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*"There lives in each of us a hero awaiting the call to action."
-H. Jackson Brown Jr.*



From the President

Dear Friends,

My how time flies! This newsletter is a testimony to the faithfulness of our God. He has proven once again if we lean not upon our own ways but put our trust in him, He will provide. All three programs are well underway as you will read in the pages of this newsletter. As usual, your help can make a drastic difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Volunteer!

A moving and informational PowerPoint presentation on the work of the foundation has been designed and we eagerly look forward to sharing it with those in your church, service organization, or social club. Please contact us at info@wereallgodschildren.org to make arrangements. We are looking to add board members, volunteers, and, of course, are always seeking both material and financial donations.

If you have felt the blessings of God in your life and are looking for a way to give back, we would love to have you join us!

*In His peace,
Carol Fanelli
Carol Fanelli*



FILL THAT TRUCK!

Our prayers have been answered! We have recently come to an agreement with the Mountville Borough Authority to use the old Mountville Elementary School for warehouse space. Our volunteer truck driver, Jim Meck, has once again agreed to provide the transportation to Hindman, Kentucky. Now all we need are the donations.

Current plans include a trip to Appalachia in the fall of 2007 to transport **new and gently used home repair supplies and household items**. The following list contains suggestions only—other items may also be accepted. Please contact us at info@wereallgodschildren.org if you have any questions.

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NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM ON THE MOVE

The Native American Committee reports plans have been made for their first trip out west to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. This reservation is home to some of the poorest people in the United States and is the site of Wounded Knee Cemetery. Due to the long history of broken promises to these people, it has taken the committee three years to gain their trust and obtain an invitation to meet with their elders.

This first trip will be a fact finding mission. We will be meeting with chiefs and elders, school administrators, medical personnel, and

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- Refrigerators, washers & dryers, other appliances
- Beds, chests, living room, dining room & kitchen furniture
- Small tables & lamps
- Baby furniture, strollers, diapers
- Building supplies - rugs, doors, windows, sheetrock, nails, flooring, lumber, etc.
- New comforters, sheets, blankets & towels
- Book bags, paper, notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, glue, crayons, folders, etc.
- Personal items - shampoo, toothpaste and brushes, combs, hair brushes, tissues



Please note that we cannot accept items that are broken or in need of repair. Please use your best judgment regarding the condition of your donation. Items in poor condition will not be accepted. With the rising cost of disposal, a donation that we cannot use places an added financial burden on the foundation which could be better used in meeting people's needs. Thank you for helping us get the quality items we need to carry out our mission.

If you are unable to donate items you can still help in other ways:

- We need **volunteers with pick-up trucks** to collect donations and take them to our storage facility in Mountville.
- At this time we are also seeking financial support for our **Fuel Fund**. At a minimum of \$2,000 this is our largest expense per trip. All financial contributions will be gratefully accepted. Please note "Fuel Fund" on your check.

We are not accepting clothing donations of any kind.

PARTNERSHIP CREATES OPPORTUNITY FOR VALUABLE WAREHOUSE SPACE

by Dennis Mitterer



When We're All God's Children was founded I don't believe anyone anticipated the many adventures in store for us, the wonderful people we would meet, and the strong relationships we would develop. As I reflect back over the years it occurred to me that the success of many endeavors is based on personal relationships. One never knows when a contact will surface at the right time to satisfy a need or help solve a problem.

We strive to expand our ability to fulfill our mission, but sometimes there are hurdles that slow down even the most determined individual. One hurdle was finding an area large enough to temporarily store furniture and appliances until we could transport them to Appalachia. Contacts were made and space was looked at, however the cost was prohibitive for our small organization.

A few years back, the Mountville Elementary School was donated to the community for development. In order to prepare the building the Mountville Authority wanted to clean the school of the desks and equipment that were not going to the new school. After the clean-up the Authority was left with two tractor trailer loads of good, but used, school furniture. WAGC organized their first trip to Appalachia delivering the supplies to a poor school district. Thus a relationship was born.

