



WORD MADE FLESH

year in review.2009



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about wmf

Word Made Flesh is a community dedicated to serving Jesus among the most vulnerable of the world's poor. We build communities in poor areas around the world by nurturing friendships with those who are poor. As we build relationship, we create programs and opportunities that respond to our friends' needs.

This annual report should give you an idea of what we've been up to this year. More information is available at wordmadeflesh.org.

year in numbers

18 years as a registered non-profit

142 staff members

61 board members

12 countries

19,207 people receiving *The Cry*

\$1062.63 average monthly salary for North American staff

\$2.3 million projected 2009 income

83% total income via individual support

Moldova

Vision | As a sign of the presence of the Kingdom of God, WMF Moldova seeks to love and serve Jesus in community among the most vulnerable of the poor: children at risk and their families.

Details | WMF Moldova will begin its activity in January 2010 through volunteer work at different organizations that offer services to vulnerable children throughout the capital city, Chisinau. Additionally, WMF staff will focus on entering into relationships with people in local churches as they seek to build community among the most vulnerable and discern their specific calling in service.

Highlights | In 2009 WMF Romania staff members Rachel Simons, Magdalena Clopotel and John Koon committed to planting a new WMF field in Moldova beginning in January 2010. Also in 2009, Annie Keith completed a Servant Team in Romania and was hired to come on staff in Moldova in 2010. WMF volunteers Iosif Chiriac (long-time friend of WMF Romania) and Adriana Ciobanu (friend of WMF from Moldova) are in the process of officially joining WMF Moldova as staff in the near future. This team of six people spent much of 2009 praying, fund raising, casting vision and visiting potential partner organizations in Moldova.

Financial Needs | WMF Moldova's greatest financial need for 2010 will be to cover salaries for Moldovan staff members. Additionally, we will have expenses associated with the official registration of WMF in Moldova as well as rent and related costs for an office/meeting space.

staff



Magdalena
Clopotel



John Koon



Annie Keith



Rachel Simons

Magdalena Clopotel, Educator; John Koon, Field Director; Annie Keith, Servant Team Coordinator; Rachel Simons, Educator.

staff



Anca Archip

Lau and Vali
ArchipDoinita
AvasilicaiDavid & Lenutsa
ChronicJosh and Robin
FowlerGianina
GheorguisApril and Bela
IspasAna and
Paul Rase

Anica Stefan

Fanel
Ursachescu

Anca Archip, Social Worker; Lau and Vali Archip, Educator, Program Director; Doinita Avasilicai, Cook; David and Lenutsa Chronic, Regional Coordinator, Educator; Josh and Robin Fowler, Servant Team Coordinator, Community Care Facilitator; Gianina Gheorguis, Cleaning Management; April and Bela Ispas, Educator, Administrator; Ana and Paul Rase, Educator, Field Director; Anica Stefan, Cook; Fanel Ursachescu, Educator.

Romania

Vision | WMF Romania serves Jesus among the most vulnerable: at-risk children, street youth and poor families.

Education and Counseling Programs | WMF Romania assists destitute children in education — helping with school expenses, advocating for the children at their schools and providing tutoring, meals and medical care at the “Valley” Community Center. With the help of volunteers and staff from the local church, 40 at-risk children were assisted with their education in 2009. Of those, 35 attended regular schools, and five attended a special school for those who have missed years in school. Keeping in mind that all programs offered at the center are therapeutic (art, computer, summer camp and daily play time), play therapy was added to the programs offered at the community center this year in order to establish a more formal time for counseling.

Family and Community Support | Through parent meetings, home visits, trainings and presentations in schools and churches, the WMF community has begun to build relationships; raise awareness of issues involving children, positive discipline and behavioral development; and share the truth of God’s love in the local community. The WMF community has also been involved in supporting foster families as they open their homes to children in need of consistent affection and structure.

