

## **Christian World Adoption Annual Report 2004**

Christian World Adoption met goals and expectations with new growth and outreach programs to international children and perspective adoptive families. CWA added outreach programs for potential new parents by adding additional seminars in Charleston, Flat Rock, and instituting new programs in Charlotte, NC and a new representative there. Additional locations are being opened as qualified staff and funding are available.

The executive director's family participated in summer programs in both Russia and South America. Regina Harding spent two months in Russia, speaking to officials there about the benefits of adoption, and helping US citizens in Russian children's summer camps with translation and promoting a culture bridge. Rachelle Harding spent two months in South America traveling in Paraguay, working with the first lady, and promoting placement of children in international families. She also spent time in the homes of local attorneys and foster care specialists promoting relationships and educating the people regarding the opportunities for placement of abandoned children.

Christian World Foundation was able to raise over \$10,000 for the children of Paraguay to help the first lady's vision of a national orphanage. CWF also contributed \$5000 to the burn victims in the tragic Asuncion fire.

CWA was able to reach an additional 5,960 parents with new educational and DVD packages to help them make informed decisions regarding potential family placements.

The Moscow Russia offices were expanded to a new location with added staff, and a new China office was established in Hunan province with long time China program head, YuQin Jiao taking over possession of the office. These moves were made to add "in country" assistance and information to parents traveling, as well as to expand CWA's outreach and humanitarian aid to both countries. YuQin was able to expedite donations to the following child welfare centers in 2004. The Changde, Yueyang, Angina, Yiyang, Danyang, Hefi, and Lou Di welfare centers all received donations for baby clothing, washing machines, and special needs surgery.

CWA chairperson (Leah Miller) visiting China, spoke to the heads of CCAA regarding China's new Tomorrow Program to aid special needs children's surgeries, and agreed to raise funding for this very worthy cause. Over \$7000 has been sent to date, with the program just beginning.

This is on top of the CWA placement of fifty two special needs children from China, plus fourteen more placed, but not home yet. Christian World parents also donated \$248,500. To Chinese welfare centers in 2004.

CWA's Russian program brought home 89 children to US families, and contributed over \$178,000 to the Russian orphanages. CWA also contributed the balance of the \$60,000 to the Safonovo Russian boarding school through October of 2004.

CWA brought over the Minister of Education from Kazakhstan for the 2004 Angel's Adoption banquet sponsored by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption, in order to help improve awareness of the orphans needs and success of U.S. placements.

CWA hired new Russian speaking staff members to help with the new Kazakhstan and new Russian regional programs, as well as expansion of domestic training.

CWA's Guatemalan program placed over 50 children with new US parents, and was responsible for over \$75,000 in direct donations to the needy there.

CWA joined the National Council for Adoption again in 2004, as we continued to try to expand our base of influence and education. Staff members are also preparing for reaccreditation in 2005.

The Coats4Kids annual fund drive netted over \$30,000, which is being distributed to the various areas requested by donors, including Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Bulgaria, Mongolia, and others.

New programs are being pursued, as CWA travels to Honduras (three trips by board member Dr. Maria Moore in 2004), Paraguay, Bulgaria, and upcoming trips to Africa by the Hardings and parents who have previously adopted there.

CWA continues to support the Hague Convention and other new legislation that is pro active and positive for the children of the world. New emphasis is being added to the HIV and AIDS problems, after the Family Life Summit that CWA attended in October of 2004.

CWA staff (in conjunction with other major U.S. accredited agencies) has spent exhaustive hours working with the new Russian regulations and changes to help the accredited agencies there renew and maintain their representation and ability to work with the children. Hundreds of adoptive children's lives are in limbo based on recent Duma changes. Special trips to other countries and discussion with U.S. officials continue with the resolution of this as the goal.

Christian World Adoption will continue to try to be an effective advocate for the child without a voice in our world, and will work for cooperation in balanced, ethical partnerships to help as many of God's children as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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