

# World's Children International Annual Report 2009-2010

# Just Look What You Did!



The sponsored girls at Infant Jesus Mission Home. Their smiles say "thank you, sponsors!"



Nursing students at ETCM Nursing College in India who have WCI scholarships met with David Purviance during his visit in January.



Boys will be boys (happy ones!) at St. Joseph's Boys' Home.

Life is better for our children thanks to you.

### Sponsorships and Scholarships

The sponsors and donors of WCI have showered blessings on many desperate children and adults this past year. Over 1,300 children are receiving the love and support of a sponsor. Every child in our 50 orphanages, whether they are sponsored or not, now receive gifts and treats for their birthdays and for Christmas.

In addition to sponsoring children, through our endowments and through individual sponsors, you helped over 40 students attend college in programs such as nursing, seminary, engineering, teaching, and accounting. Sixteen of these students graduated with higher degrees. Not only did you help with their education but you contributed to the future of their countries by helping young people to rise from the poverty of their birth to promising futures. We currently have 40 college students with several going for master's degrees.





Child from Casa Hogar, Mexico (left) and two girls from Quiche Indian Mission, Guatemala (right)

Bishop Wafula prepares the birthday celebration at Faith Brethren in Kenya.





St. Joseph's Home for Children built this new toilet with the funds you provided.



Little Flower Home for Children in India drilled a new well.



Children at the Methodist Boarding Home for Boys and Girls wearing sweaters provided by you.



#### World's Children Vision

World's Children International will always look for the most desperate children to sponsor and we particularly try to find orphans, semi-orphans (one surviving parent), homeless, abandoned and abused children, AIDS-afflicted children, and girls from impoverished families where they are not loved and wanted simply because they are girls.

#### **Building a Foundation for a Better Tomorrow Campaign**

In the fall we described the dangerous conditions and unmet needs at many of our orphanages and appealed for help through the Building a Foundation for a Better Tomorrow campaign. In addition to your regular sponsorship payments and during an economic downturn, you donated more than \$113,000! These are some of the improvements you provided the homes through your generosity.

- Three new toilets built
- Four water wells dug
- Three water purification systems installed
- Three water storage tanks built
- Beds and mattresses purchased for children at five homes
- Dining room tables and chairs bought for two hostels
- Storage cabinets built at two homes
- Computers for the children's use provided at five orphanages
- Clothing purchased for children at six homes
- Repairs made at four hostels
- Playground equipment purchased at two homes
- Three milk cows bought for one home
- Electrical generators provided to two orphanages
- An autoricksaw purchased for one home to reach remote villages

#### **Flood Relief**

When we learned of severe floods that struck central India and the northern Philippines we appealed for help and you gave \$2,580 to help rebuild and repair homes and purchase household items lost in the floods.

This family (photo left) came to thank WCI during David's visit. Their modest home was destroyed in the flood and WCI built them a new one. The man earns money as a bicycle rickshaw driver.

# Meet the Newest WCI Homes

During David Purviance's recent trip to India to inspect 41 homes there, he found three orphanages that lacked any support and yet had taken in many extremely needy children. In the past month we have added these three homes to the list of orphanages WCI supports.



**Assunta Asha Nilayam** (Home of Hope) is home to 30 boys and girls who are all orphans and who all have the AIDS disease (photo left). There are an estimated 5.7 million people in India with HIV/ AIDS and 15 percent of them are children under age fifteen. AIDS is the new leprosy – the disease that isolates its victims because of ignorance about how it is contracted. So many beautiful children have become "medical untouchables," segregated from the world around them and wondering if they will live to become adults.

The Assunta Asha Nilayam Orphanage was established by sisters from the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, who witnessed the growing numbers of children orphaned by AIDS and found that many of the children were themselves HIV positive. AAN lost three children in the

first couple of years but thankfully none have died since due to the availability of antiretroviral medication, and the nutritious food and sanitary conditions provided in the home.

