



For We Care Outreach Network Society

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Newsletter

**“Because he loves me,” says the Lord,
“I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.” Psalm 91:14**

The fulfillment of this promise from God was experienced first hand by our group of volunteers who flew into Douala, Cameroon on February 24, 2008 to carry out their mission to build three church roofs, one of them at Mile 8 in memory of Dr. Walter Kerber.

Upon arrival, they stayed overnight in the Mission House and the following morning the country of Cameroon experienced political and social unrest.



We are thankful that none of our volunteers or the missionaries were injured. The Volunteers stayed one week at the Rest house and then were requested by the Government to return to Canada; but the gifts and funding were left behind. Overall it was a disappointment but GOD'S WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS and it was a life changing experience for everyone. Here are some of the comments:

Barry Riddell: I didn't believe it was happening - I thought I was watching TV - especially when the stones were thrown at our vehicle just outside of Douala. I wanted Walter there more than anything else. I knew he would calm us down and keep us positive & trusting.

I am thankful for the people who brought the food to us. This was dangerous for them and they stood in line for hours. We could hear gunshots and chanting. We had bread and I learned a new way to make rice with oil. I became the cook. With all the things I shouldn't have been eating my blood sugar went to normal - a true miracle. GOD was answering your prayers. I was also thankful for the water which was made drinkable - thanks to the knowledge of, Jeff, one of our team members. He was going to introduce this procedure to the Cameroonians.

I don't understand why we were not able to go the villages. But, THANKS to GOD He is totally in charge and HE kept us protected and safe. HE requires our obedience and I will, GOD WILLING, go back next year."

Jeff Brown: On the morning after our arrival, we attempted to leave the city by bus. We travelled only about 10 minutes when we reached a blockade of burning tires and lumber. We were forced to stop and our bus was attacked by a stone-throwing mob that broke windows in the bus. One doctor received minor injuries from flying glass. We quickly retreated to the Baptist guest house where we had been staying.

Apparently, we had accidentally stumbled upon the beginning of a taxi strike against fuel and food prices. The strike quickly escalated into nation wide riots, that saw perhaps 200 or more killed, countless buildings looted and burned, and chaos for many days that saw food and water stocks run out.

When we retreated to the guest house, we found ourselves trapped for about a week. The violence on the streets was severe, and we were afraid for our lives should we step outside. The sound of gunfire echoed throughout the night, and a pall of smoke hung over the city continually.

Jeff continues: We started with a reasonable supply of bottled water. However, given the tropical heat, our supply was soon very low. Our group included a surgeon, a general practitioner, two nurses, and others with medical training. Suddenly, knowledge of the SODIS method of water purification was very interesting to them. As a precaution we purified, using the SODIS method, several litres of water from the tap. However, before we could purify more, the municipal water supply was shut off. Ultimately, we were only without bottled water for a short time. The SODIS method of water purification process needs to be tested; unfortunately the experiments that I wanted to carry out could not be conducted as planned.

A simple purification process is desperately needed throughout Cameroon. The quality of water in rural areas is very poor, with the majority of water drawn from contaminated shallow wells and ponds. Cholera is present in many areas, including non-coastal areas. The quality of urban water sources is only a little better than rural sources. It remains a challenge to the concerned scientist to discover a method that will eliminate all pathogens in an efficacious manner.

But all was not lost. The funds left behind enabled our local missionaries to engage workers.

Dr. Palmer writes: "I had time to visit the roof projects, on March 9th, at Mile 8 and Babunki. They are making good progress. Mile 8 should have the zinc on in a couple of days.



Yesterday (May 18th), we held a dedication at the Berean Baptist Church, Mile 8, Bamenda. The occasion was the dedication of the roof of the church building and also to remember Dr. Walter Kerber, who died suddenly in May, 2007, founder of the For We Care Outreach Network Society (FWC), who has been so important in assisting us with many of our church building projects.

We had a great service, recognizing the hard work of the congregation and the contribution that Dr. Kerber's family and the FWC building team had made to get the project to the level it has reached.



Churches take a long time to complete here, but they become useful after the roof is completed. This building was started in 2003, with the walls completed after 3 years, then the structure stood for 2 years before there was any opportunity to work on the roof. The FWC building team, lead by Ron Klettke, came out in February of this year to put up the roof on the church along with two other church roofs. Unfortunately, the team was unable to get to the Northwest Province due to the unrest associated with the strikes. A team from our Projects Department was able to complete the roof with funding provided by FWC.

Another Team left for its project sites in Florianopolis, BRAZIL from February 16th to March 14th 2008. Byron, & Julie Reichel, Cornie Brandt & Jeff Reichel report:

We spent warm days in Brazil. *Ron & Alana had again warmly welcomed us; they helped on a daily basis with translation and arranging the work.* The time in Florianopolis was divided between the Estiva drug centre and the new building at the CETE orphanage/daycare site. Rain held up completion of the roof on the dorm at Estiva but Byron, Jeff, Cornie and Julie did finish the electrical in the building and did some electrical repairs in the barn. At CETE the building was ready for electrical and they had some of the material so the guys did the rough in. Julie decided that the daycare nursery across the street was a better jobsite.