Advocacy | Through two semi-annual printed publications, a Beggars Society and a website, WMF Romania is able to raise awareness in the church and local community about poverty issues and how to develop a biblical response.

Financial needs | WMF Romania continues to desire funding for the job creation center we have hopes of building in order to better serve families in our local community.

Sierra Leone

Vision | We are called to holistically care for children and young adults through discipleship, educational/vocational opportunities and family-like relationships.

Lighthouse Ministry | WMF Sierra Leone closely partners with Lighthouse Ministry, a program started by Sierra Leoneans to encourage and support children who live on the streets of Freetown. Fifteen teenagers and young adults are a part of the program, each one enrolled in high school or a job-training program. The Lighthouse youth meet once a week for corporate worship, fellowship, prayer and Bible study. Throughout the week, they meet in smaller groups for discipleship, Bible study, prayer and accountability. Lighthouse youth hone their leadership skills as they help facilitate the weekly Good News Club in Kroo Bay.

WMF continues to assist the tailor graduates from Lighthouse by giving them tailoring projects. A couple of them have taken an interest in designing and sewing bags. WMF staff works closely with the tailoring graduates to sew bags for sale in the U.S. Please go to <http://www.wordmade-flesh.org/sierra-leone/2009/03/bags-for-sale/> to learn how you can support the tailors through the bag sales.

Kroo Bay Good News Club | On Saturday afternoons, WMF staff, Sierra Leonean Leadership Team and the Lighthouse youth lead a Bible club for more than 250 children in Kroo Bay, one of the largest and poorest communities of

Freetown. The Lighthouse youth lead the children in praise and worship, Bible stories and prayer. At the end of the meetings, eggs and biscuits are shared to help with nutritional needs, and those who are wounded or sick receive first aid. Five children from the club receive school fees and academic tutoring through generous donations given to WMF.

Physical Therapy | Erin Harrell, a licensed physical therapist, continues to see patients with disabilities, focusing mostly in Kroo Bay. Erin's role is to teach the patients exercises to strengthen their mobility and muscles and also to offer education to those who are disabled and their family members to combat prevalent negative stereotypes about the causes of disabilities.

WMF Sierra Leone | WMF Sierra Leone has officially registered with the Ministry of Social Welfare in Sierra Leone as a Voluntary Social Organization. We have assembled a Board of Directors composed mostly of Sierra Leoneans who will provide oversight for our ministry as well as support in our different ministries.

Financial Need | In the last six years, we have noticed that as children reach their teens they have stopped attending Kroo Bay Good News Club. Many have turned to theft and prostitution to make a living. We want to start a learning center for the teens in Kroo Bay, especially the girls in the area, to provide them with positive opportunities they would not otherwise have. For this to happen we would need to raise \$7,000 annually to cover the cost of rental and maintenance of the space, as well as material resources for the learning center.

