parts readily available in the developing world, such as bicycle tires.

Don's first design worked well but could not be adjusted for children. He developed a new model in collaboration with Dr. Susan Shore, a professor of physical therapy, and Motivation, an organization helping disabled people achieve mobility. This fully adjustable chair costs about \$70—a fraction of the cost of regular wheelchairs. That savings is possible, in part, because the chair does not need to collapse; intended beneficiaries seldom stow their wheelchairs in vehicles. So the chair is cheaper, stronger, and less prone to failure.

This year, World Vision began distributing about 6,000 chairs for free in Africa and Central America. Don says the partnership with World Vision is a good one because of the organization's long-term commitment to the communities it serves. It means there are trained World Vision staff nearby to properly adjust and maintain the chairs.

For Don, it was an emotional experience attending the first distributions in Zambia, where many children suffer from cerebral palsy or polio—conditions that can often be prevented with better medical care. Most had to be physically carried off buses to attend the distributions. As they sat in their new wheelchairs, Don says, you could almost see the burden lifted from the shoulders of watching family members. For most beneficiaries, it was the first time in their lives that they had been able to move independently. ●



## MOVING PICTURE

Take a look at a Nancy Conant painting, and you might find it surprising—given the skillful execution—that she only took up art seriously about three years ago. Moreover, she developed her talent while suffering the effects of multiple sclerosis, a disease that has at times put her in a wheelchair and regularly causes bouts of chronic fatigue.

MS forced Nancy, 48, of Grand Prairie, Texas, to give up her job as financial controller of an advertising agency. But she wasn't about to give up on life. She began painting to satisfy a lifelong ambition to become an artist.

A short while later, Nancy happened to join a study group reading *The Hole in Our Gospel*, written by World Vision U.S. President Rich Stearns.

At first, she was overwhelmed by the book's challenge to Christians to address the plight of the poor—particularly when Rich outlined statistics highlighting world poverty. But Nancy came to the conclusion that everyone is responsible for doing what he or she can. That helped lessen her feelings "of absolute futility" in the face of such tremendous need.

Given the state of Nancy's health, her ability to respond might seem limited. Nancy, however, was inspired by the cover of the Summer 2009 *World Vision* magazine, featuring 8-year-old Ekidor—a Kenyan girl who struggles every day to get enough



MEL-CHUN JAUIGNEVS PHOTOS

food to eat. "I could not get that beautiful little face out of my mind," Nancy says.

Like any good artist, she paints the subjects she loves. Nancy titled the work "Haunted by Hunger," the same headline used on the magazine cover, and is auctioning the work online to raise money for World Vision. "Up until now," Nancy says, "my part has been sponsoring children. But I had an epiphany and realized that, as an artist, I can do more." ●

**TO MAKE A BID** for "Haunted by Hunger," visit [www.wvmag.org/painting](http://www.wvmag.org/painting).

## WHY I LOVE BEING A CHILD SPONSOR

CINDY KYSER, AUSTIN, ARK.

Through child sponsorship, I have been connected with families in Southern Africa for several years. Last summer, I visited my sponsored children in Zimbabwe, Swaziland, and Lesotho. This journey was a leap of faith—traveling alone more than 8,000 miles from home, with the conviction that meeting in person was important. When I arrived at a school in Zimbabwe, I saw more than 700 children outside. Two small girls came running toward me with big smiles, shouting, "Look, it's Cindy Kyser!" At that moment, I knew that sponsorship was more than exchanging letters and pictures. It creates unique bonds between people based on love. Everyone I visited shared a meal with me, and one village presented me with a live



COURTESY CINDY KYSER

chicken as a gesture of friendship. I returned home with a stronger belief in the global neighborhood, and I am forever changed by the experience. ●

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# GOATS GET RESPECT

*A Chicago Cubs fan makes amends for a historical snub.*



SCOTT STMAZZANTE/GENESIS PHOTOS

**M**any people remember the infamous day in 1945 when William Sianis brought his pet goat to Wrigley Field to watch the Cubs face the Detroit Tigers in the World Series.

Although William had box-seat tickets for himself and the goat, the pair was refused admission on the grounds that the goat was smelly. A disgruntled William stood outside the stadium, shouting that the Cubs would never win again—an incident that became known as the Curse of the Billy Goat.

Indeed, the Cubs lost against the Tigers and have not won a World Series in 103 years—one of the most notorious losing streaks in American sporting history.

Rather than despair over this sorry tale, Jeremy Freeman, an Internet marketing entrepreneur of Chicago, Ill., started the “Reverse the Curse” campaign. The campaign, which launched in April, is designed to supply goats to impoverished families in the developing world and promote a higher regard for the animals.

Jeremy set up a website that explains just how transformative it can be to rear goats. They provide nutritious milk and cheese and an alternative source of income through selling surplus goats or goat products. Visitors to the website are invited to

donate money to supply a goat to a family in need through World Vision.

Jeremy has also established a presence on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, and his campaign has gained scores of enthusiastic supporters and raised more than \$3,600.

Jeremy laughs when conceding that the curse is not yet reversed: The Cubs are still seeking a World Series title. “But I don’t think the campaign can hurt,” he says.

“Doing good is always a positive thing.” ●

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,**  
visit [www.wvmag.org/goats](http://www.wvmag.org/goats).



