

How Much Does the Harvest Cost?

China



Linda with Chinese believers (women of the Lipo minority tribe) dressed up for the conference in their beautiful, handmade native costume

Imagine leaving your hotel at 4:30 a.m. to assure arrival at the safehouse before dawn—if the neighbors see you arrive you could be endangering the believers. Think of yourself standing before a group of evangelists and pastors that are risking their lives to bring others the Good News of Jesus Christ when the dog outside begins to bark in that adamant voice that tells everyone “something is not right!” Can you see the face of each of the national participants tell the story of what is in their heart? Fear is something that they battle each and every day. *Imagine Wade having to preach in quiet voice!*



Living Water Ministries International is a faith ministry; every dollar that comes in for projects or for our salary is given by God through the Body of Christ.

How awesome and humbling for us as we give our best for these believers who are giving their best. Even though we were forced to end the conference a day early because the neighbors (who regularly entertain the police in their home) began to ask questions regarding the goings-on in the safehouse, we know that we did all that God had asked us to do. Ending early was no surprise to God! He knew that the little elderly lady



in the bamboo coolie hat would be watching from the bushes each day as we left.

Pray for your brothers and sisters in China. It is still a Communist country and it is still against the law for them to worship God freely.

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India

Immediately upon leaving China, Wade and Linda flew to India; not only to preach and teach the Word of God, but also to spend some time planning for the upcoming crusade and conference (see page 4).

We met with some of the most powerful and influential people in the city of Ranchi. Pastors as well as city and state leaders are anxious to see the name of Jesus Christ lifted up in their community. It is also a city full of university students and professors who are open and eager to hear western English and viewpoints. Thanks to God's supernatural favor, we have many doors of opportunity through which we boldly plan to walk. And because our team consists of believers who are bold in their stand for God, we will take the uncompromised message of redemption through Jesus Christ into each of those settings, expecting God to touch the hearts of the listeners.

Revival that is just for believers is nothing more than spiritual self-gratification.

Ed Silvoso, “Anointed for Business”



Chuck and Wendy, our host apostles in China, have been ministering to minority Chinese for almost ten years. They have a very effective method for reaching and discipling those that have never heard the Gospel. Please pray for them.



Chuck and Wendy also help pastor a church that ministers to the needs of the missionaries in the area. It is legal—no Chinese are allowed to attend. Wade and Linda ministered both Sundays.



Thank God for awesome people like Pastors Walter & Joycelynn and Pastor Mike that are willing to give their lives for the Harvest!



Thanks to faithful partners LWMI was able to put four bikes into the hands of evangelists in China

Underground pastors and leaders came from as far as 27 hours away, hungry to be taught the Word of God. What an awesome task as each day we taught and trained men and women that Chuck and Wendy had been mentoring. Minority people from tribes such as Lipo, Gau, Naxi, Black Yi, and various Tibetan tribes gathered in a safehouse, sat for hours and soaked up teaching. What a privilege to encourage and impart into these precious people, who are at risk of prison and loss of everything for their faith in Jesus Christ.



This believer is a former Buddhist monk. He had become discouraged because he had not found the peace and truth that he longed for in Buddhism. Then Chuck's team came to his village, told him about Jesus Christ and he knew he had found something that would satisfy the longing in his heart.



Teaching and encouraging pastors and evangelists

We will be returning for three weeks February, 2004 and again in October to assist in training these extraordinary disciples, who are being sent back to their own people to evangelize.

While there, we also met Brother Gau, an apostle to the Naxi people. Brother Gau accepted Jesus as a result of one of Chuck and Wendy's first outreaches and has been evangelizing for almost ten years. We are excited to say that beginning in January, LWMI has committed to undergird Brother Gau in finances and prayer.

Chuck has an aggressive plan to train and mentor these minority people in 2004 by sponsoring six schools of ministry. We are honored to be a part of what God is doing in China.



Despite severe persecution, these Chinese minority evangelists and pastors have an exuberance for life. Wade creates a commotion and makes lifelong friends wherever he goes.



What a Team!