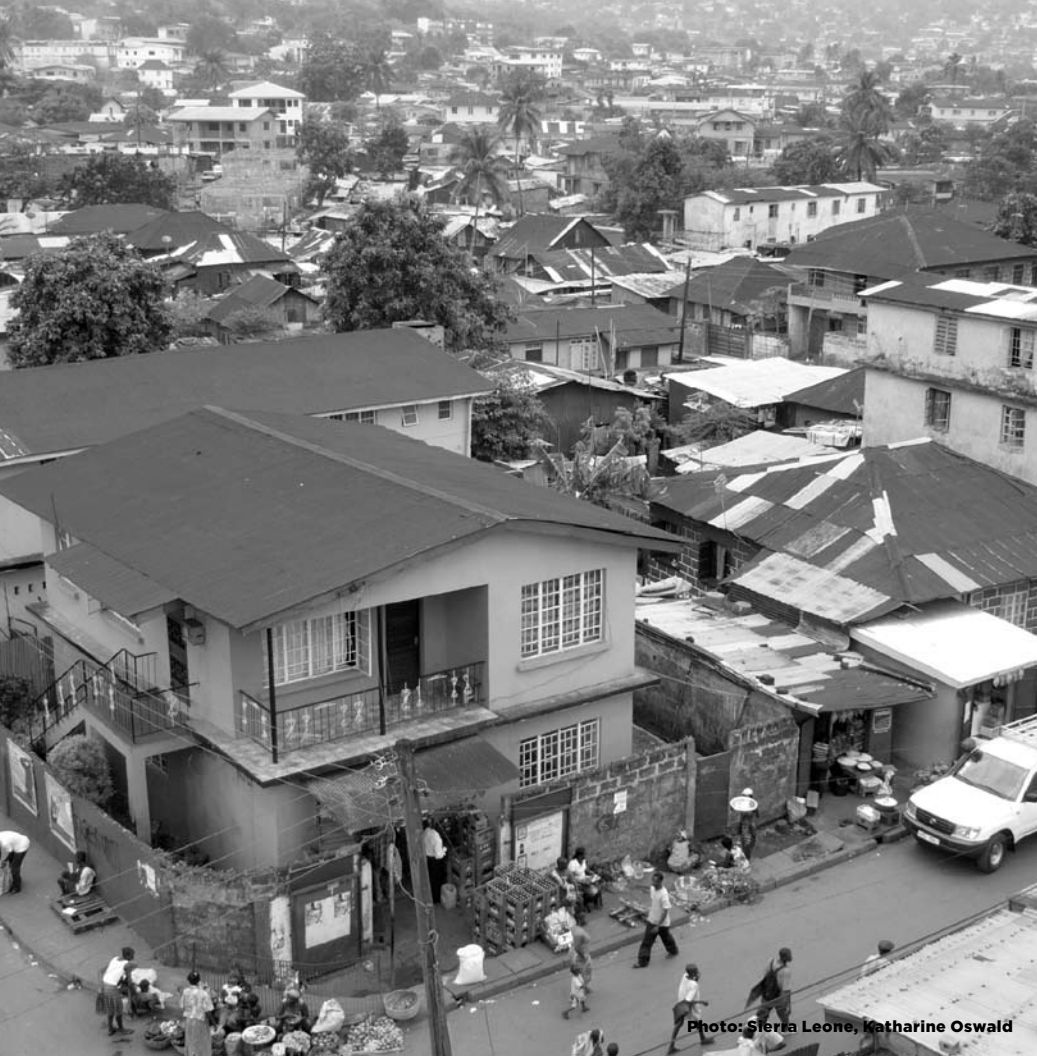


Photo: Sierra Leone, Katharine Oswald

staff



Chris and
Erin Harrell



Dan
Henry



Sally
Kamara



Stephanie
McGuire



George Pat-
Davies



Jan and Karoline
Sassenberg



Cami Sigler



Florence
Taylor



Noah Tullay



Faye Yu

Chris and Erin Harrell, Community Care Facilitator, Field Administrator; Dan Henry, Field Staff; Sally Kamara, Hospitality Coordinator; Stephanie McGuire, Servant Team Coordinator; George Pat-Davies, Lighthouse Coordinator; Cami Sigler, Field Director; Florence Taylor, Education Coordinator; Noah Tullay, Kroo Bay Coordinator; Faye Yu, Field Advocate.

Canada

Details | Over the course of 2008-2009, friends of WMF applied for charitable status for the organization in Canada. A soft launch party was held in January 2009 to meet Chris Heuertz and understand the vision of WMF. Chris also spoke at two missions conferences at postsecondary institutions: Heritage Bible College and Seminary in Cambridge, Ontario, and Redeemer University College in Ancaster, Ontario. Chris was also interviewed by Denise Lodde of 100 Huntley Street which was seen nationwide and can be viewed on YouTube ([youtube.com/watch?v=jZ_NiLmbto4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZ_NiLmbto4)). We are thankful for Chris' investment of a week of his time, which has resulted in a growing awareness of becoming community with the poor.

