



For We Care Outreach Network Society

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Newsletter

Dear Friends and Supporters,

In the midst of a blistering cold winter day, we are excited about the Christmas story that has been told from generation to generation and it gets only more exciting as we think in this Christmas season about the greatest gift of all that we have ever been offered – Jesus Christ. We thank God for all who have accepted this offer and who are willing and have made themselves available to share this greatest news and blessing with people in various parts of the world.

“Yes, God will give you much so that you can give away much, and when we take your gifts to those who need them they will break out into thanksgiving and praise to God for your help. So two good things happen as a result of your gifts—those in need are helped, and they overflow with thanks to God. Those you help will be glad not only because of your generous gifts to themselves and to others, but they will praise God for this proof that your deeds are as good as your doctrine. And they will pray for you with deep fervor and feeling because of the wonderful grace of God shown through you. Thank God for his Son—his Gift too wonderful for words.” (2 Corinthians 9:11- 15; *The Living Bible*, (Wheaton, Ill.: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.) 1997.)

Going Forward with Revised Objectives

We are pleased to report that we were successful in registering Revised Objectives for our Society and have them approved by the Charities Directorate of the Canada Revenue Agency. These enhanced Objectives now empower us to respond to new ministry opportunities, if and when they come to our attention. We feel that it is important that you are fully aware of them and, consequently share them with you:

Objectives of the For We Care Outreach Network Society
Corporate Access Number 5011274668; Business Number 85455 2148 RR0001
adopted on May 25, 2009 by the Membership

To demonstrate to everyone, regardless of their race, color, professed creed or geographical location the Love of God and the purpose of Jesus Christ's sacrificial servanthood, by providing for the poor (“these people”), whether in spirit, mind, emotion, because of physical impairment or lack of material necessities, either directly or indirectly, through our volunteers or own staff on the ground; or by entering into Agreements with Agents, Contractors, establishing Joint Ventures, Partnerships or any other arrangement approved, from time to time, by the Charities Directorate of the Canada Revenue Agency,:

1. by providing capital projects of any kind including, in whole or in part, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the construction of homes; apartments; dormitories; facilities for community recreation, camps, education, religious activities, medical treatment, fundraising for local charitable activities, child care, and the isolation/healing from family violence, and the provision of clean water and acceptable sanitation;
2. by operating facilities, similar to our capital projects, to address the needs of these people in an enhanced environment;
3. by furthering the education of these people, through the provision of financial support in the form of scholarships, tuition subsidies, or any other means or otherwise, in order to improve their academic knowledge, trade skills or general abilities and, if necessary, to help them integrate into their own society in a more meaningful and rewarding manner, and become more self-reliant and self-sufficient;
4. by training volunteers in special skills and behaviour to serve effectively in an international environment with respect to local cultures and to enrich them in their desire to not only serve these people but to encourage others to catch the vision to serve others less fortunate than themselves;
5. by subsidising pastors and community workers engaged by local churches, societies or government agencies to assist, where possible, that their minimum quality of life is assured, allowing them to serve effectively;
6. by empowering qualified donees, together with their members and supporters, to establish or participate in approved charitable activities and to do so while adhering to all regulatory requirements.

Upcoming Mission Trips and Opportunities

The impact of the revised Objectives not only empower us to carry out the projects that we carried out so far but also to expand our outreach from construction to clean water to Scholarships for students to anything that God would have us do – all we have to do is being obedient to His will and guidance. In fact, we can now come alongside other charitable endeavors and churches and mentor them in regards to compliance with CRA's requirements, international outreach – even help them create the necessary infrastructure or encourage them to utilize ours. For further information, contact Wolfgang Rochow at wolfgang.rochow@forwecare.org

Brazil

Rather than taking our 2009 Brazil trip in November, we deferred it to February as it will be warmer then and we will hopefully have escaped the rainy season which caused us a considerable loss of work time in the past.



Consequently we will head south from February 13th to March 6th, under the leadership of Wilf Kopp with his expertise and years of experience, to finish the second floor on a dormitory building that was started last year. The February group has twelve members; most of them will have been at these projects before.

