

World Vision



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Who We Are

World Vision International is a Christian humanitarian organisation working for the well being of poor and suffering people - especially children.

In 2002, World Vision:

- Served 85 million people
- Worked in 96 nations
- Benefited 2.1 million children through child sponsorship
- Raised \$1.032 billion (US) in cash and goods for its work
- Employed 18,000 staff members

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Our Mission

World Vision is an international partnership of Christians whose mission is to follow our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice and bear witness to the good news of the Kingdom of God.

Our Core Values

We are Christian.
We are committed to the poor.
We value people.
We are stewards.
We are partners.
We are responsive.

Our Ministry Objectives

Transformational Development that is community-based and sustainable, focused especially on the needs of children;

Emergency Relief that assists people afflicted by conflict or natural disasters;

Promotion of Justice that seeks to change unjust structures affecting the poor among whom we work;

Partnerships with Churches that contribute to spiritual and social transformation;

Public Awareness that leads to informed understanding, giving, involvement, and prayer;

Witness to Jesus Christ by life, deed, word, and sign that encourages people to respond to the Gospel.



From the President

Speaking out for children

World Vision spent much of the past year working to put children at the top of the world's agenda.

Five children headed our delegation to the United Nations Special Session on Children in May. Mayerly Sanchez, an 18-year-old Colombian peace activist sponsored by World Vision, spoke to the General Assembly.

The Global Movement for Children, which World Vision currently chairs, conducted an Internet-based campaign in which 100 million people affirmed the rights of children. Participants demanded that their governments protect children from exploitation, war, HIV/AIDS and poverty.

Representing World Vision, my colleagues and I had the opportunity to speak with world leaders at the Davos Forum, the World Bank, the European Union and elsewhere. We continually make the same argument: how we treat our children is the best measure of the health of a community. When children are fed, sheltered, schooled, protected, valued and loved, a community thrives.

Unfortunately, many children are not thriving. Some 24,000 children die daily of preventable diseases. For more than 125 million children, there is no school. Millions more are exploited for labour, sex or war. And nearly one billion children each live on less than a dollar a day.

World Vision's mission in following the example of Christ is to transform the lives of these children. In 2002, I am pleased to report, we improved the lives of millions of children.



Dr. Dean R. Hirsch
President/CEO, World Vision International

From the Chair of the Board

*An encounter with Maria,
an AIDS orphan*

Tears were there when my wife, Sileda, and I first met Maria. Still a toddler, Maria is the youngest of five children in a household headed by her 15-year-old brother. The children's mother died last year; their father died the year before. Both parents, like many of the neighbours in their Ugandan village, died of AIDS.

Stone piles mark the family grave sites in the banana grove behind the semi-collapsed hovel the children call home. Maria, who shows signs of being HIV positive, will likely be buried there as well. She doesn't know or understand her fate. A mere wisp of a girl, she is warm and friendly, hungry for affection. Maria wraps her arms around Sileda's neck and hugs her. She doesn't want the embrace to end.

World Vision is looking after Maria and her brothers, ensuring that they have adequate food, health care and a sense of belonging. With donated cement and tin sheets, community volunteers are helping the children build a new house. World Vision also assists with school fees, uniforms and textbooks. Like millions of other HIV-positive children, Maria's life may be short. But it can be -- through the care of others and the grace of God -- happy and meaningful.



Rev. Dr. Valdir Steuernagel
Chair, World Vision International Board



WVI President Dean Hirsch, left, and WVI Board Chair Valdir Steuernagel meet with a household headed by children in Uganda.



JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER



Kenya-Uganda: *An end to cattle rustling*

A World Vision programme is convincing four tribal groups to stop stealing each other's cattle. Years of cattle raids had claimed scores of lives and further impoverished the Pokot, Karamojong, Turkana and Sabinu people. Tribesmen are now giving up their guns and grazing their cattle in peace.



January: Emergency help for volcano victims

The Mt. Nyiragongo volcano erupts in the eastern Congo. Lava flows through the city of Goma and ignites the countryside. Thousands flee their homes. Despite destruction of its office, World Vision mounts an immediate relief effort, supplying water, food, and emergency supplies to more than half a million people.



