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Christian World Adoption was able to exceed all goals in 2005, as program expansions in to new countries and regions and increased adoption family registration and participation surpassed predictions of children helped and humanitarian aid distributed.

CWA had received almost 500 family registrations for international placement in 2005. Expected goals of 250 were exceeded early in the year as more people were reached through CWA education and counseling outreach seminars and classes. Over 7000 information and DVD packages were distributed, and group meetings exceeded all expected numbers as well. CWA is currently working with over 640 families to help find homes for orphans from other countries. New outreach advisors in satellite locations increased by over five hundred percent by year-end, with more growth in sight.

The CWA development team was able to visit Ethiopia on two separate occasions and established two new facilities there along with local government cooperation allowing CWA to support over 100 children by providing schooling, food, clothing, and some medical help. CWA signed a five year agreement with the Ethiopian government to help these children at this level. An orphanage was also established to help children less than three years of age in Wolita Ethiopia, where there are currently seventeen little ones being provided medical, housing, food, and foster care. These facilities include resident nannies, nurses, and hospital access. A complete program was established in less than one year with the cooperation of many local CWA employees and government cooperation. CWA provided a vehicle for backcountry transportation and medical visits for this area as well. Over $70,000 has already been expended, and $175,000 has already been budgeted for 2006.

CWA staff members visited Guatemala providing humanitarian aid to the flood victims, purchasing needed items for a village (including food and toys) and set up five new CWA in country representatives (attorneys) to assist with the placement and aid of homeless children there. As a result of this, infant placement increased dramatically in the fourth quarter of 2005, with 49 orphans placed in loving homes.

CWA activity in Russia and former NIS countries was stepped up in order to help facilitate the needs in Kazakhstan and the Ukraine. Anticipated Hague Convention changes were reflected in the changes in child welfare and adoption program changes in these countries, and the changes in implementation legislation to help resolve these issues was addressed by several CWA staffers offering information and assistance.

Major advances were made by the National Council for Adoption and others by counseling and sharing input from others. During the year CWA was able to contribute over $149,000 to the children’s homes and welfare centers as well as placing 71 orphan children with new families. Additional optical and other surgeries were also performed and sponsored by CWA funding.

CWA received an invitation from the Chinese government to visit them on the Yangtze River to help establish a charter advisory group on childhood development and orphan placement in China. Three US organizations and two from Europe were invited to be the founding charter group, and all of us signed an accord to work together each year in this regard. CWA placements from China exceeded 100 children, and the welfare center contributions totaled $364,000 for 2005. CWA also donated over $28,000 to the Tomorrow project set up by the CCAA to help repair and rehabilitate orphan children with severe medical and surgical needs. CWA added case workers and administration to the China program to help with the increased levels of special needs children that CWA is helping to find homes for. Over one third of placements are older children and children with substantial special needs.

CWA has made staff visits to the Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Russia, China, Guatemala, Honduras, Bulgaria, Mongolia, and other areas to help develop humanitarian programs, set up educational groups, and place orphan children.

As the year ends, we are developing new programs in Honduras, and getting licensed in Kyrgyzstan, with staff and program people in both countries.

CWA also underwent reaccredidation from the Council on Accreditation in 2005, working under the new Hague Convention standards. New software is under development, computer technology has been vastly improved, and oversight has improved as a result of these advances.

Contributions for the annual drive fund (Coats4Kids) exceeded $35,000 for the year, and is being used in Russia ($11,000) Kazakhstan ($8,000), Ethiopia ($7,000) with more going to China, Mongolia, Peru, Kyrgyzstan, the Ukraine, and others as donations come in. CWA has also set up a new sponsorship program to help children in Africa, and contributed aid and assistance to Kenya at a rural orphanage there.

The Family Builder Fund is new for 2005, and is designed to help those families who wish to help an orphan, but cannot quite afford to. Adequate funds are in place to help three families, and one is in process.

CWA continues to be an active advocate for the children of the world who need love and care. Our mission statement includes helping the children with medical and basic care needs that have no family, and cannot help themselves. We support the Hague Convention to help promote the rights of children to have a loving, healthy home through ethical cooperation with our partners all over the world.

Respectfully Submitted,

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