



# For We Care Outreach Network Society

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Newsletter



God forgave my sin  
in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again  
in Jesus' name,  
And in Jesus' name  
I come to you  
To share His love  
as He told me to.

All power is given  
in Jesus' name,  
in earth and heaven,  
in Jesus' name;  
And in Jesus' name  
I come to you  
To share His power  
as He told me to.

He said,  
"Freely, freely you have received;  
Freely, freely give.  
Go in my name  
and because you believe,  
Others will know that I live."

Author: Carol Owens



Tell those who are rich  
in this world  
not to be proud  
and not to trust in their money,  
which will soon be gone.

But their trust should be  
in the living God, who richly gives  
us all we need for our enjoyment.

Tell them to use their money  
to do good.  
They should be rich  
in good works  
and should give generously  
to those in need,  
always being ready to share  
with others  
whatever God has given them.

By doing this  
they will be storing up their  
treasure as a good foundation  
for the future so that they may  
take hold of real life.

1 Tim 6:17-19

"Without Christ we can do nothing. With Him we can do everything He wants us to do."  
(from "Our Daily Bread" Dec 11, 08)

## Brazil November 2008

## *The "Twelve" Return, after Serving Jesus Joyfully*



The CVM team presented us with t-shirts as a thank-you and going away gift. In the foreground: Carlos & Vera Vaz (our interpreters) with their children Pedra and Brenda

It was our intent to start the third dorm at the CVM rehabilitation centre. However, the local crew was hampered by the endless rains in preparing the footing for the third dorm. But that did not stop us; we were able to bring our energies to good use.

Instead, we started by painting the interior of the CVM's second dorm and laid some floor tiles. We also painted the base coat on the second and third floor of the CVM's Orphanage in San Jose.

During this time, the local contractor worked through the rain. We helped towards the end by mixing and placing the concrete on the ground floor of CVM's 3<sup>rd</sup> dorm:





We were able to start laying bricks at the beginning of the second week.



Unfortunately, we did not have the typical Brazilian mason on site, so Wilf (our slave driver) had to prepare the corners.



By Thursday afternoon of the second week the rain became so strong that we were forced to stop this part of the project. We were unable to return on Friday to finish off and say our farewells as we were confronted with mudslides and lakes instead of roads.



This gave us opportunity to carry out other vital components of our ongoing ministry, including assessment and planning meetings with representatives of CETE and CVM. Their needs are great and some are urgent.

### 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 a 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 future fundraising efforts. This helps our *Care-givers* to become more qualified in representing the For We Care Outreach Network Society on an ongoing basis. This time we selected the region from Florianopolis to Rio de Janeiro/Paraty.



The statue of Christ the Redeemer overlooks Rio de Janeiro

a man-made symbol of Christ's compassion for Brazil; we, on the other hand, as His followers have been called to "do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

as spoken by Paul (Gal 6:11 NIV) and affirmed by James (James 1:27 NIV):

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

That's why we offer "Hope For The Destitute" in Brazil, Cameroon and wherever Christ directs us to.

## What Is Your Passion? How and Where Would You Like to Serve?

While we have received a number of proposals from our contacts in Cameroon and Brazil (see below), we are always open to New Ideas arising from within our own membership. So feel free to present or share them with us by interacting with any of our contact people or attending our upcoming annual meeting.

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### Upcoming Meetings (in Calgary, specific addresses to be announced):

**Board of Directors Meeting** Saturday January 31, 2009 at 2:00 pm  
(if you are interested in becoming a Board Member, please contact Wilfred Kopp)

**Annual Meeting** Saturday March 14, 2009 at 2:00 pm  
(if you hope or plan to attend, please contact Wolfgang Rochow, so that he can book a place for us)

### These are the needs shared with us by our Agency contacts & fellow-laborers:

The Cameroon Baptist Conference is asking for help in constructing a new hospital wing for a Maternity and Surgical ward at the Mutengene Hospital at an anticipated total cost of \$870,000. This project is broken down into three phases:

1. Ground floor: \$302,000; 2. First Floor: \$277,000; and 3. Second Floor: \$291,000.

In addition, both of our Brazilian project partners have ongoing needs.

- The CETE Orphanage would like us to help fund a Laundromat: approximate cost is \$20,000
- The CVM Rehab Centre has a wish list that totals approximately \$225,000 and will take up to six years to complete. Included is a laundry facility, completion of the third dorm, a chapel and some sort of recreation facility.

### "Put Your Hope In God" (Psalm 42:11) and serve HIM as He leads you.

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; Succeed 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, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; It never was between you and them anyway.

(attributed to many, including Mother Teresa; it was apparently adapted from Dr. Kent Keith's "The Paradoxical Commandments")

### May you all have a Blessed Christmas and God's Wisdom for your Future.

Please address all mail and donations to:

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Donations designated toward already approved or contemplated programs 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 program or, failing that, will be used where needed most. In essence, under law, Donors must lose control over their Donations.

## *On A Personal Note*

Elsie would like to express her gratitude to all who have given their financial support, the volunteers who have worked on-site or behind the scenes, and our Board under the leadership of Wilf Kopp. With your continued support and effort, the compassionate For We Care Ministry will continue for years to come.

Walter was the visionary, fund-raiser and encourager who, through God's grace, established the For We Care Outreach Network Society in the first place.  
God saw fit to take him home last year, after a life well lived.

As we approach Christmas and look forward to spending time with our families, and prepare ourselves for a New Year and consider all the potential and the challenges that lie ahead for us, Elsie can't help but reminisce about what was and wonder what the future might have been like for her, if Walter had been allowed to live longer.

Elsie is grateful for the love and interaction with her family at this time in her life. Her children and grandchildren give her much joy. They all join her in wishing each of you a Blessed Christmas and may God, who is the giver of Perfect Peace, reign in your hearts and lives in 2009.



## Walter was Elsie's Hero and Best Friend.

"I thank God for Walter's endless love and concern to make this world a better place."

Here are some of his passions and accomplishments through the For We Care Ministry.

- In Cameroon, local congregations build church walls and then wait up to 20 years to get a roof. Walter's compassion led him to raise money and volunteers to build ten roofs. We praise God for the funds given in Walter's memory. They helped to get another 3 roofs completed, one of them, at Mile 8, was built in Walter's memory.
- Walter loved going to the Baptist Bible Schools in Russia to teach the Book of Isaiah. Over the ten visits he taught 300 plus students who are involved in teaching, leading and preaching in house churches.
- Brazil was another country for which Walter had a real passion. He became aware of the plight of thousands of boys who crowd the streets of Brazil and, working with local missionaries and pastors, encouraged the For We Care Outreach ministry to get involved in assisting in the original construction or expansion of an orphanage, a drug rehabilitation centre for boys, a Baptist Camp, and two churches for Unreached People's Groups (in Florianopolis). We rejoice that 3,000 children and youth attend the Camp each year; children found at the city dump, on park benches, or on someone's doorsteps have been taken into the Orphanage, many of which have been adopted by loving caring parents; and boys with addictions are being helped.

Walter left a great legacy - and all those who continue to support and/or volunteer with For We Care Outreach will be building a legacy of their own.

"After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone and our children sift through all we've left behind, may the clues that they discover and the memories they uncover become the light that leads them to the road we each must find.

Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful, may the fire of our devotion light their way, may the footprints that we leave, lead them to believe, and the lives we live inspire them to obey.

... Let us run the race not only for the prize, but as those who've gone before us

Let us leave to those behind us the heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives.

Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful."

(adapted from "People Need The Lord" by Steve Green)