The team standing by what is left of the downtown portion of the Berlin Wall

Germany and Poland

What do you get when you take nine Americans, add five Norwegians, plus some Germans, oh and some Africans? You get one awesome team!

This summer people with some preconceived ideas about one another got together. They chose not to believe everything they had heard about their counterparts' culture, but to put their everything into evangelizing people that had never had the chance to hear the Gospel.



Ministering to young people at a public school in Northeastern Germany

Statistics say that only a tiny percentage of the East German population and even less of the Polish population are born-again believers. Realizing that this statistic was a result of a generation of people living under a government that had attempted to erase God from every aspect of life—and therefore none of these people had been given an opportunity to make a decision one way or another, we knew that God was calling us. Calling us to the believers, yes... but

beyond that, He was calling us to go to the streets—to take the message of the Good News of Jesus Christ to the ones that needed to hear. Why is it that we expect people to come to us? God made it very clear that we are to go to them.

The medium of drama gives us a non-intrusive, interesting way of presenting the Gospel. This summer a team of people will be gathering once more to hit the streets of Germany and Poland. If you are interested in affecting the lives of others for eternity, contact us using the information on the last page of this correspondence.



Sharing the Gospel on the streets and in universities in former Communist East Germany and Poland

The medium of street drama provides a non-intrusive, creative and interesting way of presenting the Gospel to people that might not have ever come to Church otherwise...



Gott ist gut! (God is good!) German believers receive ministry



Presenting the Gospel under the German and Polish golden arches



Ministry in a park in Poland. There were several dramatic salvations and healings in this area. This very old stage is now being used to proclaim life rather than the bondage of Communism.

A TIME OF HOPE

In November 2003 we met with many believers and leaders in the city of Ranchi, Jarkhand (Ranchi is the capital of the new state of Jarkhand), eight hours west of Kolkatta (formerly Calcutta). God has given us astonishing favor from the state government officials to pastors in the area for the single greatest outreach that LWMI has ever attempted in India.

God has given us the St James School soccer field where we are believing God for over 10,000 people to attend our "Family Hope and Peace Festival" and conference. God has answered our prayers and assembled a wonderful team from different areas including Pastors Steve and Melissa Caddell and ten members from the Heart of Praise Church; they will be joining our effort to reach the people of Ranchi and Jarkhand. In addition to the miracle and healing crusade and conference, we are hosting up to 700 Christian workers and delegates from many villages and surrounding states of India to come for a five-day leadership, family and youth conference during the day. We will be providing the dormitories, three meals per day and one-way transportation to attend this historic meeting.

Pictured below is the St. James soccer field where the crusade will be held. Our budget for this project is \$15,000. Listed below are the financial milestones not only for the crusade and conference, but the care and transportation of the Indian leaders. Imagine posters all over the town (including almost every rickshaw and wall) advertising help and hope for the families of India. See with me a huge banner behind the platform... Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever...

Psalms 8:2 says.. 'Ask of me and I will give you the nations as an inheritance.' God is waiting for someone to believe him at his Word! It is our firm belief that one day soon India will be known as a Christian nation.



Daniel 11:32 says "Those that know their God shall be strong and do great exploits." With your prayer and financial support we, along with others, can see India won for the Kingdom of God in our generation.

India 2004 Family Hope and Peace Festival Milestones:

- December 15 \$5,000 Deposits for advertisement, dormitories, sound, lighting and stage
- December 27 \$4,000 Airfare for Wade and Linda
- January 5 \$5,000 Platform, food catering, generators, lighting and platform materials, banners, Bibles, and follow up materials
- January 20 \$5,000 Remaining budget for crusade and conference expenses: bedding, delegate transportation, remainder of soccer field rental, security, catering, conference materials and large tent rental

Partnership...

Is defined as sharing or partaking in the risks and profits of a business or venture; another definition for partner is a companion in a dance or a player on the same team.

God has partnered us with many wonderful people and churches. One of those great partnerships is with Heart of Praise Church in China Grove, Texas. They have graciously and powerfully interceded for us for years in addition to financial investments.

Almost two years ago God spoke to them to send a team with us to India in 2004 (the first year that we would need a large team!). Please pray for this team as we share in the risks and profits of this dance.



