



World Christian Fellowship Newsletter

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Stewarding the Past and Positioning for Growth

As the end of 2007 approaches, we wanted to give you a brief update on the state of the WCF ministry. Read on for an inside glimpse into what God is doing through World Christian Fellowship...

Destiny Calling. Along with other Christian organizations, WCF recognizes that God's grand plan includes a special destiny for Asian American Christians, who have been uniquely equipped to play a role in world missions that no other group can accomplish. WCF has become a hub for this message and strives to actively mobilize Asian Americans toward fulfilling their God-given purpose.

Our Past and Present. Historically, the primary activities of WCF have been the annual conference and various regional prayer groups. The strength of WCF is in its like-minded networks and sense of community in striving towards toward a common Kingdom goal. These networks will continue to be the core of the ministry.

WCF's annual missions conference, the World Christian Conference, which gathers together like-minded peers, leaders, and mentors, has grown in influence over the years. It is a sacred place where God shows up each year, exposing attendees to the big picture of what God is doing in the world and enabling them to hear His voice in their own lives. During the conference, attendees are encouraged to grapple with their identity, purpose, and calling, and they return to their congregations with an enlarged vision and deeper commitments to Christ. They feel energized and equipped to serve and follow Jesus more fully—many times even repurposing their careers.

Servant Leaders. Planning and Executive committees steward the annual event while the Board of Directors (formerly known as the Advisory Board) oversees the direction of the overall movement. The Leadership Team, functioning as the interim executive director, was put in place in 2006 to begin developing the movement in new ways while also stewarding what God has already done through WCF. Over the last 18 months, the Leadership Team, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, has

been working behind the scenes to consider what ways WCF could better fulfill its purposes and to initiate infrastructure changes to meet the clarified vision.

Growth Plans. The future vision of WCF is to accelerate the growth of God's Kingdom by building up the Asian American capacity to respond when and where God is working. Growth plans include increasing the leadership, prayer, and fiscal resources base; hiring a full-time executive director; developing various platforms for the World Christian voice; leveraging the existing WCF alumni base; multiplying face-to-face events; and building relationships with pastors, churches, and other ministries.

One specific way in which WCF plans to activate, steward, and connect the distinctive Asian American capacity for God's purposes is by launching the Rallying Cry Initiative in 2008. We plan to get in front of groups, whether through forums or at churches, to share the WCF movement vision—that God has a particular role for Asian Americans to play in His Kingdom work.

World Christian Fellowship (WCF) is an organization and community that began more than 30 years ago as a prayer movement. By God's grace, WCF now impacts many young adults and professionals to live intentionally for Him—as World Christians.

If you would like to get involved with the WCF movement please consider supporting us by volunteering your time or energy, or by becoming a financial partner. We welcome your questions and comments at info@wcfellowship.org.

Thanks for your support, and may God continue to lead each of you in your World Christian journey in 2008!

Year-End Giving: Has God been good to You this year?

Consider giving a YEAR-END GIFT to World Christian Fellowship, and help us activate the Asian American capacity in service to the King and His Kingdom!

How: Mail checks payable to WCF, P.O. Box 256, Mountain View, CA, 94042-0256, and be sure to include your address so we can send you a receipt for your tax-deductible donation.

WCF REGIONAL PRAYER GROUPS!

The following prayer groups meet monthly. For more information on meeting times and locations, visit wcfellowship.org.

**East Bay (Moraga, CA)
Seattle (Tukwila, WA)**

**LA (Arcadia, CA)
SF South Bay (Sunnyvale, CA)**

SF Monthly Missions Meeting (MMM) (San Francisco, CA)

Introducing Plenary Speakers: George Verwer and Jackie Pullinger

By Ed L.

Bold! Unconventional! Courageous! Empowering! Humble! Compassionate! Authentic! These characteristics describe the lives of our featured speakers for WCC 2008: George Verwer, founder and former international director of Operation Mobilization (OM), and Jackie Pullinger, founder and director of St. Stephen's Society.



George Verwer was saved at the age of 16; in the next year, George led about 200 classmates to a relationship with Jesus. Shortly after George's conversion, he said to God, "Only one thing I want

in life: I want to learn to pray, to love you. I want to know you and commune with you."

George had a growing conviction to share the Word of God on foreign soil. He started by distributing the Gospel of John in Mexico in 1957 along with two friends. After graduating from Moody Bible Institute, George continued his work in Spain. In Spain, after a time of prayer in 1962, OM was born.

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now available at
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Today OM reaches across the world through two ships. For decades, these ships have traveled the world supplying literature, helping people in need, training young people, and sharing the Good News of God's love. OM has over 4,000 people working in over 80 nations to make Christ known in the lives of all they meet. George has raised up dedicated leaders to pursue this task worldwide. George's constant goal is to get to know God by discipling young Christians while carrying out a rigorous program of world evangelism.

In August 2003, George handed over the international leadership of OM. He and his wife are now involved full-time in OM's special projects ministries. They travel and speak at meetings around the world. George has a burning concern for vital, propagating, and revolutionary Christianity in his own life and in the lives of those he meets.



Jackie Pullinger has been working in Hong Kong among the poor, oppressed, and the downtrodden for the last 40 years. She began when she was 20 years old by leaving everything in her home country to follow God's call on her life and has never turned back.

Jackie arrived in Hong Kong in 1966 and was immediately drawn to the most notorious and dangerous city imaginable—Kowloon's Walled City. The Walled City was ruled by the Chinese Triad, and its sole inhabitants were drug addicts, prostitutes, and gangsters. When Jackie first arrived at the Walled City, she struggled and did not see results.

One morning she realized what was wrong. She had told people that Jesus loved them and wanted to forgive them but she had not loved them in any practical way. She needed to go and act as Jesus to them. Her new and very practical approach yielded a remarkable response. Providing food, shelter, and healthcare; visiting prisons; and speaking up for victims became the ingredients of her everyday life. The situation transformed so greatly that even the drug barons watched out for her safety.

Jackie's persistence grew steadily over time, and within a few years, she had won the confidence and trust of those to whom she preached. Many abused and addicted victims found freedom and even experienced miraculous healings by turning to faith in Jesus. A den of despair and misery was being transformed into a society of redeemed individuals who experience hope and eternal life.

Forty years later, St. Stephen's Society continues to grow, also serving in countries such as the Philippines, Thailand, and India. Jackie says, "We love our people whether they turn out well or not." She also believes, "The successes do not vindicate our ministry nor the disappointments nullify it. What is important is whether we have loved in a real way—not preached in an impassioned way from a pulpit." Her words remind us of the simplicity of the gospel and the power of Jesus' love to redeem and transform lives.

The theme verse for WCC 2008 is Ezekiel 37:9–10: "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army."

We are His vast army of love. Let us Arise to Revive the Nations!