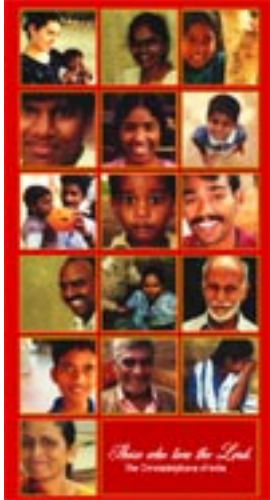


# WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTADELPHIAN FOUNDATION

{2002 NEWSLETTER}

## ***India Video Just Released!***



The Gospel has been incubating in India for a long time. But in the last decade, there has been unprecedented interest in sound Bible teaching that has led to exponential growth in the numbers of people embracing the Truth and being baptized into the one Hope. There are over thirty Christadelphian ecclesias now with more than eight hundred baptized believers. Interested contacts number in the thousands. The current situation gives a unique opportunity to labor productively in the Lord's vineyard. There is an urgent need for field workers to help sincere men and women find Bible answers to the pressing questions of life and come to Christ.

This video will take you on a fascinating journey to Hyderabad and Bangalore, two large cities that serve as missionary centers in India, and out into the countryside to visit the ecclesia at Ramalakota. You'll hear from the people who are involved in the outreach and see that this is an extraordinary time for preaching in India. And you'll understand why those who come to work here are changed forever.

WCF is sending a complimentary copy of this "*Those who love the Lord*" program to North American ecclesias, and is making arrangements for distribution in the UK and Australia as well. Make a point to see it, and encourage others to do the same.

## ***Requests from all over the world***

Besides the USA, the WCF web site gets literature requests from all over the world. Here's a recent sample:

**Canada** – "Please send me the following Bible Courses: *Is the Bible true? God's Promises and Your Future. The Living God. Focus On Jesus Christ.* Please send me the free book: *John Thomas and his Rediscovery of Bible Truth.* I would like to sincerely thank you for this free offer; it is great to see the Word of God going forth over the net... It is very hard to find biblical based literature etc. It's great to have a resource so useful right at my fingertips! If there are other free offers available please be so kind as to send them to me. Much thanks in Christ."

**Philippines** – "I want to know more about your faith so please send me the abovementioned books. Thank you very much in advance. Amen."

**India** – "I am very glad to have this. Thanks in Him for this offer. If you can any commentaries, biblical study guides please send them to me. I want to share the gospel with right stuff. Thank you!"

**Pakistan** – "Please send me above stuff, for I am interested to study Christianity."

**Ghana, Romania, Thailand, Nigeria, Peru, Lithuania, China, Iran & Zimbabwe** – "Please send me the free book: *John Thomas and his Rediscovery of Bible Truth*" <virtually every WCF website requestor asks for the *Rediscovery* booklet>

The WCF Resource Center also services queries from brethren worldwide. Here are some examples in 2002.

**Australia** - I am from Blue Mtn's ecclesia near Sydney. I am trying to find out about a video on the Christadelphians in Ireland?? I saw when in the UK and someone told me I could get it from this website? <yes> if so, is it available on DVD? <no> if on Video, is it suitable for Australia (VHS)? <yes, in PAL format, via [murielwhittaker@biblia.freeseerve.co.uk](mailto:murielwhittaker@biblia.freeseerve.co.uk)>

**Ireland** - I would like to order one of your inreach videos, namely "*Strangers in a Strange Land*". Would you please let me know how I can go about ordering, and paying for this video? <cost is \$10 US>. *This site is fantastic by the way!*

**USA** - I am particularly interested in the video series called "*God's Family Around the World*". Could I have a list of the available videos? <sent> I haven't seen "*Strangers in a Strange Land*" - in fact I haven't seen any except one on Jamaica. (My youngest son Michael is currently in Jamaica, helping the Harvey River Ecclesia). Thank you - with love

**UK** - I have just listened to some seminar tapes by brethren Dave Estey and Kyle Tucker and I would like to correspond with them on the issues they raise in their seminars. I was wondering if they both have private email addresses? If so, please mail them so I can thank them for their addresses, which have been most helpful and enlightening. Thanks once again for your time and help <info provided, correspondence begun>

**Australia** - Some time back (I was) handed one of your tape catalogues... I am responsible for the Enfield Ecclesial tape service and am keen to obtain a set of tapes on Nehemiah (#4483 - 4488) in preparation for an upcoming Youth Conference. Could you please advise if this is possible, and what costs would be involved? <@\$1.75 US + postage>.