We went with Ron & Alana the first week to the new church plant they are involved in and agreed to spend

our first Saturday painting the meeting area for them. We were encouraged on the hour+ drive to get there because it was sunny – but then the clouds came up and we ended up repainting because the rain just washed the light blue down the road. We were a small group made welcome by the boys, leaders from CETE, Pastor & Mrs. Jonas, and the familiar faces that we knew from before. Ron asked for electrical help on a house that a family with a handicap child was planning to move into. The house had been sitting empty and someone stripped all the wire. It needed to be rewired.

The urban project areas are not in our comfort zone. It left us grateful for the laws and morals of our land. Our last two days in Floripa were spent mostly at the beaches. The best part of a February trip was the warmer ocean water and sand. Cornie headed for home and Byron, Julie and Jeff went to the Chain of Love. Mark Kanwischer and Chris Kidd had a few jobs for Byron and Jeff at the centre and also at the Baptist Seminary in Puerto Alegre. It was a good experience to meet the children and visit with Chris and Ingrid Kidd. Our group bonded with prayer, work and laughter. Friendships made this way will never fade.



Thank you for the opportunity to represent everyone involved with FOR WE CARE.

AND A GREAT BIG THANK YOU FROM US

To All Who Represented FOR WE CARE in Brazil and Cameroon.

You are truly our Care-givers

to those who benefited from your sacrificial volunteer service
as well as the people whom you motivated to financially support these ministry costs,
for you empowered them to become a “We” part of the solution and say “We did it For We Care too.”

You have also Inspired Us to make the Care-giver concept
a vital part of our Outreach ministry.

Upcoming Ministry Opportunity

Brazil – November 8th to 29th, 2008

We will be working at the CVM Drug Rehab Center for drug-addicted boys and at their Orphanage. There are ten "Care-givers" already signed up. The debriefing of our Care-givers, on this ministry trip, will take place in the southern part of Brazil. Our sign-up cut-off date will be sometime in September, in order to make our seat reservations. If you feel called in serving God in this manner, please forward your participation request to Wilf Kopp, who will be leading this team. You can reach Wilf by telephone at 780-986-8451 or by email at wkopp@shaw.ca.

We expect each Care-giver to raise approximately \$4,000 to fund this and other ministries. Whether or not you plan to become a November 2008 Team member, we would like to encourage you to seriously consider your participation in this fundraising effort and to start doing so now as FUNDS are needed prior to our departure so that the local contractors can start putting down the footings for the new dorm.

What We Do - How We Do It

Can Continue or Become a Vital Participant

Mandate

The mandate of the Society includes and currently focuses on serving the underprivileged, relieving poverty, and to create or enhance facilities through construction projects such as shelters, schools, churches and hospitals, in "developing nations".

Resources and Manpower

To accomplish its mandate, the Society benefits from two kinds of volunteer "Care-givers": those who either help raise funding or accept assignments as members of a Mission Team ("Team"); and some that do both.

The Cash resources are used to acquire materials and equipment for specific projects, hire the necessary local labourers, and pay for the transportation and accommodation expenses of the Team.

Oversees Team members provide on-site physical labour as well as supervision and training of local labourers who have been hired with funds provided by the Society. They may also be involved in evangelistic efforts such as the showing of the Jesus film.

The Board or its designees assembles Teams by seeking and appointing as many volunteers as funding permits; and, being an effective Fundraiser shall not be a pre-requisite to such an appointment.

Making the Team

Team members are expected to be physically able to carry out their volunteer assignments, to have the specific skills that may be required at a given project, and be generally healthy and immunized against diseases that are prevalent in the destination countries.

Prior to leaving on their assignments and subsequent to their return, Caregivers are expected to participate in the Society's fundraising efforts to replenish its resources so that other Ambassadors may have opportunity to offer their time and skills in the future.

Training and Debriefing

Team members must set sufficient time apart for the duration of the on-site assignment plus a few days of debriefing at the end of the project at a location "en route" before returning home. This debriefing is important in order to "rest up" and document any specific experiences that may benefit future teams as well as creating presentation formats and story boards to assist in fundraising efforts. This helps our Care-givers to become more qualified in representing the For We Care Outreach Network Society on an ongoing basis.

Becoming a Member of the For We Care Outreach Network Society

As you can tell from the forgoing, it is our desire to establish long-term relationships with everyone that supports our ministries, whether it is through volunteer services or financial support, or both.

