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“He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, from with him will flow rivers of Living waters.”
John 7:38

Compassion International, Inc. Expanded Mission Focus

By Dr. Donald C. Taylor

Over the last several months the leadership of Compassion International, Inc. has reflected on the need to develop a strategic approach to the ministry needs of our community. While we recognize the increased demand for services on the one hand, we also understand the reality of limited resources. As a response to this situation and program support, the Board of Directors has approved the agency shift to a private foundation.

As **III Cord Foundation**, we will be in the position to provide in-kind services, direct financial assistance, and technical assistance

to churches, individuals and non-profit agencies and ministries serving low and moderate-income residents.

We have strengthened our support of partner agencies such as Antioch Church of God in Christ, Valley Christian Centers, Inc., MesaCAN, Servant of the Master and several other agencies.

We are also working closely with private individuals who desire to support our ministry through personal financial support.

This year we will be able to offer financial and technical assistance to ten organizations and we project this number will increase to 14-16 organizations in 2007.

Please be in prayer with our agency so that we may fulfill our mission of :

Bridging the G.A.P., Planting S.E.E.D.S. and Overflowing into the Lives of Others.

Change of Address

Effective January 1, 2006, III Cord Foundation/Compassion International, Inc. is pleased to announce the opening of our new office at: **1310 W. Hadley Street, Bldg. B, Phoenix, AZ 85007, Phone 602-252-1105, