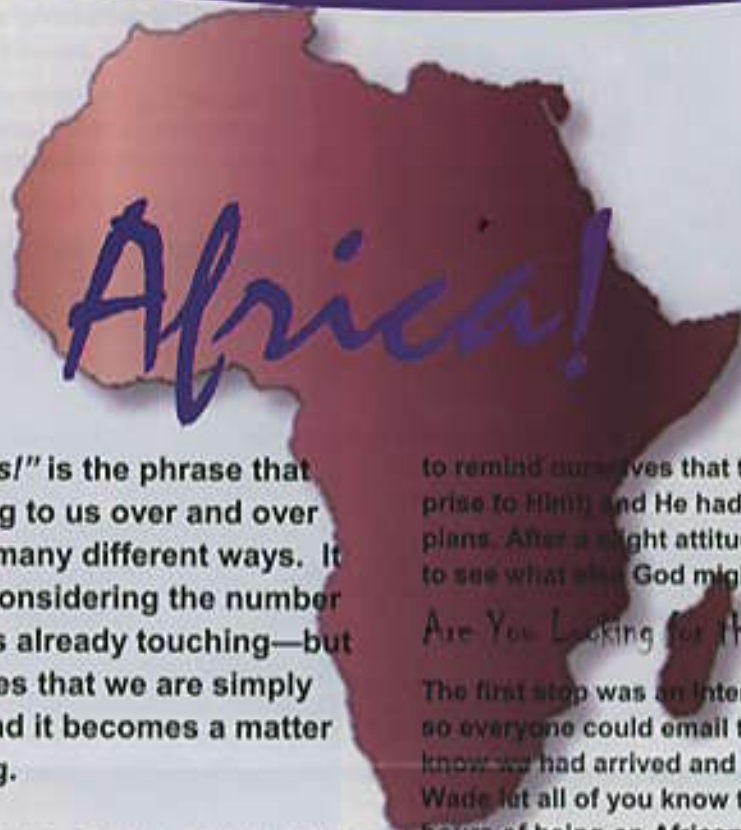


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LIVING WATER MINISTRIES INT'L



"More countries, not less!" is the phrase that God has been whispering to us over and over and confirming to us in many different ways. It seems a daunting task considering the number of countries that LWMI is already touching—but then the realization comes that we are simply following instructions and it becomes a matter of listening, not worrying.

Africa! It conjures thoughts of tribal people with spears dancing around a fire chanting voodoo curses. Tarzan. Cheetah. Jane?

Actually we saw Africa like God sees Africa—people. Just like every other country—hurting, hungry people—in many cases, sheep without a shepherd.

From the moment our team landed in South Africa, God was at work to will and do His good pleasure—even when it seemed as though our circumstances said otherwise. After spending the night in South Africa, we were to make a connecting flight to Kenya to begin the first of a series of meetings. Through no fault of the team, we were not able to make the flight. After some deliberation, it was decided that Charles Johnson and Sidney Smith should spend the extra money and purchase new tickets—because that night believers would be gathering expecting to be taught the Word of God.

Of course God sees the end from the beginning (we have

to remind ourselves that these things are no surprise to Him) and He had already made alternate plans. After a slight attitude adjustment we set off to see what else God might have designed for us.

Are You Looking for the One? Luke 19:10

The first stop was an internet café (where else?) so everyone could email their families to let them know we had arrived and all was well. While Wade let all of you know the scoop from our ten hours of being on African soil, Linda thought she was going to browse in the other small shops but



instead she encountered a hurting woman that needed a touch from the Savior she was about to meet. After tears and prayer, Linda returned to the internet café to find that Wade and the other team members "happened" to have met a local

HO! Everyone that thirsts...COME!





Can You Find Wade?

pastor who joyfully met the new believer and invited her to his church (which was just around the corner!). That was just a taste of what God had in store at every turn.

In Nairobi, Kenya; Tororo, Uganda; and Johannesburg, South Africa—pastors, leaders, women and youth conferences were held during the day along with nightly crusades. *Although there were no official counts taken, many needs were met*—including many people receiving Jesus as savior, healer and baptizer. In fact, Wade had an opportunity to minister to a young man that served him tea early one morning while in Uganda. When Wade asked his name the young man responded by saying that his name was Amad but that he wanted to change it to Peter because he was very interested in becoming a Christian, but had no one to instruct him. **Wow! What a door.** Wade shared with him for some time but then Peter had to return to work, so Wade paid his taxi fare to the crusade where Peter met Jesus and received a Bible in his native language. Each night after that Peter attended the crusade and he is now attending a local church.

God had many wonderful surprises in store for us, such as meeting Martin O. We were greatly honored to meet this great African man of God with such a heart for the persecuted church. His apostolic ministry is situated near the Sudan border where Christians' lives are



constantly in danger. In fact, one of the pastors in his team recently had his church building and land confiscated because of Sudanese raids in their area. We are planning and anticipating working with people who have a heart to see Jesus lifted up in a difficult place.

We thank God for the vision of our entire team—Charles and Sandra Johnson, Charles Lackey, Sidney Smith and Ben Van-Deman for the outstanding ministry and fun!



BIBLE SCHOOLS

One part of the vision of Living Water Ministries International is to be a clearing house for food, water wells, Bibles, medicine, and anything else that God would choose to dispatch through us—and He is doing just that. He has already used us to place such things as portable sound systems, bicycles, Jesus Films, generators, projectors, sewing machines, new and refurbished Buck knives and utility tools, an automobile, Bibles, literature, video projectors and an assortment of other interesting items.

Now we are excited to say that God is using us to get the ISOM Bible Schools into the hands of capable missionaries.

Two Bible schools have already been placed in Mexican and Ecuadorian congregations, with six more that need good homes. Many thanks to **World Harvest Church of Ball Ground, Georgia** for supplying the video Bible schools.

SEWING MACHINES

Many thanks to Dave Swartz and Pastor Doris Swartz of Dayton Community Christian Center/International Ministers Forum for funding 10 sewing machines for women in Mexico that are being born again and learning new forms of employment. They were sent to Ray and Judy Thompson of Cornerstone Ministries.

Safe or Secure?

Our good friends Chris and Becky Ranalli are missionaries to Ecuador. Their children are being called to "go into ALL the world." Here is Becky's response to the many questions that have been asked of them concerning the wisdom of giving their blessings to their oldest daughter Jessica when she expressed the desire to go to a "dangerous" place. Her frank and open wisdom expresses the world view that many of us have developed; Becky put it in a very thoughtful and eloquent way that deserves some "air time".

"In March my oldest daughter, Jessica, traveled to Israel to serve for several months with Joseph's Storehouse. With all of the turmoil that has been taking place there many have asked me the obvious questions... "Aren't you afraid? It's not safe over there! How can you let your daughter go over there?"

This is not the first time that my sanity and wisdom have been questioned. When we moved our family to Ecuador we faced the same type of questions... "How can you take your children to a third world country? It's not safe! Aren't you afraid?"



If Columbine and September 11th haven't shown us that there is nowhere that is "safe" I don't know what will! There is nowhere that is safe! Oh yes, I know that there is nowhere safer than to be in the center of God's will, but look where that got all of the disciples! No, there is no where that is "safe" (free from danger). But should we be desiring safety? "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it." (Matt. 16:24-25) No, I don't believe that serving Christ is a very "safe" thing to do, but it is **SECURE**. **Living a life devoted to the Kingdom of God is not safe (free from danger), but it is secure (sure and certain of our future).**

I am reminded of something that C.S. Lewis said in his book, "The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe." Mrs. Beaver is explaining to the children that they will meet Aslan the Lion. Lucy asks the question, "Is he-quite safe?" "Safe?" said Mr. Beaver. "Don't you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he is good. He's the King, I tell you." So, to those who would ask me, "Is it safe?" I would answer, "Safe? Who said anything about safe? Of course it isn't safe! But He is good! He is the King, I tell you!"

No, serving Christ is not safe, but neither is there safety in serving yourself. But, He is good and in Him we are secure. Our destiny is secure. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: 'For your sake we face death all day long, we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered' NO, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loves us. For I am **convinced** that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:35-39)

This is not the time to be fearing for our own safety. This is our opportunity to show the world that we have an eternal hope. That we truly believe "O death where is your sting, O grave where is your victory!" This is the time to release ourselves and our children to the world of His Kingdom without fear knowing that our lives, our destinies are secure in Him!

Today, more then anytime in history we are all going to be facing the defining question, "Will you choose "safety" or "security?" They are rapidly becoming mutually exclusive..."