March: Women and girls key to development

At its bi-annual meeting, the 25-member World Vision International board, which includes representatives from 19 nations, endorses the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. The endorsement follows earlier publication of World Vision's "Every Girl Counts", a report documenting emphasis on the girl child as the key to community development.



February: Homes completed in Kosovo

World Vision completes construction of 630 houses for poor families whose homes were destroyed during the 1999 war in Kosovo. In partnership with the European Agency for Reconstruction, World Vision staff and community volunteers helped vulnerable families build insulated houses that replaced drafty shacks and lean-tos.



Cambodia: Small loans for poor entrepreneurs

For the 80 percent of the population with no access to credit, World Vision is creating 750 village banks to serve 25,000 borrowers at low interest rates. The expectation is that credit will allow small farmers, vendors and the self-employed poor to increase family income by 50 percent or more.



April: Potatoes for hungry North Koreans

International President Dean Hirsch visits North Korea to assess World Vision's ambitious potato seed project. World Vision has provided greenhouses and the technical knowledge to grow millions of tons of potatoes in hopes of closing a chronic food gap in this isolated nation. An estimated two million North Koreans have died of hunger-related diseases over the past decade.



June: Rehabilitated rebels graduate in Sierra Leone

Four hundred former combatants of a rebel group notorious for chopping off people's limbs graduate from the World Vision Reintegration Training and Education for Peace programme in Makeni, Sierra Leone. The ex-rebels, schooled in literacy, human rights, conflict resolution and health care, will return to their home communities to help rehabilitate demobilised troops. Over three years, 50,000 are expected to participate in the programme.



May: Rights of children affirmed at United Nations

A 31-member World Vision delegation, including five teenagers, advocates for the rights of children at the first-ever UN General Assembly meeting on children. World Vision delegates urge governments and international organisations to protect children from abuse, neglect, violence, exploitation and HIV/AIDS.



Afghanistan: *Education for girls*

During 2002, World Vision built or refurbished eight schools, serving more than 20,000 students in the Herat region of western Afghanistan. Many of the children are first-time students, girls who were denied an education under the country's Taliban regime.



July: Halting the AIDS epidemic

At the International HIV/AIDS Conference in Barcelona, World Vision notes that faith-based organisations promoting abstinence and fidelity have successfully reduced HIV-infection rates in Uganda, Haiti and elsewhere. World Vision, whose programme emphasises prevention, care, and advocacy, sets goals for reducing HIV-infection rates in high prevalence countries.



September:

Fair trade reduces poverty

In Brazil, the Inter-American Development Bank presents its annual award for social entrepreneurship to World Vision for helping poor farmers grow organic melons and market them at "fair trade" prices in Europe. Through World Vision's programme, 500 small farm families have more than doubled their income.

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August: Staff abducted, killed in Sudan

Three of four World Vision staff members ambushed and abducted by an armed rebel group in the southern Sudan are released safely following international negotiations. The fourth staff member was killed in the ambush. World Vision demands that government and rebel forces respect the humanitarian agreements they have signed. In this tragic country, war, suffering and famine go hand in hand.



Nicaragua: Arrival of clean water

Three rural communities completed five kilometres of pipeline to carry clean water from a well to a central storage tank. World Vision drilled the well and supplied the piping. Villagers are taxing themselves to maintain and extend the water system. The clean water has drastically improved community health.



October: Food relief in Southern Africa

World Vision assumes primary responsibility for distributing more than 200,000 metric tons of food grains (valued at \$97 million US) in six sub-Saharan nations where 14 million people are at risk of starvation.

A combination of poor harvests, political mismanagement and HIV/AIDS has created a severe food shortage. World Vision becomes the world's largest handler of emergency food.

December: Famine looms in Ethiopia

In Ethiopia, World Vision begins trucking water and providing veterinary services to drought-affected herders and their families. In the country's parched Afar region, thousands of cattle have died and famine looms for millions. Meanwhile, more than a decade of World Vision development work in the once starving Antsokia Valley has made this region a bread basket.