We are pleased to announce that incorporation and charitable status were received at the end of September 2009. This status will enable WMF Canada to issue charitable tax receipts to Canadian donors. Also, we are praying that Canadians would discover WMF and become an integral part of the communities around the world. Already we have had one Bolivian-Canadian from British Columbia begin an application for internship.

United States

Vision | WMF Omaha supports, guides and serves the global mission.

Staff | Omaha, Neb., houses the Office of the Director, Administration Department, Advocacy Team and Community Care Center. After 12 years with WMF, Brent Anderson felt the Lord leading him to leave his role of International Associate Director of Administration. Beginning in March, Brent was able to receive an overdue time of Sabbatical. Daphne Eck Coppock (International Associate Director of Advocacy) also received Sabbatical.

Field Forum | In February, the Office of the Director facilitated WMF's triennial Field Forum in Nepal, bringing together members from every field to focus on the theology and praxis of partnership.

staff



Melanie
Curless



Daphne Eck
Coppock



Marcia Ghali



Cesia
Gonzalez



Tara Haley



Chris
Heuertz



Phileena
Heuertz



Liz Ivkovich



Amanda
Knihal



Caldwell
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McRitchie



Mandy
Mowers



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O'Callaghan



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Powell



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Sturdivant-
Wilson

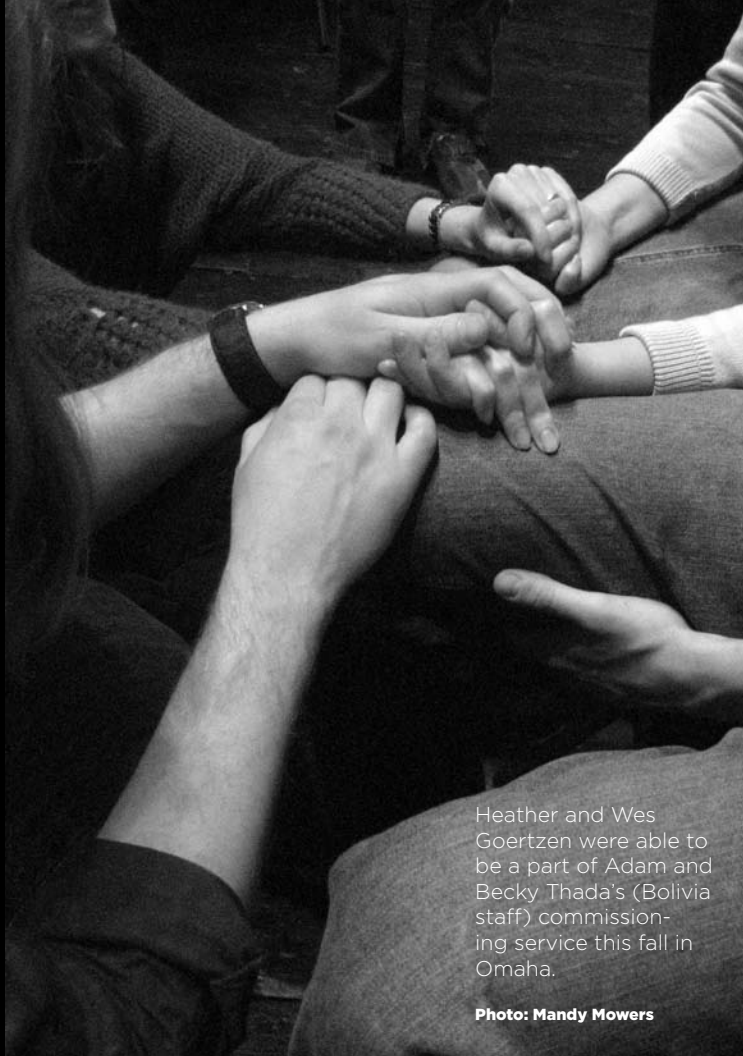


Silas West



Hilary
Wilken

Melanie Curless, Health and Development Advisor; Daphne Eck Coppock, Int'l. Associate Director of Advocacy; Marcia Ghali, Beggars Society Coordinator/Short Term Programs Director; Cesia Gonzalez, Assistant to the Administration Department; Tara Haley, Medical Advisor; Chris Heuertz, Int'l. Executive Director; Phileena Heuertz, Int'l. Associate Director of Community Care; Liz Ivkovich, Int'l. Associate Director of Administration; Amanda Knihal, Community Care Coordinator; Caldwell Manners, Int'l. Partnership Coordinator; Kathryn McRitchie, U.S. Sari Bari Program Administrator; Mandy Mowers, Publications Editor; Twyla O'Callaghan, Public Relations Liaison; Danielle Powell, Secretary of the Office of the Director; Jara Sturdivant-Wilson, Advocacy Coordinator; Silas West, Community Care Coordinator; Hilary Wilken, Assistant to the Director of Community Care.



Heather and Wes Goertzen were able to be a part of Adam and Becky Thada's (Bolivia staff) commissioning service this fall in Omaha.

Photo: Mandy Mowers



Photo: Jeremiah Dean

Argentina

Vision | WMF Argentina exists and is called to serve and discover Jesus among the abandoned and vulnerable youth on the streets of Buenos Aires. We also seek to create a welcoming community where hospitality is central, creating a space for healing, rest and reflection for WMF staff serving in South America.