Now the Community Center is again partnering with WAGC and allowing for collected items to be stored in an unused portion of the building. The donated items are kept dry, the area is accessible for collecting and moving the items, and it is inexpensive for our foundation. We can continue to grow without spending valuable time looking for space or raising money just to cover the cost of storage. What a valuable partnership!!!

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TO AFRICA AND BACK

through a local church, the people themselves.

Without sitting down and meeting these people face-to-face we cannot go forward with our program. It is important to find out how we can help the people meet their goals as opposed to telling them what we can do for them. The Native Americans have great reason to mistrust us and it is imperative we form an honest working relationship with them if we are to accomplish our mission.

Our departure date is set for Thursday, October 4 and we have not yet met our financial obligations necessary for the trip. Our trust is in the Lord to meet our needs. If you have a desire in your heart to help with this program and wish to make a financial contribution please mark your check "NA Program". May God bless you for your generosity.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

"Native Americans have a lower life expectancy than any other racial/ethnic group and higher rates of many diseases, including diabetes, tuberculosis, and alcoholism. Yet, health facilities are frequently inaccessible and medically obsolete, and preventive care and speciality services are not readily available..... The federal government's failure to avail Native Americans of services and programs available to other Americans violates their civil rights."

~U.S. Commission on Civil Rights report

"An absolute national disgrace and a moral abomination."
~ Rep. David Obey (WI), chair of the House Appropriations Committee, commenting on low funding for Indian health care programs at appropriation markup (5/23/07)

Plans are currently underway for our third medical mission trip to Kenya, Africa in January 2008. In the past two years, due to the providence of God and the help of our volunteers, thousands of villagers received free medical and dental care. In addition over 1,200 people received the gift of clear vision due to our eyeglasses program in partnership with the Lions Clubs. We have set our goals high once again and depend upon you to accomplish them.

Our number one priority on this trip is obtaining the services of dental personnel. The people are begging for this service as we were unable to bring any dental volunteers on our last trip. Please contact your own dentist to see if they or someone they know would be interested in more information.

We would like to double the number of eyeglasses given out last year. To do that we need more team members. All training is provided. Please search your heart to see if God is calling you to join us on this mission. We would be happy to make a presentation to your friends in your church, service organization, or social club. Please help us spread the word.

If traveling to Africa is out of the question but you would still like to help, consider joining the Africa Fundraising Committee. Money for medicine is our single greatest financial need. A few people working together on this endeavor can make a difference in thousands of lives. Last year we were able to treat the villagers at a cost of \$1.57 per person and eyeglasses were distributed at the low cost of 73¢ per pair! We work very hard to make your dollars count.

Finally, we need your prayers. Pray for our needs to be met and pray for safety in travel. We also ask for blessings on the ICCM team as they prepare for our arrival. To God be the glory!

WAGC BOARD MEMBER RECEIVES AWARD FOR HIS VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

The board of We're All God's Children is happy to announce that Lancaster General Hospital has awarded a \$5,000 Helping Hands Abroad grant to We're All God's Children on behalf of Dennis Mitterer. Dennis is the practice manager at Susquehanna Family Health Clinic, a division of the Lancaster General Medical Group.

Each year Lancaster General recognizes one employee for their good work and commitment to a non-profit organization abroad through a program called Helping Hands. They do this not only to recognize the volunteers who are currently working abroad, but also to encourage others to participate in volunteer activities.

Dennis is not only a founding board member and the Treasurer of WAGC; he has also participated in two mission trips to Kenya. Because of this, Lancaster General's donation of \$5,000 will be used to purchase medications for the medical clinics in Kenya, Africa.

Congratulations Dennis and thank you, on behalf of the directors, for your continued hard work and dedication to the foundation.





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Our Mission

To provide needed medical care, educate people in usable life skills and transfer unused resources to areas of essential need both in and out of the United States.

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