Thank you!



Many thanks to *Dave and Linda Zarro of World Missions Videos (www.WorldMissionVideos.org)* for their work and labor in producing our mission video. They did an outstanding job of condensing what we do into an eleven-minute tape—complete with cool special effects! In giving their time, talent and expertise, it has helped to fulfill a vision that Wade has had for several years—to create a short, high-quality video that tells what we do in a professional manner. They also create interactive CDs that can be used by churches or businesses. *Check out their website!* If you have DSL you can view the LWMI video by logging onto their site, clicking on Videography and then to Living Water Ministries Int'l. *Thanks Dave and Linda!*

Bicycles in India

Seven bicycles! More important, seven young evangelists and pastors in India have a faster, safer way to get around the streets and paths of India.

For several months we have been telling folks that there is a need for transportation in many third world countries. Well, we decided to ask the Lord to use us to get bicycles onto the field. (Why not?) Thus far we have placed seven bicycles in India!

Pictured are five out of the seven that were purchased.

If you would be interested in placing a bicycle, motorcycle or any other

item presented on the project list, please contact us.

Thank you for caring!



Sanjeev and Jagin using the 2 new bikes to contact hard-to-reach villages



Arrows indicate where LWMI is working



Chintu ready to evangelize on his new bike



Prakash is an evangelist working in the state of Orissa



Pastor Synoose and his new bike

Would you like to help a pastor or evangelist?

\$2.00 buys one New Testament for a new believer. Bibles are needed in every country - believers are being added faster than Bibles can be provided in some cases.

\$50 per month sponsors a pastor full-time in the ministry in a third world country

\$75 buys a bicycle

\$650 buys a scooter or motor bike

\$1,800 will place a tent for a congregation in Africa

\$3,500.00 will furnish the Jesus film, projector and generator to reach tens of thousands a year with the message of the Gospel

\$3500-5,000 builds a church. (There are over 130 churches planted through TSM and Heal Beam in India that still need a physical building)

\$5,000-\$8,000 furnishes a church with a van or SUV to reach remote areas and take teams to reach the outlying areas. It is our desire to place as many tools as possible into the hands of the national pastors and missionaries.

If you are interested in any of the projects listed above or giving into LWMI's general fund, please contact us via the information listed on the last page of this communication.

1 Sam 30:24 "...those who go to battle and those that guard the equipment share the same reward."

Upcoming Spring Campaign in India

Each year Wade and Linda venture into North India, bringing with them the Gospel and *other people*—believing that the best way for a person to have vision planted is for that person to GO. Hoping never to go alone, but to always bring others, they have had a team in tow each trip. And each trip seems to be longer and more intensive (God has proved Himself over and over to be a God of increase!). The trip planned for February and March is no exception. The team is shaping up to consist of several veteran Indian missionaries (Ben and Martha Myers along with Martin Fessler) accompanied by some first timers. Besides new team members from the states, Martin Fessler, a long-time missionary to Mexico, has recruited Mexican pastors as well! **This year's campaign will consist of reaching out to three distinct areas of Northern India with a budget of \$19,000.00!** With pastoral/leadership seminars during the day and open meetings at night the plan is to reach more people in more places! One very exciting thing that will be accomplished is the planning of an open-air crusade in the local soccer stadium of a university town that we visited last year. The expectation is high for this event which will actually occur in the spring of 2004, with an anticipated attendance in the thousands.

Norway/Germany/US Team Up (see related lwmi/ibc story below)

On the northeastern coast of Germany is the state of Mecklenburg, the first state to be declared "Jew-free" by Adolph Hitler during his evil dictatorship... This October Wade and a Norwegian evangelist, Steinar Eikeland of Oslo Christian Center, traveled to Mecklenburg and met with twelve North German pastors to pray and plan strategies by which our team will evangelize the villages of a land that was under Communist dictator-

million people live in this with only one tenth of region one of the least strategy entails building USA, Norway and Gerpei through drama, Northeastern Germany in venture include German nationals, as well as North American, South African and Finnish missionaries who have answered a call to Northern Germany.