Teaching English | In September 2009, WMF Argentina, in partnership with *Iglesia Evangelica Metodista Esperanza*, began a ministry of teaching English to nearly 50 children of the *villa miseria, Bajo Flores*.

Financial needs | We have begun taking steps, after initial meetings with a lawyer, to register WMF as an Argentine Association. This important process will give greater accountability to the ministry and allow us to officially hire Argentines to work alongside us. We are hoping to raise the necessary funds to support ongoing ministries, for expenses related to registering WMF Argentina, and to hire Argentine staff once the registration process is complete.

staff



David Bayne



Jennifer and Jeremiah Dean



Adriana and Walter Forcatto

David Bayne, Field Staff; Jennifer and Jeremiah Dean, Servant Team Coordinators; Adriana and Walter Forcatto, Field Directors and South America Regional Coordinators.



Photos: Peru, group by Brian Langley;
individuals by Monica Ghall

Bolivia

Vision | We are called to participate in holistic transformation through Christ Jesus for those who prostitute in Bolivia. It is our mission, in community, to practice and proclaim the Kingdom of God among those affected by prostitution, through relationship and opportunities for transformation.

Safe Sanctuaries | WMF Bolivia helped International Justice Mission offer "Safe Sanctuaries," a six-month training program for Bolivian churches in issues of domestic violence, child abuse, and the church's role in providing justice. Many WMF staff are also involved in the training.

Suti Sana | The *Casa de Esperanza* underwent major construction to prepare for the initiation of Suti Sana, an alternative employment and therapeutic program in March 2010. Construction included a classroom, a general workroom, a counseling office and a large sewing area.

Financial Needs | We need seven churches, groups or individuals to pledge \$150/month for a year (\$1,800/year), for the therapy, discipleship and training of one of the women who will be involved in the first group of Suti Sana.

staff



Justa Copa Alvaro



Andrea and Andy Baker



Alicia Bunch



Heather and Wes Goertzen



Feliza Mamani



Veronica Mendoza



Doris Monasterios Quispe



Victoria Quispe de Calle



Cara Strauss



Adam and Becky Thada



Eliana Carrillo Toledo



Rosaisela Torres

Justa Copa Alvaro, Child Care Coordinator; Andrea and Andy Baker, Field Directors; Alicia Bunch, Field Staff; Wes and Heather Goertzen, Field Administrator, Counselor; Feliza Mamani, Head Cook; Veronica Mendoza, *Casa de Esperanza* Coordinator; Doris Monasterios Quispe, Administrative Assistant; Victoria Quispe de Calle, Cook; Cara Strauss, Field Advocate; Adam and Becky Thada, Field Staff; Eliana Carrillo Toledo, Cleaning and Maintenance and Rosaisela Torres, Administrator.