November: Church speaks out on AIDS

HIV-infected Christian leaders from 10 nations in sub-Sahara Africa convene in Uganda to discuss ways in which the churches can combat the stigma and discrimination suffered by those with AIDS. The Rev. Gideon Byamugisha, an Anglican priest who leads the faith-based efforts for World Vision HIV/AIDS Hope Initiative, says the church can be one of the most effective forces in halting the global AIDS epidemic.



Yamin Pa Pa, left, a sponsored child in Myanmar, shares a banana with her nephew.



Who we are

World Vision International is a partnership of interdependent national offices sharing a common mission to end suffering, poverty and injustice so that children and poor communities can realise their God-given potential.

How we work

World Vision's humanitarian efforts are community-based, child-focused, and available to those in need, regardless of race, gender, ethnic background or religious belief. To deliver services effectively, World Vision establishes relationships with community leaders and joins with churches, governments and other aid agencies whenever possible and feasible.

On the international level, World Vision collaborates with various UN agencies, including UNICEF and the World Food Programme, the World Trade Organisation, the European Union, church bodies, numerous government agencies and coalitions of non-governmental organisations.

How we are governed

Twenty-five board members, from 19 different nations, comprise the international board of the World Vision Partnership. The board oversees the international president, approves strategic plans and budgets, and determines international policy. National boards exercise responsibility for governance at the national level.

As much as possible, World Vision makes operational decisions at the local or national level. It seeks to raise funds in all the countries in which it works. These funds are then used to help poor communities – at home and abroad - address the root causes of their poverty.

How we are funded

World Vision receives contributions in two forms:

- Cash from child sponsors, other private donors, businesses, foundations, government grants and investment income.
- Gifts-in-kind, typically food commodities, clothing, medicine and other items donated by corporations or government agencies.

Funds from child sponsorship account for about half of World Vision's cash income. Sponsors pledge a monthly amount to assist the poor community in which the sponsored child lives. Child sponsorship helps pay for basic needs such as clean water, sanitation, nutrition, health care, education and family income generation.



Lebanese girls benefit from community development work supported by World Vision.

Cristina Codreanu, age 15, picks tomatoes in the family's greenhouse in Romania. World Vision helped the family build the greenhouse to generate income from growing vegetables.



WORLD VISION PARTNERSHIP INCOME

(In thousands of US dollars. Offices listed raised \$200,000 or more)

Office	Contributions*	Gifts-in-Kind	*Total
Armenia	360		360
Australia	78,543	14,844	93,387
Austria	2,121	543	2,664
Brazil	2,786		2,786
Burundi	205		205
Canada	105,656	38,924	144,580
Chad	339		339
Chile	265		265
Colombia	1,041		1,041
Costa Rica	274		274
Finland	1,407		1,407
Germany	34,370	2,987	37,357
Haiti	331		331
Hong Kong	25,885	1,237	27,122
India	1,214		1,214
Indonesia	219		219
Ireland	4,538		4,538
Japan	12,055	2,294	14,349
Korea	20,802	1,282	22,084
Malaysia	918		918
Mexico	1,410		1,410
Myanmar	213		213
Netherlands	3,973	372	4,345
New Zealand	13,459	21	13,480
Philippines	505		505
Sierra Leone	1,287		1,287
Singapore	2,615		2,615
South Africa	507		507
Switzerland	12,599	704	13,303
Taiwan (ROC)	31,221	75	31,296
Tanzania	722		722
Thailand	3,707		3,707
United Kingdom	46,529	1,199	47,728
United States	317,744	235,086	552,830
Zambia	1,030		1,030
Other offices total	1,185		1,185
TOTAL	\$732,035	\$299,568	\$1,031,603

* in thousands of approximate US dollars. Exact amounts depend on time of currency exchange.

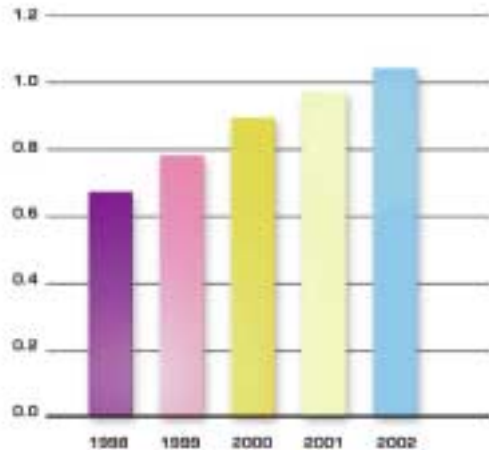




Kaabon, a 10-year-old girl, wears the traditional beaded necklace of the Turkana people of Kenya.

