



WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTADELPHIAN FOUNDATION

FOCUS ON FELLOW WORKERS – SPRING 2006

WCF Fellow Workers

The term “fellow worker” appears several times in the RSV version of the Scriptures:

- *Greet Prisca and Aquila, my **fellow workers** in Christ Jesus, (Rom 16:3)*
- *For we are God's **fellow workers**; you are God's field, God's building. (1Cor 3:9)*
- *And I ask you also, true yokefellow, help these women, for they have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my **fellow workers**, whose names are in the book of life. (Phil 4:3)*
- *...and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my **fellow workers** for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me (Col 4:11)*
- *So we ought to support such men, that we may be **fellow workers** in the truth (3 John 1:8)*



Mary & Mark Simpson, WCF Fellow Workers, Te Puke, New Zealand

Thus it seemed fitting to use this term to describe the Brothers and Sisters who have joined the WCF directors in various Foundation activities designed to forward the work of the Lord in His vineyard and throughout the world.

Purpose of the Network

In the past 10 years, WCF has been blessed to see its sphere of activity expanded around the globe. In order to remain responsive to local needs, WCF has invited Brothers and Sisters to identify opportunities in their home ecclesias or countries where the Foundation might assist. Fellow Worker initiated projects have recently included everything from a preaching program in Mongolia to heart surgery in India. Developing a “Fellow Workers” network around the world has enabled us to receive ‘grassroots’ information and respond appropriately. Requests that meet the WCF charter criteria are promptly addressed by the directors who are then able to make informed decisions.

Roles of a Fellow Worker (FW)

The FW network is an important communication channel for WCF. The fellow workers are first to hear about WCF activities, and in return act as ‘listening posts’. Their ideas and suggestions are encouraged and in turn FWs provide a valuable sounding board for various WCF initiatives. Many fellow workers are the originators of various programs or serve as project advocates. Because of the integral part FWs play, they are the first recipients of WCF materials and tools such as DVD video programs.

If you would be interested in serving as a Fellow Worker with WCF, and facilitate your ecclesia's access to the resources of the Foundation, please check out the “Enroll as a Fellow Worker” link on the WCF website (www.wcfoundation.org) or contact Bro. Vic Nance at vnance@wcfoundation.org call him at 972-542-2697.

Thought for the Week



*Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things**. Philippians 4:8*

WCF provides a weekly exhortation called the Thought for the Week. It is available in both e-mail and downloadable audio (Podcast) format. The Thought for the Week (or TFTW) started in 1998. Whether exhortation or exposition, all these weekly messages are designed to make us think more deeply about the things of God and our service to Him. Some people regularly send the TFTW to their friends as a way to strike up a spiritual conversation. Most of the archives of the TFTW and the sign-up sheet for the TFTW are available on-line at www.wcfoundation.org.

Here are a few comments that readers have submitted on the TFTW:

- *"Thank you very much for weekly exhortation. I must tell you that I send it to an English sister. She likes the exhortations too."* [Romania](#)
- *"Thank you ever so much for your weekly words. I had not been getting them for so long and I realize how much I missed and depended on them. Keep sending these gems."* [Canada](#)
- *"Thanks for all your TFTW - they so often hit the nail right on the head with some aspect of my life or something I've been thinking of. You latest one on Teeth Gnashers was posted on ED."* [UK](#)
- *"I enjoy your TFTW e-mails. Keep them coming. We are part of a VERY small ecclesia (one brother, several sisters), and it's very refreshing to read such stimulating commentaries."* [USA](#)
- *"I enjoy them way too much to write that lack lustre a comment about them. Sorry & thanks for your honest and thought provoking comments."* [USA](#)
- *"I just wanted to thank you once again for all your efforts with the weekly emails you send out. I have been talking about God to a friend I have met and recently she purchased a bible and is reading it everyday. Everyday I am talking to her and she is asking lots of good questions. I have been forwarding her the emails I receive from you each week. Now I didn't send her one for this week yet, & she asked me where the email was. Her interest is amazing me. I told her it probably was either not coming this week because of the holiday or you were busy or whatever, so I sent her a past email to read instead. She is really excited and says she feels a door has been opened for her."* [USA](#)

WCF On-line Store

WCF has opened an on-line store (<http://www.wcfoundation.org/res/store.htm>) for materials produced or sponsored by the Foundation. Orders are promptly shipped from the WCF Resource Center. We are currently offering the "Middle East and Your Future" series (on video tape and DVD), the "God's Family Around the World" series (all on DVD), selected books and the complete Bible School Tape Library (all now on CDs). You can also " earmark " a credit card donation. We are also developing resources to assist and encourage Brothers and Sisters who may be struggling to support themselves. If you know of a worthy product to offer on the site, please contact WCF.