Photos: Cara Strauss



WMF Bolivia commissioned a Bolivian artist, Pablo Villagomez, to do a painting for the Suti Sana sewing area. The painting is a result of a the combined vision of staff members and former interns of the hoped-for liberty for the women in prostitution in El Alto, based on Exodus 15: 20-21:

Then Miriam the prophet, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. Miriam sang to them:
"Sing to the Lord,
for he is highly exalted.
Both horse and driver
he has hurled into the sea."

Brazil

Vision | We are called by God to offer a prophetic witness to the city of Rio de Janeiro, especially to those who struggle with and suffer from drugs, poverty, broken families and violence.

Registered | In 2009, WMF Brazil was officially registered with the Brazilian government as *Palavra Encarnada*. In addition, the first general assembly and board meetings were held.

Women's Center | After months of prayer, dreaming and searching, we found a place to serve as a project that will minister among women on the downtown streets of Rio. The rental agreement was signed and the space renovated to better meet the needs of the women. This center, The Esther Project, will serve women through holding Bible study, art classes, hygiene courses on health and family, and offering social services.

Financial Needs | In addition to our regular expenses, we need \$1,300 per month for operating costs for the new women's center.



Photo: Ben Miller

staff



Jacqueline
Bolonha



Esdrienne
Cohen



Rebecca and
Rich Nichols



Diego Rocha



Kate
Van Wynen

Jacqueline Bolonha, Street Educator;
Esdrienne Cohen, Women's Program
Coordinator; Rebecca and Rich
Nichols, Field Directors; Diego Rocha,
Street Educator; Kate VanWynen, Field
Advocate.



Vision | Our calling is to practice and proclaim the Kingdom of God to children, adolescents and young adults who have lived on, are currently living on or are at immediate risk for the streets. Our focus area is the historic district of Lima. The WMF community in Lima labors holistically in the following integrated areas: Street Outreach, Youth Development, Bible Studies, Family Network Care and Social Development.

Street outreach | Our street visits reached approximately 50 youth (ages 10 to 22), and our day program had an average attendance of 10 to 15 youth.

Girls' Bible study | Twenty different young mothers have participated in this program, averaging three to five women with their lively and beautiful children.

Integration | Our monthly visits reached 30 individuals and young families, and 20 young adults and their 15 children participated in our monthly celebrations.

Social work | Through our educational-assistance program, 35 children were able to attend school, and our social work outreach impacted around 120 youth.

Current needs and future plans | WMF Peru is sustained by gifts and support from individuals and groups around the world. Our ministry strategy depends on long-term relationships of trust with our target groups; as such our yearly budget needs for committed Peruvian staff are higher than other organizations. We currently need monthly, committed support for six full-time Peruvian staff, and financial and gifts-in-kind support for our programs and ministries, as well as support to update and maintain our facility.

- Support one full-time Peruvian staff: \$450 monthly for each (six total)
- Ministry Support: \$750 monthly for all ministries combined
- Ministry Center operating expenses: \$150 monthly

staff



Sarah Dobrin



Erick Ortiz
Gayosos



Monica Ghali



Linsey
Higgins



Amy Lahey



Brian and
Rachel Langley



Anna
Monteviller



Jose Luis
Palacios



Lily Marie
Ramirez



Sebastian
Sevilla Ruiz



David Smith

Sarah Dobrin, Community Care Facilitator; Erick Ortiz Gayosos, Street Outreach Coordinator; Monica Ghali, Field Advocate; Linsey Higgins, Field Administrator; Amy Lahey, Field Staff; Brian and Rachel Langley, Field Directors; Anna Monteviller, Programs Director; Jose Luis Palacios, Social Work Coordinator; Lily Marie Ramirez, Secretary; Sebastian Sevilla Ruiz, Volunteer Coordinator; David Smith, Visits Coordinator.