## THE STORY ON TOUR



**First came** Zondervan's book *The Story*, which reads like a novel and condenses the great events and characters of the Bible into 31 compelling and accessible chapters. Next came "The Story" double album, relating the biblical story in 18 inspirational new songs written by Dove Award-winners Nichole Nordeman and Bernie Herms. Now World Vision is pleased to partner with "The Story

Tour"—a stunning multimedia experience featuring top Christian artists, including Steven Curtis Chapman, Newsboys, and Natalie Grant with dynamic speakers Max Lucado and Randy Frazee. Experience "The Story Tour" at a city near you this Christmas. ●

**FOR CONCERT DETAILS**, visit [www.thestorycd.com](http://www.thestorycd.com).

## TOP FUNDRAISER



**This year, 18-year-old Carter Ullman** raised a whopping \$30,000 for the World Vision 30 Hour Famine—the fundraiser where young people fast for 30 hours to identify with the hungry.

It's the biggest amount ever raised by a single individual in the event's 20-year history. But the self-effacing teen, of Lake Wales, Fla., does not have a clear idea of why his fundraising was so successful. "I really did not set out to raise that much," Carter says.

Carter did get one big donation of about \$5,000, and a lot of people gave \$360—approximately enough to feed a hungry child for a

year. But most other donations were far more modest. Altogether, Carter approached around 50 people to sponsor his famine attempt—mostly friends, family, and members of his church.

One fundraising technique that Carter believes did help was keeping a record of generous donors from his past World Vision famine experiences. This year, he approached the same donors and discovered they were just as willing to give.

Nevertheless, Carter says raising a big sum of money was only a small part of the appeal of the experience. A more important part was going without food for 30 hours. "It's a way we can put ourselves in the shoes of hungry children," he says, "and learn about what they have to go through firsthand." ●

## CHANGE AGENT

**NAME** Scott Utesch

**HOME** Weddington, N.C.

**OCCUPATION** Pastor

**PROGRAM** Gift Catalog

**THE BUZZ** After reading *The Hole in Our Gospel* by World Vision U.S. President Rich Stearns, Scott was moved by the needs of the vulnerable in the world. As Scott pondered his response, the Lord kept bringing his BMW motorcycle to mind. He realized that his heart and checkbook were often more engaged in finding accessories for the bike than in meeting the needs of the poor. He sat down with his three children and announced that he planned to sell his bike on eBay to fund a well through World Vision's Gift Catalog. Afterward, Scott had enough money left over to give each of his children \$250 to buy chickens, goats, a donkey, and some sheep from the catalog for impoverished families. ●



**“As a dad, it meant a lot to be able to model something different for my kids than just consuming stuff.”**

—SCOTT UTESCH

**FIND A GREAT GIFT** in World Vision's Gift Catalog. See the insert between pages 16 and 17.










# MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE



BY RYAN SMITH AND  
DIANE J. MCDOUGALL

PHOTOS BY JON WARREN

THE WORLD'S POOR CAN SEEM FACELESS and faraway, lost in confounding numbers and dry facts. The chronic nature of their suffering, the geographic reach of it, can leave us feeling helpless. But God has named the poor and brought them close. They are our neighbors with a universal ZIP code, and he asks us to love them as we love ourselves.

We start, as always, with prayer. For those geographically distant, our thoughtful prayers can bring them closer—to ourselves, and to God. In the next few pages—indeed in every issue—consider praying through the photographs. Take a first glance at the people and circumstances, noting emotions and relationships. Then, look deeper, asking questions, letting your heart be touched and your prayers be amplified.

Take heart: With God's grace, no loving step you take is too small to make a lasting and limitless impact.

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**21 | FOSTER COMPASSION IN YOUR FAMILY.**  
Take some tips from a Texas couple who are teaching their children to care for others.

**24 | DISCOVER THAT GIFTS CAN MULTIPLY—**  
literally and figuratively—through the story of a pig that changed the future for an entire Bolivian family.









## D.R. CONGO

**i** Mothers, each with a record of her child's medical history, gather to weigh their young children as part of a community health program in Lume, Democratic Republic of Congo. Low weight is one of the first signs of malnutrition. Hunger is an ongoing challenge in communities disrupted by violence—such as Lume, which for years has been under attack from the Lord's Resistance Army. According to the World Health Organization, 31 percent of children under age 5 in the DRC are underweight.



### AT FIRST GLANCE

Consider each person in the photo. The mothers might be anxious that their babies' weights will be low, signaling that they are not healthy. What might the community health worker (in the green shirt) or small boy (at lower left) be feeling?

The babies' clean sock booties and the medical history cards seem to indicate diligent attention to health, despite a precarious community life. What more do these young children need to thrive in Lume?



### LOOK DEEPER

This event is taking place outside, rather than in an indoor clinic. Pray for adequate shelter for the families and protection from violence.

Do you remember the emotions of taking your children to the doctor? How might you pray for these women?



## THAILAND



Som Muangprom, 14, and her brother, Boy, 10, survey the polluted Khlong Prem Canal that flows sluggishly alongside their home in Bangkok, Thailand. Its waters—once crystal clear and teeming with fish—are an oily black, filled with both industrial and human waste. Each month, a group of young people and World Vision staff travel by motorboat down this smelly waterway to broadcast anti-pollution messages to those living and working on its banks. Som, sponsored by a couple in Canada, is often the voice behind the microphone. World Vision is also pioneering several projects with Som's family to organically filter the water.



### AT FIRST GLANCE

Look at the juxtaposition of the healthy children and the polluted canal. Pray that the trash and waste in the canal do not cause health problems for Som and Boy—and everyone else in the community.

Notice the buildings packed one after another alongside the canal. With such density, where would children play?



### LOOK DEEPER

With businesses contributing to the pollution, the problem seems too large for local residents to solve, let alone young people. Pray for the resources that Som and Boy need to change their community.

What problems in your community need to be addressed? Pray for boldness to speak out and seek a solution.

