



WCF Pastoral Activities Summary

Updated as of May 2008

General Projects

- **Africa**
 - **Tanzania & DR Congo**
 - 2007: Support for widows and orphans from Malaria in Tanzania and DR Congo, through Bro Roger Wood, in cooperation with the Meal-A-Day Fund
 - 2007: Support for poultry farm in DR Congo
 - **Zimbabwe**
 - 2007: Finance the shipment of a truck from Holland to Zimbabwe, for Bro Eckem to be self-supportive in business there.

- **North America**
 - **Canada**
 - 2007: support for the Christadelphian Heritage School in Brantford, ON, Canada through Bro David Wiesniewski
 - **Jamaica (Port Maria)**
 - 2007: funding to enable Bro Milton Clarke to support himself and his wife, and well as provide spiritual assistance (including charitable works) to his home ecclesia. Milton also serves as the driver/visiting coordinator for visiting brethren.
 - Update as of May 2008: continued funding at current welfare levels; met increase in costs for WCF apartment rental and van maintenance; assisted in effort to repair hurricane damage to Milton's house; established a plane-fare fund to assist those who want to go to Port Maria to assist in its pastoral programs.
 - Plans: May-June campaign (2 weeks of yp along with Bre. Phil Sweeny and Peter Clausen), follow-up work in June (Lansings and Wilsons), parenting workshop in the Fall

- **Asia**
 - **Nepal**
 - 2007: support for two Nepalese orphan children to receive a home with family in USA
 - **China**
 - 2007: support for half-time employment of Sis Hongmei of Beijing ecclesia, China, working on English and Chinese websites and subtitling videos; funded rental of an apartment in Shanghai, which is also used as the meeting room.
 - Update: apt rental taken over by the ACBM
 - **Israel**
 - 2007: support to enable Israeli sisters living in danger by the Lebanese border to relocate if desirable or necessary

- **Eastern Europe**
 - **Ukraine**
 - 2007: funding to enable Bro Anton Kulik to support himself and his mother, and well as provide spiritual assistance (including charitable works) to his home ecclesia. Anton also serves as a translator for visiting brethren; ends in 2007

Resettlement of Refugees

- **Africa**
 - As of 2007:
 - Shared transport costs for relocation of Bro Abedi and family, natives of DR Congo, from a Tanzanian refugee camp to Guyana; through CBMA
 - Relocation of Bro Jean-Claude Bembezela and family from DR Congo to Boston, MA; through Bro Steve Davis
 - Provided support for housing costs for DR Congo refugees Bro Jaque and his family of 19 in Phoenix, AZ; through Bro Ron Sprankle
- **Asia**
 - As of 2007:
 - tens of thousands of dollars have been spent to date for Iranian refugee costs in Turkey and their subsequent resettlement in other countries. These brethren are fleeing religious persecution. One couple resettled in Canada, three families in the USA, and one individual in Europe. Costs also include brethren's visits to Turkey to provide comfort, encouragement, and assistance in determining and expediting the necessary paperwork for getting into another country.
- **Eastern Europe**
 - As of 2007:
 - resettlement costs of a Latvian sister who was suffering from physical abuse, to England; through Bre John Downer & Steve Street

Ecclesial Hall Support

- **Africa**
 - As of 2007:
 - Provided 50% of cost with CBM UK for construction of Abo Ecclesial Hall, Nigeria, Freetown ecclesial hall in Sierra Leone, and Candu ecclesial hall in South Africa
 - Granted funds for hall furniture in Cameroon
- **Eastern Europe**
 - As of 2007:
 - Shared 50% purchase costs with CBM UK for ecclesial halls in Brasov & Craiova, Romania

Emergency Funding

WCF not only does charitable works, it also provides emergency welfare funding, either as a grant, loan, or combination thereof, for brethren encountering sudden financial crisis. In such cases, WCF looks to work through the local ecclesia, wherever possible, and with the appropriate CBM organization, as relevant.

A couple of recent examples in North America include (1) emergency funding for relocation and basic needs following a house fire, and (2) home improvements and repairs to accommodate several adopted children.