India (Chennai)

Vision | Our calling is to serve Jesus among the most vulnerable of the poor in the community, especially children orphaned by AIDS and children with HIV.

Growing up | Four of our children who joined the family when they were 3 or 4 years old now have stable careers as nurses and nursing assistants. Praise God! We continue to be blessed by these children through their support for the needs of our children's home.

Financial Needs | Computer Facility: It has been the long-term plan of the children's home to have a well-equipped computer facility (with at least four personal computers) for the enhancement of the educational performance of the children. Each PC would cost between 45,000 and 50,000 Rupees (about \$1,000). Therefore, the cost for four PCs would be Rs. 200,000 (about \$4,200).

Expansion of Children's Home: The Lord blessed Chennai Children's Home with our very own building of around 3,000 sq. ft. in the year 2007. To meet the growing needs of the growing children, we are on the lookout for a large piece of land which would accommodate a care facility for HIV-positive infants, cottages for children, a modest chapel, an administrative block, a playground and a unit for a small business initiative. The cost of such a project will be Rs. 1,500,000 (\$32,000).



staff



Mr. E. Amoses



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Hephzibah



Mrs. Evangelene
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Mrs. M.
Prabha



Angelene
Samuel



Rev. Patrick
Samuel



Mrs. Victoria
Samuel

Mr. E. Amoses, Office Assistant; Ms. Hephzibah, Creche Nurse; Mr. Y. Paulraj Devadoss, Supervisor; Mrs. Evangelene Norman, Deputy Director; Mrs. M. Prabha, Tutor; Angelene Samuel, Project Coordinator; Rev. Patrick Samuel, Director; Mrs. Victoria Samuel, Administrator.

India (Kolkata)

Vision | Jesus has called WMF Kolkata to the freedom and restoration of Kolkata's red-light areas through dignifying relationship with persons affected by the sex trade.

Sari Bari | Sari Bari is a business initiative that seeks the freedom and restoration of Kolkata's red-light areas through dignifying employment opportunities. At print, Sari Bari employs 26 women full time, and an additional 19 women are in training making bags and blankets from used saris.

Sari Bari moved to a new rental location in July after more than a year of searching and in August opened its second location in Kolkata's largest red-light area. On Sept. 11, 2009, Sari Bari was established as Sari Bari Private Limited.

Brothel Ministry | WMF spends time with the people of Kolkata's largest red-light district four days a week. By making daytime and early-evening visits to the area, they are able to build relationships, resource women to find education for their children, assist with connections to alternate sources of employment, and help in medical advocacy. One of Sari Bari's women makes visits alongside WMF staff and continues to be a voice of new life and hope. WMF male staff have made occasional visits, connecting with sons and husbands in the red-light district and hope to pursue these relationships on a weekly basis in the future.

Financial Needs | WMF Kolkata and Sari Bari are so thankful for the generous support received this year from friends, supporters and all those who gave to the One Million Can Campaign. We hope that you will support our friends at WMF Bolivia as they start a business for the cause of freedom in El Alto's red-light area. As for us, WMF Kolkata needs you to purchase Sari Bari products and continue the support of freedom in the city's red-light areas. Visit saribari.com.

staff



Radhika Devi



Hope Guda



Melissa
Hayward



Gita Mandal



Upendra Saha



Sarah Lance



Kyle Scott



Kiran Shaw



Brent and Melinda
Snader



Beth
Waterman



Sheila Yoder

Radhika Devi, Sari Bari Quality Control, Medical Advocate; Hope Guda, Field Staff; Melissa Hayward, Field Staff; Sarah Lance, South Asia Regional Coordinator; Gita Mandal, Sari Bari Kalighat Production Manager, Brothel Visitation Staff; Upendra Saha, Sari Bari Operations Manager; Kyle Scott, Field Administrator; Kiran Shaw, Brothel Visitation Staff; Brent and Melinda Snader, Medical Advocate, Field Staff; Beth Waterman, Field Advocate/Servant Team Coordinator; Sheila Yoder, Field Staff. Not pictured: Sari Bari staff.