Neo-Nazi influence is once again trying to rear its ugly head in this beautiful but spiritually dry part of the world. Through concentrated prayer and intercession many strongholds have already been broken. The Church is taking a positive role in the healing and reconciliation of the Jewish community.



ship until 1989. Approximately two region located near the Polish border, 1% evangelical Christians, making this evangelized areas in Europe. Our an outreach team with members from many that will boldly declare the Gosmusic and preaching on the streets of June of 2003. Our pastor/partners in this

Islam is also attempting to establish a position of strong influence in Europe. In fact before this trip God had given Wade a dream regarding this very thing. He dreamt of a very large skyscraper being built in the middle of a forest. A Muslim cleric approached him and said "Look at what we are building." Wade's reply: "This will never work!" While in Rostock, Germany one of the pastors related to Wade that *the Muslims have just announced that they plan to build an international training center in the middle of a heavily wooded, sparsely populated area of Mecklenburg. "This will never work!"*

Jesus Film Update



In UP, India, alone over 7,000 people have viewed the JF via the equipment placed by LWMI with

people that gave their lives to Jesus as a result of the film.

When we reached there everyone in the village seemed uninterested as there was a wedding in a nearby village. However as we got the equipment out and went out with our contact there inviting people to the film many people

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decided that they would not attend the wedding but see the Jesus film instead. That was the 1st breakthrough! When the evening came we put the makeshift screen on a wall in an open place. However when the film actually started the Lord also began to do His work! Many people that were dressed up for the wedding with all the good clothes all sat down and did not go to the wedding!

We were thinking that there would be a few people there to view the film but as the film progressed the entire grounds filled up and people even sat down on the road and filled the roof tops around. By the time the 1st reel was

This is a letter from our pastor/apostle friend Mohit in Uttar Pradesh, India.

"Greetings to you'll in Jesus Name. Thanks for all the prayers that you'll have made for us. The Lord has really proved that He is a prayer-answering God.

We are seeing constant growth in the work here by His grace. Also the Lord is enlarging the Jesus Film Project. It was so wonderful to see the way the Lord has added so many into His Kingdom as a result of viewing the film.

It was wonderful outreach that we had and now we are just about to start a church in Mehramgarhi Village for the

International Bible College and Living Water Ministries Int'l Team

Partnership can be a risky business. There has to be trust, confidence and cooperation among all parties involved. But partnership also has the potential to accomplish more than one could do alone. *The sum of the whole is greater than the sum of the parts (individuals) or all of us are smarter than any of us!*

LWMI has teamed up with IBC of San Antonio to produce some outstanding opportunities for you to hit the mission field. If you are interested in sharing the Gospel this summer in an innovative way—whether or not you envision yourself standing behind the pulpit—cast your eyes over the last page of this newsletter, visit our website or even better, contact us and we will send you a brochure that will answer many of the questions you might have.

over there was a whopping crowd of 1000+ people there! Praise the Lord! We have done few shows in the past month and in the past one month more than 2,000 people have seen the film and as a result we are just starting two new churches!"

We thank God for innovative ideas and tools to use in preaching the Gospel!

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Wade Teaching Pastors/Leaders in Uganda

Next Please! (you can also keep up with us via the itinery on the website)

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- November 9-16 Brownville Assembly, Pensacola, Florida with Pastors Steve and Melissa Caddell
- December 1 Church of the Living Water, Pastor Bryan Morrison, Deer Park, Texas
- December 4 Freedom Christian Center, Pastors Jeff and Debbie Cambre, Walker, Louisiana
- December 9-18 Wade and Linda will celebrate 30 years of marriage in Hawaii

2003

- January 5 Christian Center, Robert Reneux, Shreveport, Louisiana
- January 12 Life Family Church, Pastor Odell Allen, San Antonio, Texas
- January 19 New Covenant Church, Pastors Robert & Cindy Pena, San Antonio, Texas
- January 19-23 Healing Missions Conference, San Antonio, Texas
- February 2 Living Faith Outreach, Pastors John and Jana Gilligan, Dickenson
- *March 23-31 Mexico Church Planting/Construction
- *February 1 - March 10 India WorldVenture
- *April 10 - 12 LWMI / IBC Mission Leadership Academy
- *June 12 - 24 IBC/LWMI WorldVenture Ecuador, South American Outreach
- *June 12 - 24 Guatemala - Central American Outreach
- *June 12 - 24 or June 12 - July 12 Europe/Germany Outreach
- *This is a team trip—for more info please visit our website or contact our office