With that in mind, we are extending to all of our financial donors the eligibility to become voting members of the Society (corporate donors may designate an individual to hold the voting right). To make it easy, we have granted immediate membership on an opt-out basis to every individual and corporate Donor to date. Please complete the attached Membership Instructions form so that our database information can be updated as per your wishes. At present, Membership is subject to a minimum annual donation of \$120, the Minimum Annual Contribution (MAC) which can form part of any donation. Our Bylaw 2 reads:

2. Membership

1. Any resident of Canada who financially supports the Society becomes a Member of the Society.
2. No Membership Fee shall apply; however, the Board may, from time to time, establish a Minimum Annual Contribution ("MAC") for Membership which shall be receiptable for Income Tax purposes. Any such MAC does not confer upon the Member any personal benefits or privileges upon the Donor Member other than the right to attend meetings and vote as provided herein.
3. Each Member is subject to any Membership and/or Meeting guidelines, conditions and responsibilities established by the Board from time to time.
4. Unless otherwise agreed upon by the Board, on a case by case basis, Membership is for an initial term ending at the conclusion of the next Annual Meeting.
5. Even though an applicable MAC has been received and Membership has been conferred upon the Donor, the Donor may opt out of Membership at any time.
6. Membership may be cancelled for any cause or reason which the Board may deem reasonable, upon vote by the Board.
7. Members in good standing shall have Voice and Vote at meetings of the Membership.
8. Members may attend any meetings of the Board, as participating observers, and as such have Voice but no Vote.

Introducing Our Officers and Board Members

Wilfried Kopp, President.
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Wilf was born and raised in Germany. He immigrated to Canada in 1974 and shortly after that married Karen. They have 4 children that are spread all over western Canada from Manitoba to B.C. Two of their children are married and they have 2 grandchildren.

Wilf has always been involved in mission/camp work. After he returned from his first mission trip to Hungary in 1971, he felt that this was just the beginning of what God wanted him to be involved in.

Our "perfect" President in Brazil



joined by our VP



He went to Brazil for the first time in 1999 where he worked with a group of volunteers on an orphanage. He has been involved in this Brazil project ever since. After he went to the Cameroon in February of this year and saw their desperate needs for the most basic necessities, it renewed his desire to help with whatever God has entrusted him with.

Dean Hunt, Vice-President deanrhunt@shaw.ca

Dean is an accountant and performed the treasury duties for the first four years of FWC's existence. He joined Wilf and Walter and others in November 2005 mission trip to Brazil. Dean comments: "the experience of giving of my time and resources and being able to see first hand the impact that we were making was an experience that gave me such joy and has changed the way I look at life".

Brian Kirschenman, Treasurer kirshman@shockware.com

Brian farms with his wife Betty, son Andy and daughter-in-law Sarah at Hilda, AB. He and Betty reside in Hilda, Alberta and have been on several mission trips to Brazil, Mexico and to two native camps in Northern Saskatchewan. Brian is the Treasurer of his local church and has now assumed the Treasurer duties of For We Care.

Elmer Reimer, Secretary elmer@keywordtravel.com

Elmer operates Key World Travel with his wife Shirley and daughter Corlann. The Keyworld Team have organized our travel arrangements for all our mission trips throughout the years. They also carry out an exciting local clowning ministry to young and old alike.

Ron Klettke, Project Manager – Cameroon rmklettke@shaw.ca

Ron's wife is Martha. He has worked in construction for years. Ron has gone on several mission trips to Brazil & Cameroon. Ron's leadership has been an encouragement to those participating with him on the mission trips. Last spring Ron encouraged ten volunteers to sign up for our last Cameroon Mission trip.

Elsie Kerber, Donor Relations wekerber@telusplanet.net

Elsie is the wife of the late Dr. Walter Kerber, founder of the FWC Organization. Elsie has gone on 12 mission trips and before each trip gathered hundreds of pounds of items to give and send with the Caregivers, so gifts could be given out at each project.

Serving Jesus Joyfully,

Wilfried Kopp, on behalf of all Board Members

* Donations designated toward an already approved or contemplated program will be used as designated with the understanding and concurrence of the Donor, that when the funding exceeds the needs of the program for which the funds have been designated, or if the program cannot be implemented or completed, the unexpended residual designated funding may be applied to another, similar approved program or, failing that, will be used where needed most.



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Membership Instructions Canadian Residents Only

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Because of your past donations, we have added you to our Membership

We would appreciate receiving your feedback to having added you, automatically, to our membership according to the provisions of our By-Laws. If we do not get your Membership Instructions, we will maintain your membership as long as the "Minimum Annual Contributions" (i.e. Annual Donations of \$120 or more) are received. We appreciate your involvement in the For We Care Outreach ministry to date.

First Name:		Last Name:		Name of Spouse:	
Legal Name, iif an Organization:					
Street Address:					
City:			Prov:		Postal Code:
Area:	Telephone:	Fax:		email:	

Yes! I want to be a "We" part of the Solution

No! Please remove me from Membership

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20____. _____
Signature (to confirm my Membership decision)

I also want to help financially and become a "Care-giver".

In addition to any other Donations which I may feel led to make to the For We Care Outreach Network Society at any time in the future, I would like to fund the ministry needs of the Society, where most needed, on a regular monthly basis through an electronic funds withdrawal (known as EFT).

Therefore, I authorize the For We Care Outreach Network Society to withdraw \$_____ through automatic electronic funds withdrawal on the 15th day of each month from my bank account as indicated as evidenced by my enclosed cheque, marked VOID.

In addition (optional), I hereby enclose my cheque in the amount of \$_____ (enter None, if you do not wish to use this option) or authorize you to withdraw that amount from my account as the first withdrawal to kick of my membership.

Signature (to authorize this EFT Donation)