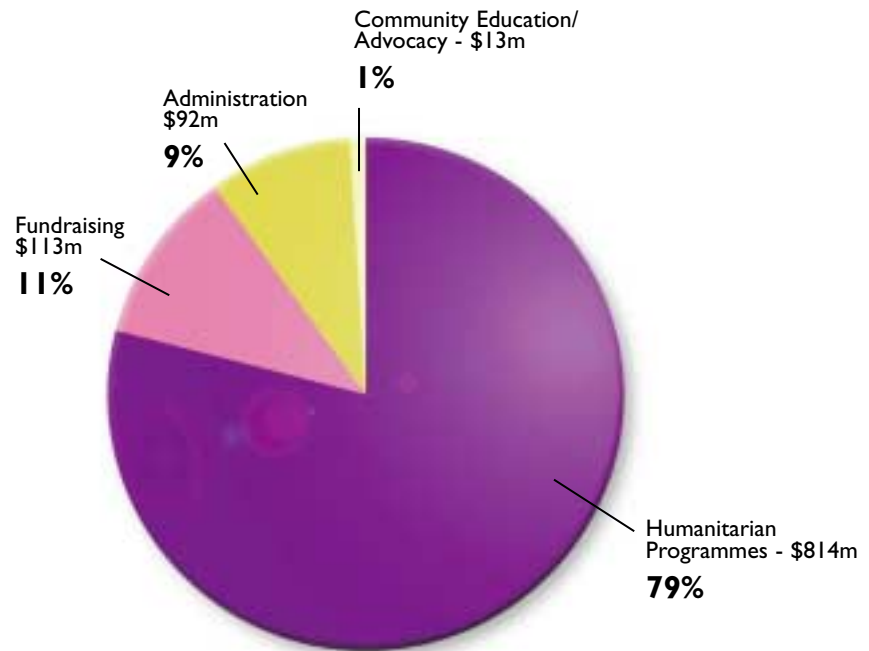
WORLD VISION INCOME 1998 – 2002

2002	\$1.032 billion
2001	964 million
2000	886 million
1999	774 million
1998	665 million



EXPENDITURES IN FY02

(Cash and gifts-in-kind in millions of US dollars)



Humanitarian Programmes provide for emergency relief in natural and man-made disasters and for development work in food, education, health care, sanitation, income generation and other community needs. Also included are the costs of supporting such programmes in the field.

Fundraising supports humanitarian programmes by soliciting contributions through media and direct marketing appeals. Included are costs of marketing, creative services and publishing materials.

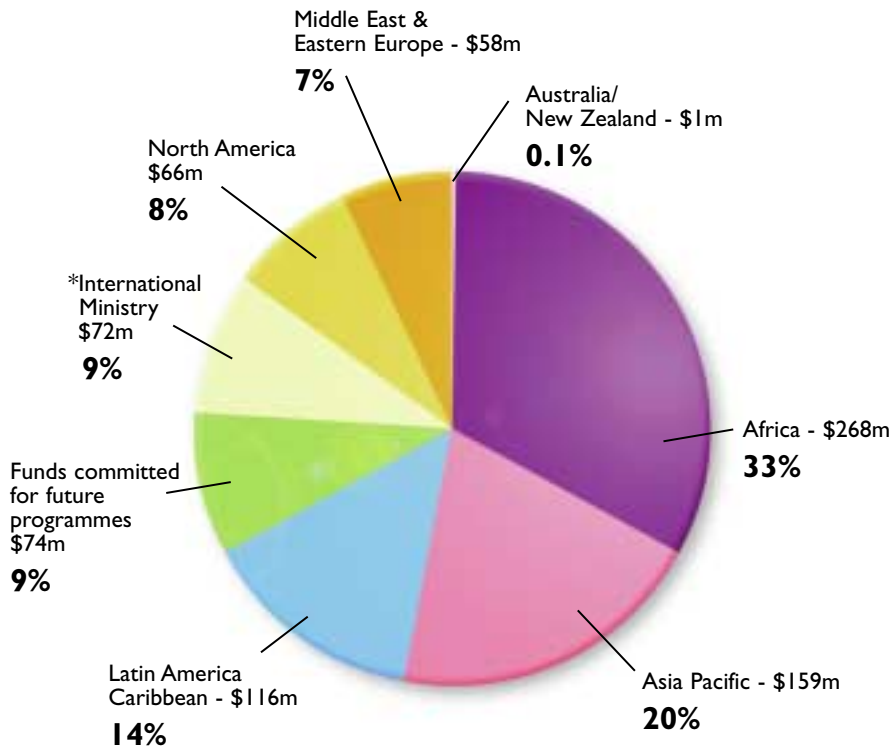
Administration includes donor relations, computer technology, finance, accounting, human resources and managerial oversight performed in the international office and those offices raising funds.