Turning the Great Commission into the Great Completion

Jesus said in John 4 "Look around you! Vast fields are ripening all around us and are ready now for the harvest. The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike! You know the saying, 'One person plants and someone else harvests.' And it's true. I sent you to harvest where you didn't plant; others had already done the work, and you will gather the harvest."

We are living in a unprecedented time in Christian history. Never before have Christians had the opportunities and resources to take the gospel of Jesus



Christ to the nations of the world as we do in this day. Jesus said in Mathew 24:14 "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in

all the world so all nations will hear it, and then the end shall come." The interesting word here is "preach." God has chosen the preaching of the gospel as his means to bring salvation to mankind. In I Corinthians 1, Paul says that preaching is foolish to those that are on the road to destruction and then reminds us that it is actually the power of God for salvation.

In this hour we live, the mandate for world evangelism becomes ever so clear. God is bringing all the pieces of the puzzle together—prayer, market place ministries, prophecies concerning end-time events, other things we have not even seen yet... but this Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached!

In just a few weeks LWMI will sponsor, feed and house 700 Indian Christian leaders, believing for 10,000 people per night to attend the crusade meetings.

Pray with us that:

- Every single person that walks onto the crusade grounds will receive Christ
- Signs, wonders and miracles will follow the preaching of the Word
- 10,000 Bibles will be distributed
- Ten bicycles will be given to local evangelistic ministries
- Two Jesus Film systems will be placed in Jarkhand and Uttar Pradesh
- Two motorcycles will be given to Christian leaders and overseers
- All involved will be safe
- The weather will be excellent

Once again our thanks go out to the churches and individuals that have hosted us over the last few months. From Southern California to North Carolina the Body of Christ has been a living picture of a I Corinthians 9-type of believer.

The following was a handwritten sign found on the wall of Mother Teresa's room...

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends, and some true enemies.

Be successful anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you.

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight.

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, others may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will forget tomorrow.

Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.



But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? Romans 10

Mexico in India!

Our dear friend Martin Fessler, who has been an apostle in Mexico for over 40 years, is once again coming with us to India to teach leaders and other believers. But this time he is bring several *Mexican pastors* to help teach and encourage the Indian believers.

After the first India team (see page 4 article) has completed their task, they will be leave. We will then meet Martin and his team, who will be traveling with us to several destinations in North India to touch the people of the 10/40 Window.

This is a definite shift in the way Christians think. People from every nation are poised and ready to see the Great Commission become the Great Completion!!!



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Taking Living Water to
the Nations

Doing More in 2004!

LWMI Projects for 2004 and WorldVenture Trips
Trips listed with prices are team trips—that means you can come along! Trips are subject to change; please check the website for the most current info.

January 24-February 7 Ranchi, Jarkhand, India
Family Hope and Peace Festival/Conference

February 7-19 LWMI/Mexico Leadership Conference and Outreach to North India

February 20-March 6 LWMI/Frontier Ministries Underground Leaders Conference/Outreach, China

April 24-May 2 Mexico Construction Team with Marc Young Among the Tepahuan Indians
\$1,000 (includes \$500 for materials)

June 9-27 Germany and Poland Team Outreach \$1,800

June 28-July 7 Ukraine Outreach and Crusade
\$2500 total Germany/Ukraine Package

July 17-July 30 Honduras Team Outreach \$1200

October/November Underground Church Leader Conference and Nazi Outreach, China

What can I do?

\$0.75 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/evangelist in a third world country

\$75 buys at least one bicycle for a pastor/evangelist

\$650 buys a scooter or motor bike

\$1,500 will place a tent for a congregation in Africa

\$3,500 will furnish the Jesus film, projector and generator

\$2,500—\$5,000 builds a church building

\$5,000—\$8,000 furnishes a church with a van or SUV to reach and take teams to remote areas.

(Also see the article on page 4 of this publication.)

It is our desire to place as many tools as possible into the hands of ministers around the world.

If you are interested in any of the projects listed above or giving into LWMI's general fund, please contact us.

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