**Australia** - I am a member of the Ringwood Ecclesia and have been asked to do a presentation on preaching. Your seminar on '*What can I say*' looks very interesting, and I was wondering if you have any notes or the course material which you could send me to help me with my presentation. I would need this information ASAP. <yes; sent>

**Australia** - I am member of the Mt Waverley Ecclesia. One of our brethren has seen 2 *Discover Your Bible* booklets, those I have marked above. He felt that they may be worthwhile in giving to some of our interested friends. Are they readily available? What are the costs? <yes, \$.75 US per booklet, \$2.75 US for a subject area, \$10 US for the full set>

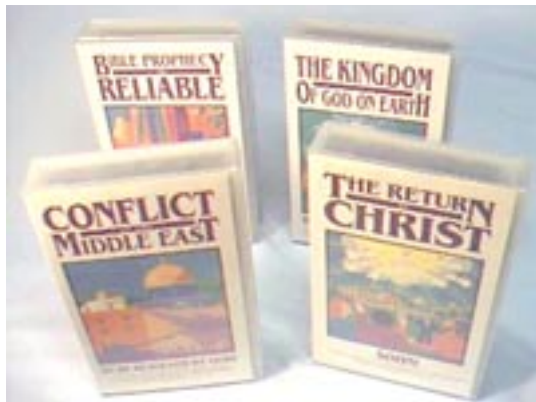
**Australia** - I am a member of the Christadelphians who meet at Clayton in Melbourne. We would like to purchase a set of your videos. Could you please advise the best way to go about this? <for PAL, order from Sis Muriel Whittaker, UK>

**USA** - A friend of mine watched the tapes and wants a copy for her own. She is going to give them to her brother to show in his men's Bible study. *What a wonderful way to spread the truth!* I would like to order all of the videotapes for her.

**USA** - I am (from) the San Diego Ecclesia and am interested in holding a seminar on Bible prophecy. I am attempting to gather material and information. Could you let me know all about your Bible Prophecy 101 material: how I might acquire it, and how successful this seminar has been in your experience? I appreciate the work the Williamsburg Foundation has done. Hopefully this will present an opportunity to leverage it on the West Coast. <free CD sent; readme file explains all>

**UK** - My son is on his computer looking at your CD on Bible Prophecy 101. *What a fantastic way to teach first principles!*

## ***The Middle East and Your Future – Video Program Series***



Filmed on location in 1992, and released as a series over the next four years, these programs remain relevant, topical and timely in 2002. *Conflict in the Middle East – to be resolved by God!* continues to be the tape most frequently asked for, especially via Brother Phil Kapusta's web site. Here's one exciting response from an individual on May 3, 2002:

I ordered the first of four of the video tapes. It was so good that I showed the entire tape to my Sunday School Class last week. I have taught Sunday School for 20+ years. *There were 96 people in attendance.* I will pay whatever you ask, just let me know how much

And here's some of the subsequent e-mail chat with Phil:

(Correspondent) In the last two weeks, I've given out #1 & #2 at work to (a) my across-the-corridor-cube-mate (b) one of the guys doing Bible reading with me. At our Revelation seminar, 2 ladies were so interested after seeing the tapes that they were willing to promote the whole series at their village church council; pray that God may grant them success.

(Phil's reply) It is amazing how fairly easy it is to share God's word via video tape to people who would normally not give you 5 minutes of their time to talk to you about the Bible. *I only wish more brothers and sisters would use these tools.*

## ***God's Land of Promises – For You!***

In 1999, a trip to Israel to participate in a leafleting campaign presented the opportunity to develop another outreach video. Instead of a series, there would be a single program. It would focus on the Promises of God.



The land of Israel would provide the backdrop for a pair of travelers who would discuss the significance of the various locations. Along the way, they would explain the “*great and precious promises*” made by God and describe how these promises apply to people today. The inside jacket would list all the cited Bible references, and show a map of key towns. Here’s an excerpt of the text on the back cover:

No matter where you live in the world, your future is linked to the coming events in the Middle East. That’s because Israel is central to God’s plan for the earth. It is truly the land of promise.... Starting in Genesis and running clear through Revelation, the promises of God are the backbone teaching of the Bible.... It’s critical that people understand just what God has promised and how they can become “heirs” of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

Like previous video leaflets, this program has been professionally produced and packaged. The tape content, jacket pictures and list of Bible passages all combine to make an informative and provocative message. So be an evangelist and give or loan this 30-minute program to your family, friends, co-workers and contacts.