Community Education/Advocacy promotes awareness of poverty and justice issues through media campaigns, forums, speaking engagements, and public advocacy.

A family cycles to town in Malawi.

EXPENDITURES ON HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMMES BY REGION

(Cash and gifts-in-kind in millions of U.S. dollars)



*Primarily gifts-in-kind committed to international programmes





Sanja, a sponsored child, climbs on her mother's back for a ride to school in India.

Africa

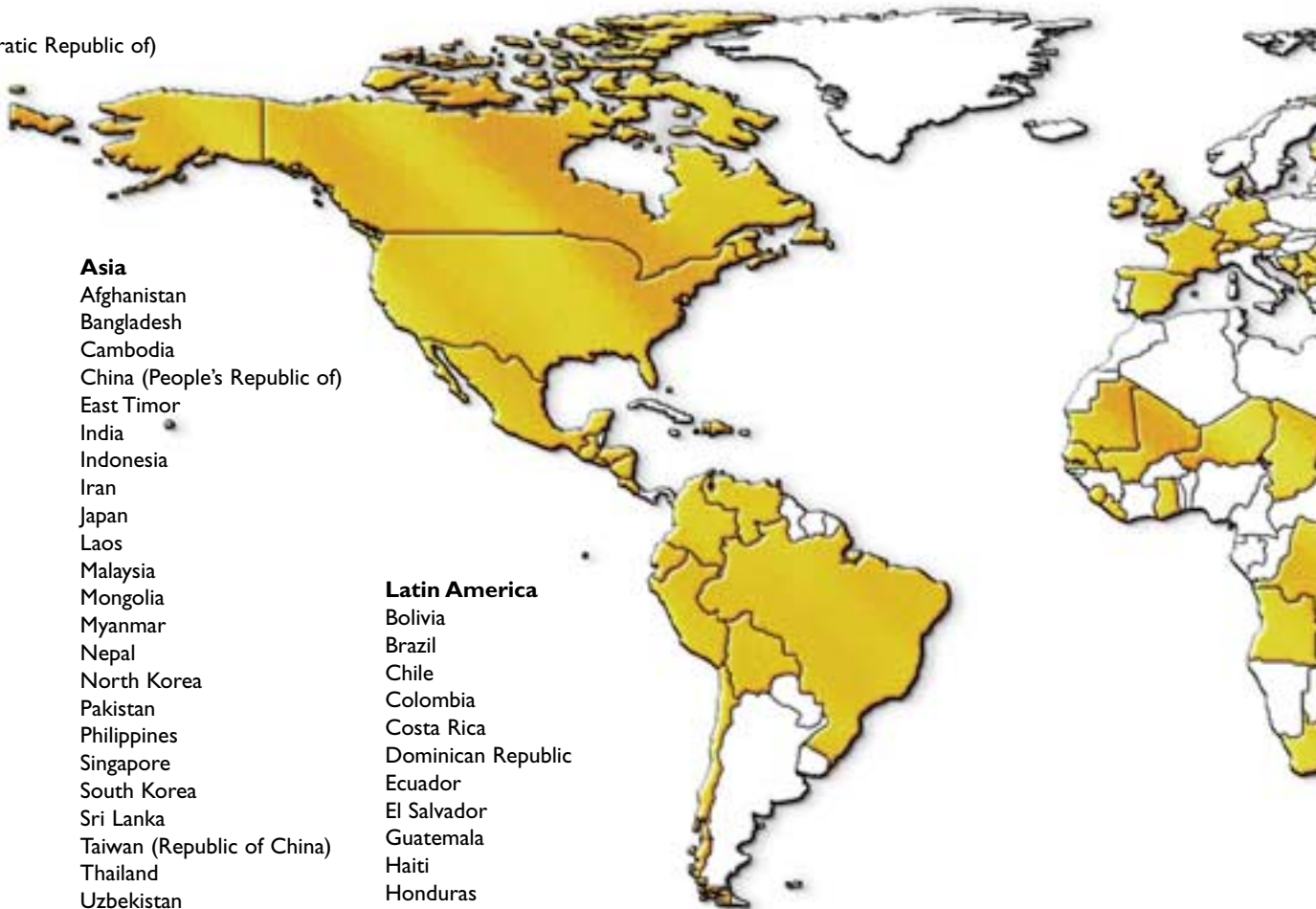
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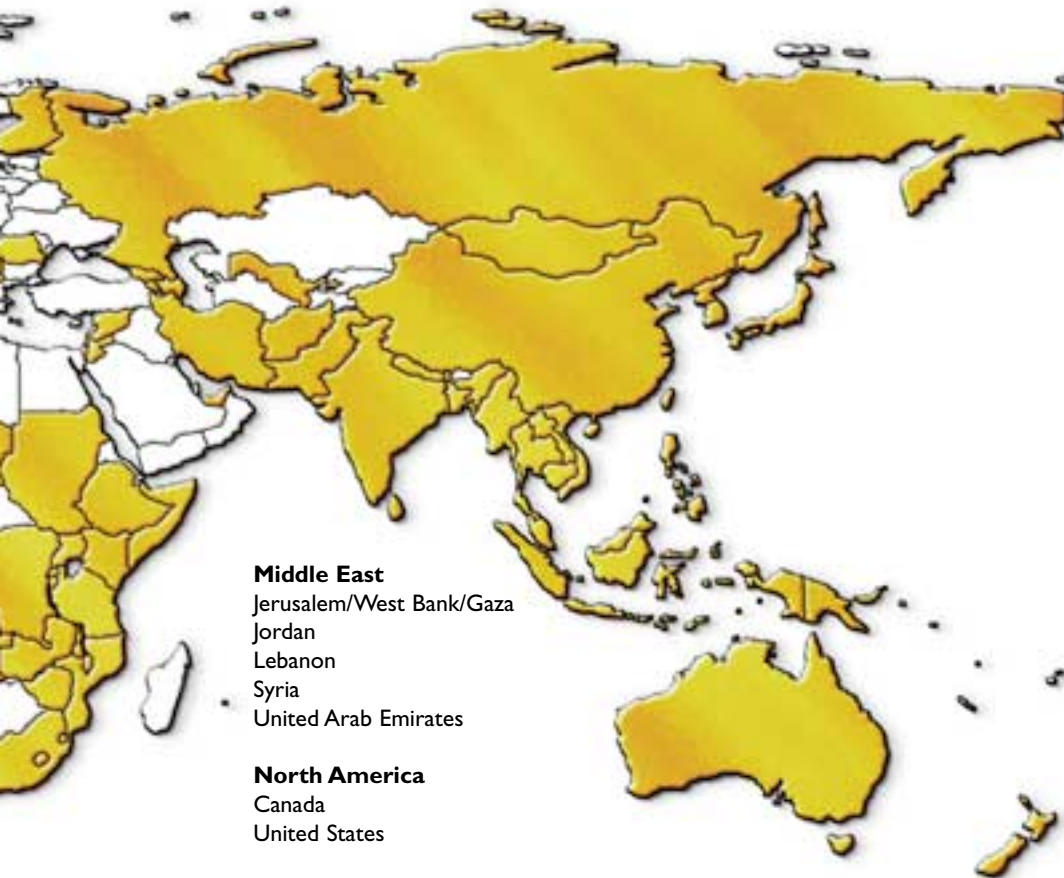
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Honduras
Mexico
Nicaragua
Peru
Venezuela



Indonesian children wave before joining a Sunday school service.