The sisters work hard to meet both the physical and psychological needs of the children. Strict standards of cleanliness are observed in the dormitory and clean clothes, bedding and towels are a daily standard. Equally important is dealing with the issue of social acceptance. No one will visit the children, so the sisters try to provide sports equipment, field trips, social programs, television and entertainment. The sisters discuss career goals with the older children who take their education seriously, knowing it is their only hope for self-sufficiency as an adult. So far we have found a sponsor for three children and our goal is to find sponsors for all thirty.

**Happy Home for Children** is located near the southern tip of India and is administered by the sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus order (photo right). Two other WCI-supported orphanages are also run by this order and all of them literally scour the streets looking for abandoned and homeless children. Happy Home for Children was in dire straits when we visited there in January. There was no clean drinking water and the small toilet was crumbling and inadequate for the number of children in the home. A WCI sponsor donated \$5,000 to construct a new open well and other donors gave money to build a new toilet. About 80 children live at Happy Home and to date we have found sponsors for nine of them.



**Balavikasitha Orphanage** is located in Hyderabad, India's sixth largest city. Operated by a Christian

couple named Uttam and Shobha Kumar, this home has no outside support. The Kumars did not plan to start an orphanage, but one day Uttam found a mentally disturbed girl wandering the streets: filthy, disoriented and in rags. He brought her home and soon he found other children on the street who also came home with him. When the numbers grew beyond what they could handle in their own home they rented another house as their orphanage. Police now bring them children found wandering the streets. Two teenage girls whose mother is a prostitute and wants her daughters to start doing the same work

were rescued and now live at Balavikasitha. We have just received case histories for 24 children and are seeking sponsors for them.



#### **Numerically Speaking**

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Number of orphanages and hostels currently supported by WCI	50
Number of sponsored children	1300
Number of states with WCI sponsors	45 (and 5 countries)
States with the most sponsors	Florida: 151
	Texas: 98
	North Carolina: 64 Montana: 58 California: 47
Countries with WCI homes:	India = 46
	Philippines = 1
	Kenya = 1
	Mexico = 1
	Guatemala = 1
Hostel with the most sponsored children	Quiche Indian Mission (Guatemala) has 77 sponsored girls.
Orphanage with the most children in higher education	St. Anthony's Orphanage (India) has 70 children in college, nursing school or vocational training. Almost all these children were orphaned or abandoned when they



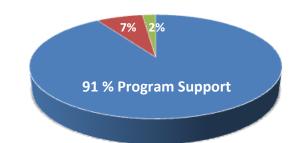
Home of Joy in the Philippines bought playground equipment for their developmentally challenged children thanks to the Fall Campaign.

## **Financial Accountability**

The pie chart below gives you a snapshot of our finances. As we grow, we hope to send a larger percentage of our donations overseas.

In addition to giving a financial overview, another way to evaluate the merits of a charity is by the compensation given to its CEO. According to Charity Navigator, the average CEO salary for a charity our size is: \$90,747. Last year, WCI's CEO, Executive Director David Purviance, and Assistant Director Jean Purviance voluntarily took less than minimum wage, donating much of their time so that a larger portion of your contributions could go to helping the poorest of the poor. The total spent for two full-time salaries and for one part-time salary for the year was \$32,925. WCI also had the help of nine dedicated volunteers in 2009.

#### **Financial Snapshot**



Program Expenses	\$451,000	91%
Overseas Disbursement	\$401,000	81%
US Program Services	\$50,000	10%
Supporting Expenses	45,000	9%
General	35,000	7%
Fundraising	10,000	2%
Total Expenses	\$496,000	100%

This financial snapshot for expenses shows the time period of April 2009—April 2010, our first full year of operation after assuming the duties of World's Children, Inc. in March of 2009. If you would like to see the 2009 990 IRS tax return for World's Children International, visit guidestar.org or we will send you a copy by request.