Newsletter by e-Mail Option

You can now receive this quarterly newsletter by e-mail. This will help reduce our overhead and allow you to forward the newsletter to whomever you think will benefit. You can also sign up for one or more of the following: Thought for the Week, "Update" from Bill Yake, Fieldworker News, WCF Quarterly Newsletter, Sisters/Women ("Femail") or New WCF Resources Updates. To sign up for one or more, go to www.wcfoundation.org and see the What's New corner.

White Fields Update



At a Bible School in Calcutta, West Bengal, India, on a rainy morning just after the baptisms of new brethren. What a good reason to smile!

Our names are Allen and Tara Laben. We are 23 and 21 years old, newly married, and we belong to the Norfolk, VA ecclesia. We received substantial help from the White Fields Program in order to travel to India for 5 months of missionary work. Since September, we have been working in conjunction with the ACBM and traveling to various ecclesias throughout India to visit our Brethren, speak at Bible schools, give classes to contacts, conduct baptismal interviews and help with welfare needs. Our biggest project so far has been a 3-month stint doing pastoral work in the city of Visakhapatnam, where there are two ecclesias. While there, we have also been collecting video footage of both ecclesias for the WCF. India can be quite an experience to adjust to, but we've been enjoying it, and we're looking forward to our remaining 2 months!

The White Fields projects are increasing in popularity and WCF has been privileged to consider a number of new project proposals. These include sponsoring Bro Anton Kulik, from the ecclesia in Poltava, Ukraine (ecclesia pictured). Bro Anton has a busy schedule translating for English speaking brethren at the CBM Bible schools & study weekends throughout Ukraine and Moldova.

WCF is also co-sponsoring mission work in Mozambique, due to begin in 2007, God-willing, with Bro David Rennison; as well as considering projects in Malta and Malawi. In the latter case, Bro Trevor Radbourne, UK, is proposing a project to take a team of young people to Malawi for first-hand experience in training Christadelphian missionaries for the future generation, should the Lord remain away.



Brethren from the Poltava ecclesia in Ukraine, Eastern Europe

WCF-Sponsored Projects

Asia: Translating Preaching Materials in China and Mongolia



Sis Mona & Sis Chimgee with Todd & Zuula, in the Mongolian ecclesia

A UK brother is coordinating translation work in China. Given sensitivities concerning the legality of preaching, it is difficult to publicise preaching or translation efforts. Nevertheless Bro Zhang (Qingdao) is currently engaged in translating Bro Alan Hayward's "God's Truth." This will add to the existing translated literature, which includes CMPA's "Women of the Bible" book; CBM's "Basic Bible Teaching" course; and Bro Steve Johnson's script for WCF's "Introducing Jesus" DVD.

Bro Andy Turner is similarly engaged in Mongolia, where plans are underway to translate the book "My Way" by Bro Rob Hyndman as well as sections of Bro Ron Abel's "Wrested Scriptures" and WCF's "Gospel of Peace" preaching classes.

UPDATE: Asia: Adoption of Nepalese orphans

We have a wonderfully encouraging update. Sis Angi Drake writes:

“Hello My Dear Family and Friends, I just received an e-mail from our adoption agency that said Rina's case has already been approved! I read the e-mail and literally hit my knees in prayer with tears of thanksgiving and joy. Praise be to our Heavenly Father! I sit here in awe at the visible hand of Yahweh as He has worked in our lives and through this adoption process. I see it and feel it so clearly. It is the most amazing feeling.” [Feb 2006]



Proposed sites for developing the “Good News of the Kingdom of God” preaching initiative in South Africa

Africa: Preaching Initiative in South Africa

The brotherhood in South Africa have launched a multifaceted preaching initiative called "The Good News of the Kingdom of God." Because it is difficult to preach the Good News to an audience preoccupied with hunger or disease, the brethren are going to address men's pressing temporal needs so that they will in turn be receptive to satisfying their spiritual needs. By “doing good to all men”, the brethren hope that their witness will bring others to Christ. Centers that would distribute AIDS medications and provide care for the sick are being planned. These centers would also dispense the Gospel and be linked to other auxiliary sites more directly geared to preaching such as Bible literature storefronts modeled on the successful bookstore in Dandenong in Australia.

Africa: Chicken Farm in the Democratic Republic of Congo

The chicken farm project in Kinshasa, Congo, has provided work and self-sufficiency for 3 brethren through the sale of the eggs & the birds at the farm. However the presence of the bird-flu epidemic in Africa, though not (yet) in the Congo, places this project in extreme jeopardy. A report from the area dated Dec 2005 warns that all the birds may have to be destroyed, by gov't mandate, should that strain of flu appear in the area. Please keep this project in your prayers.



Brethren working on the chicken farm in Kinshasa, Congo.

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