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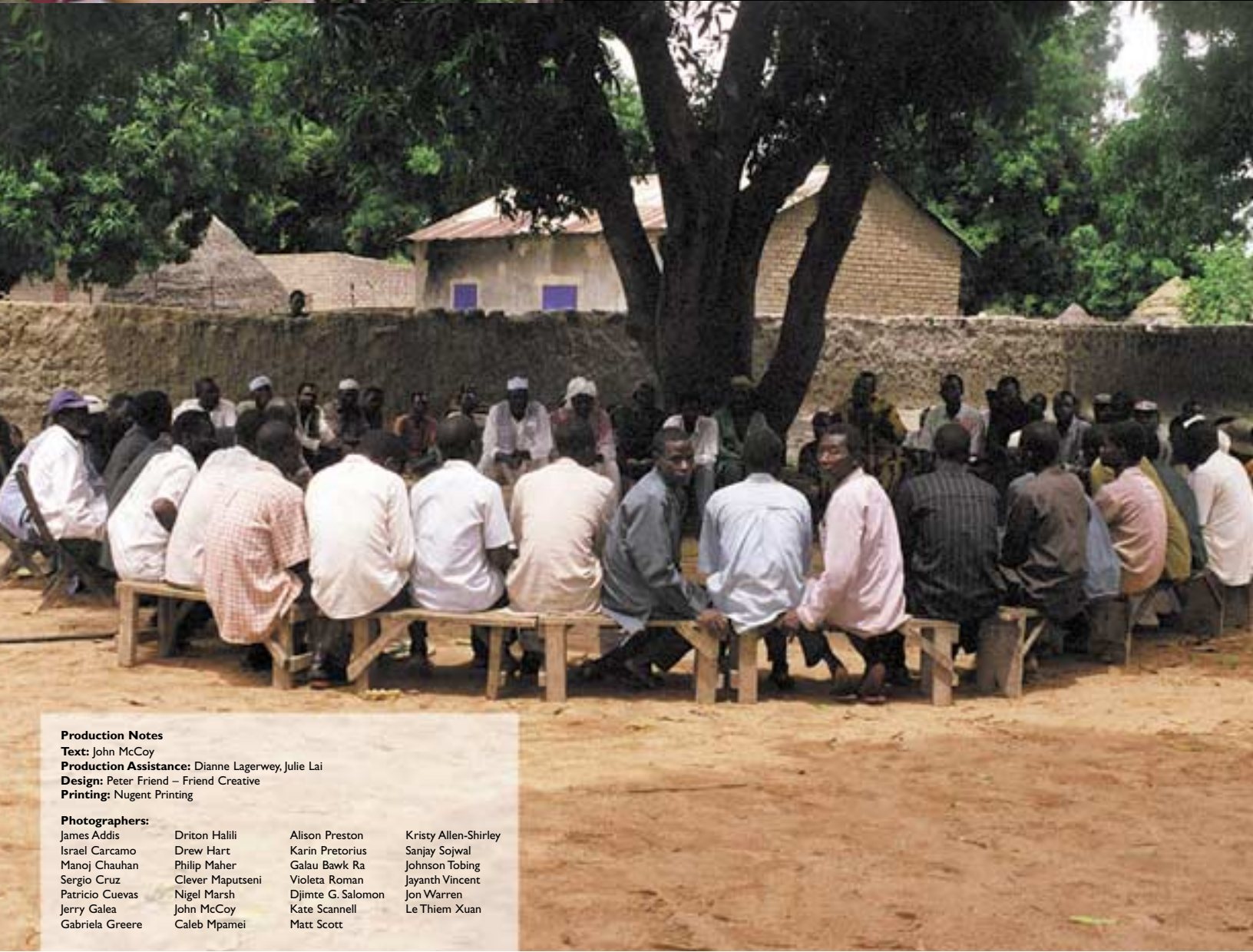
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World Vision provided cows to generate income for this Indian family.

Menfolk in Gangara, Chad gather under a shade tree to discuss how emergency relief grain provided by World Vision will be distributed in their community.



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World Vision believes focusing on girls is the key to community development.



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