Nepal

Vision | Our calling is expressed through transformational ministries of compassion among women, children and youth, and unifying relationships with the poor and the local church.

Karuna Ghar – Home for Girls | Gautam and Rekha Rai are the parents of this family of girls. *Karuna Ghar* (Home of Compassion) provides a hope-filled future for girls from backgrounds of abuse and neglect. The Rais have 12 children.

Elderly care | At *Prem Ghar* (Home of Love), Jyoti Bhattarai and her family care for six elderly women who have been widowed or abandoned by their families. The *ammās* (mothers) have found love and life at the home, where they raise vegetables and are grandmothers to the Bhattarais' four children.

Jyoti and her husband, Shiva, also operate an outreach to the elderly, assisting women in need who are unable to live at *Prem Ghar*. The Bhattarais care for 12 elderly women around the Kathmandu Valley, helping them with housing needs, medical care, food and clothing.

Street Ministry | WMF Nepal staff spend time on the streets pursuing relationships with children, young men and women who are living in addiction to alcohol and hard drugs. Through relationships that have been established, WMF staff members are able to provide counseling, first aid and exposure to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Financial Needs | This coming year we are planning to begin a new small business initiative that will empower women who have been victims of domestic abuse and/or living in extremely impoverished conditions. We are currently in the prayer and planning stage and are excited to get started as soon as the Lord provides the funds required to begin!

staff



Jyoti Bhattarai



Maya Bhujel



Brook Birch



Gautam and
Rekha Rai



Jamuna Rai



Sumitra Rai



Calvin
Smothers

Jyoti Bhattarai, *Prem Ghar* Director; Maya Bhujel, *Prem Ghar* Staff; Brook Birch, Field Director; Gautam and Rekha Rai, *Karuna Ghar* Directors; Jamuna Rai, *Karuna Ghar* Staff; Sumitra Rai, *Karuna Ghar* Educator; Calvin Smothers, Servant Team Coordinator.



Photo: Calvin Smothers

Thailand

Vision | WMF Thailand seeks to walk with Jesus among the at-risk children and exploited families of Bangkok. Through relationships and community, we hope to love the broken and empower the voices of our friends.

Street Outreach | Street Outreach establishes and deepens relationships with families who beg on the street, mainly in the red-light district, putting children and woman at great risk for sexual exploitation. In valuing relationships we consistently visit our friends to offer encouragement, prayer and service. As relationships grow, we begin making home visits, hoping to build bridges into these at-risk communities.

Community | Our home in Thailand serves as a place to invite women into community with us. In our home Servant Team members, staff members and women in need are able to receive safety, relationship and grow in community.

Partnership | WMF Thailand takes part in the San Jai Network, a network of over 70 Christian organizations working in Thailand and surrounding countries. The San Jai Network is a Thai foundation focused on information sharing, partnership and working together. Our Servant Teams have begun to serve at the Jai Samarn Church, a large active Thai Church that is faithful to planting churches and reaching out to many of the communities in which our friends live.

Beggars Society in the making | We host a monthly meeting between Christian workers in which we read books, discuss and pray for each other. The emphasis is community, networking and support of each other and our ministry.

staff



Amy and
Tim Hupe

Amy and Tim Hupe,
Field Directors.



Photo: Tim Hupe

thank you. we couldn't do this work without your support.



Gratitude flows from
the recognition that
who we are and what
we have are gifts to be
received and shared.
(Henri Nouwen)

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