Some of our previous projects there have been dorms, a kitchen and dining room, an Administration and common use area, and dining room, as well as class rooms. This year's project will involve brick and concrete work, preparation for wiring and maybe even some surface preparation for painting. The dorm is the third one at the Drug Rehab Centre. Part of our group will work at the orphanage on which last year's group carried out surface preparation and priming for paint.

As usual, your tax-receiptable financial support for materials and local labor is always welcome. For further information, contact Wilf Kopp at wilf.kopp@forwecare.org or Dwight Paras at dwight.paras@forwecare.org

Cameroon – Church Improvements

A team of 12 volunteers are preparing for a three week short-term mission trip to Cameroon towards the end of February, 2010 to undertake three church roof projects: Macedonia Baptist Church Molyko - Buea, First Baptist Church Banyo-Adamawa, and Ngeptang CBC Church Noni Field. Because each of these projects is



“urgent”, we hope to have sufficient funds to complete all three projects on this trip.

Why do we go to Cameroon? This is a question which we also often ask ourselves. After all, what's the point in making these arrangements, invest so much time and energy and, of course, the high cost of traveling half way around the world?

The answer can be found in the incredible results as people come to know the Lord and worship with all their hearts in simple facilities designed only to keep the rain off their heads during the monsoon seasons, and the sun during the heat of the African day. What joy these people express when the day finally arrives that they will

be receiving a roof on their blessed church. And it's not unusual for a congregation to double in size shortly after getting a covered church building, and we're talking about churches with an average attendance of 400 to 500 people!

For our volunteers it is a life-altering experience to travel to countries such as Cameroon and to share in the culturally alien world of these people, people who God loves and cares for. God has blessed us with great riches and we are given the privilege to share in many ways, such as this important project, to help these

young congregations in establishing a house of worship. It takes a tremendous effort on the part of the individual churches in Cameroon in the construction of their buildings. These facilities are generally built entirely by hand, with even the bricks of the walls and foundation being individually, painstakingly created by the people themselves using whatever rock, sand and clay is available in their villages. The roof is generally not possible for them to construct on their own as they simply do not have the necessary funds to buy the materials and to construct and install the heavy supporting beams and trusses needed.

This is where we have the opportunity to “create the impossible” by offering our skills, financial resources and making the arrangements for these churches to receive a roof. Often these churches will wait many, many years for a roof. At present, we are aware of at least 50 congregations that have begun church buildings for which they do not have the resources to construct a roof and are, therefore, dependant on missions such as ours to help with their needs.

The costs are virtually prohibitive as an average roof will cost approximately CDN\$20,000. Although wages for trades people are still very low (\$5 per day for many carpenters), it is the cost of materials which limit us in the number of churches that we can help complete. On this trip we are planning the installation of three church roofs plus carrying out some finishing touches to the Mile 8 Church, the roof of which was constructed in Dr. Walter Kerber’s memory. The total cost for materials and local labor is over CDN\$60,000 for the all projects on this trip.

Your financial participation in these Cameroon projects is critical and we would be grateful for your donation to this worthy cause. With a carpenter’s daily “good” wage of about US\$5, you could sponsor a carpenter for a month’s wages for a mere US\$100. This is a particularly critical time for us in raising the necessary funds and we would truly appreciate your consideration in contributing to this vital ministry in whatever way God would direct you to participate.

In closing, there is so much more that we could add to this short article, and if you would like additional information about this ministry, please contact us so that we could discuss it further with you.

Because He came, Ron Klettke - for further information, contact Ron at ron.klettke@forwecare.org

Cameroon – Sun Safe Water

What was only a dream, has become a reality. There now exists a simple, safe, practical, and inexpensive method to disinfect water, almost anywhere the sun shines.

We have taken the method, commonly known as SODIS, and with a few improvements, enabled the process to 1) work under cloudy conditions, 2) destroy every pathogen that plagues the user, and 3) even remove heavy metals. Sun Safe Water, under the umbrella of For We Care, seeks to eliminate the suffering caused by water borne diseases. Our next venture will take us to Cameroon in February, 2010. As the result of previous visits there are many families and villages that have already adopted the process.