## ***God's Family Around the World***

The idea of having a *God's Family Around the World* video series started in 1998 when WCF sponsored the development of *Follow the Light - the Christadelphian Faithful of Jamaica*. Brother Steve Johnson had already produced a video about the Brothers and Sisters in El Salvador (*Fields Ripe for Harvest*, sponsored by the CBMA). In 2001, WCF distributed *Strangers in a Strange Land* to ecclesias in North America. This 56-minute tape contains a description and interviews of the Christadelphians of Ireland. In December 2002, WCF plans a similar free distribution of a program about the work in India (see page 1). Lord-willing, in 2003, WCF will take the next step in underwriting the cost of producing and distributing the 4<sup>th</sup> family video. It will deal with the Brothers and Sisters in Eastern Europe, and feature interviews with attendees of the 2002 Russian Bible School.



## ***Welfare – at home and abroad***

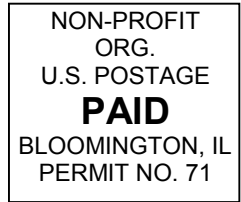
Through the generosity of believers like you, WCF has been able to assist in meeting the welfare needs of Brothers and Sisters, both at home and abroad. The Foundation has responded to requests requiring monetary support for both emergency and ongoing needs. Whether it’s medical care or basic food & shelter, WCF has provided funds to local ecclesias or field workers to administer on its behalf. The need continues especially in Eastern Europe and the Third World. **100 % of donations earmarked for Welfare go to that Cause.**

## ***WCF-sponsored Seminar/Workshop***

The following (encouraging) feedback was given concerning a workshop held in Ontario on Nov 2, 2002:

(1) We are writing to express our thanks for the excellent Seminar last Saturday on “*Resolving Conflict*”. The topic is one that has universal application - within or outside the Truth. We felt both presenters were knowledgeable on the subject, well prepared, interesting and effective. Of even greater importance was their solid grounding in the Bible principles related to this topic and their urging to employ scriptural concepts wherever possible made this seminar of substantial value for disciples of Jesus.

(2) We reviewed the Seminar at our Caring Network meeting last evening. Everyone felt the day was very positive and contained much useful information. We were told that one attendee said that all arranging board brethren should take the seminar. I have re-read much of the material and have found more nuggets.



## *More Information about WCF*

### *What is WCF?*

The Williamsburg Christadelphian Foundation is a corporation chartered in the state of Virginia in 1976, and a legal structure recognized by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt corporation. It was established “... *for the benefit of the **Christadelphian** community*”, and while initially focused on North America, has now become worldwide in its welfare and outreach efforts.

### *What are the Objectives of WCF?*

WCF has two primary objectives: to **Help the Household of Faith** (Galatians 6:10) and **Preach the Truth to the World** (Mark 16:15).

### *Who makes up WCF?*

The Foundation is directed by a seven-member board and augmented by a network of “*fellow-workers*”. WCF is volunteer-driven.

### *What is the connection between WCF and the Williamsburg Conference?*

None. The Conference is an entirely independent activity.

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<b>Income Statement</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
<i>Income</i>		
Contributions	78,678	84,979
Interest & Dividends	5,264	3,199
Video/Audio Sales	5,880	4,637
Investment Profit / Loss	(5,250)	3
Total Income	84,572	92,818
<i>Expenses</i>		
Pastoral	16,051	14,454
Welfare	33,276	79,013
Seminars	1,163	1,096
Video Production	1,465	7,912
Operating Expenses	5,346	4,273
Administrative	3,119	4,372
Total Expenses	60,420	111,120
Total Income/Expenses	24,152	(18,302)

You can *personally support* WCF projects by prayer, volunteering your time and expertise, and ordering WCF resources (video programs, audio tapes, *DYB* booklets).

You can *financially contribute* to WCF through cash donations, stock transfers, charitable trusts or the designation of your United Way contribution (USA only). **Contact WCF Treasurer Ray Pratt** by phone (217-664-3511), regular mail (335 North Western, P.O. Box 86, Deland, IL 61839) or e-mail (rbpratt@mchsi.com).

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