Why focus on water? The child mortality rate in Cameroon is 15%, largely due to infections from the consumption of contaminated water. These deaths are preventable. There is also the immense suffering from sickness, economic hardship, and lack of education, caused by unsafe water. Together with your help, we can change this; therefore we act, for we care. If you care to support this cause, a donation of US\$20 will cover the cost of bottles for one family for one year. With a donation of US\$120 you can empower six families to obtain clean water for a year – if you then consider the mortality rate of 15%, you just may also save the life of one child. For further information, contact Jeff Brown at jeff.brown@forwecare.org

Scholarship & Bursary Funds

Under the new Objectives, we are now able to assist with the educational needs of people who are pursuing an academic course or those who are disabled in one way or another (e.g. people with Down syndrome, Autism, etc.) and help them integrate into society in a more meaningful and rewarding manner - because education can transform each of us; so let’s give a hand-up to all those who would like to improve the quality of their lives. We will have more specifics in our next newsletter which we will publish no later than in March.

Funding Opportunities

Each Mission Trip member is responsible to raise their own support and also try to raise extra funding for materials and labour costs for local tradesmen. This is quite a challenge for the best of them. We would invite each and every one of you to come alongside these dedicated volunteer workers and assist them and their projects financially. No donation is too small or too large – every last penny designated to a given project will be allocated to the designated project or, when funding is over-subscribed, to another project approved by For We Care's Board of Directors.

Donations may be specifically designated as "Where Most Needed" (General Fund), "Brazil", "Cameroon – Church Improvements", "Sun Safe Water" and "General Travel". Under no circumstances should any donations be designated to an individual (e.g. Travel support); however, you may let us know, on a separate piece of paper, as to which one of our volunteers/care-givers motivated you to make a contribution towards general travel expenses and we will make sure that these efforts will be acknowledged.

For We Care has no human resource expense: at present no one is being paid a salary or a contract fee – even our administrative services are provided free of charge. Other general operating expenses such as banking fees, office supplies and postage, and other like expenses are paid for out of non-designated donations. You can provide us with your designated funding through two transmission methods:

Preferred Donation Method – via Cheque (or Money Order)

Using a Cheque or Money Order is cost free to us. Make your remittance payable to For We Care Outreach Network Society and mail it to: PO Box 44091 - RPO Southcentre, Calgary, AB, T2J 7C5

Least-Preferred Donation Method – via Credit Card

We have an arrangement with CanadaHelps through whom you can make a donation with your credit card. However, they will withhold 3% for handling. This means that for every \$100 that you donate, we receive only \$97 towards the designated purpose.

If you wish to make use of this option go to our web site (<http://www.forwecare.org/>) and select Support Us / Donate and click on the "Donate Now through CanadaHelps.org" button and follow the instructions (or <http://www.forwecare.org/Donations.aspx>).

Tax Receipts

Donations made through CanadaHelps will be tax-receipted by them.

However, when you direct your donations to us via cheque or money order, please be aware of the following: Donations dated prior to January 1st and received on or before December 31st or having a legible post-mark date on or before December 31st will be receipted as a donation applicable to that calendar year.

Donations from individuals are receipted once a year (annual receipt), shortly after the end of the applicable donation calendar year. Donations received from corporate or other legal entities are receipted immediately upon receipt of the donation.

For information on Funding opportunities, contact Wolfgang Rochow at wolfgang.rochow@forwecare.org

Notice of Annual Meeting

Please consider this the Official Notice that our Annual Meeting will be held on February 6, 2010, probably in Calgary, Alberta.

Please keep this date open and plan to attend, if you are in reasonable geographic proximity. Audited Financial Statements to December 31, 2009 and specific details as to time and place of the Annual Meeting will be made available, upon written request, by the end of January, 2010.

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Your Board of Directors wishes you a Blessed Christmas.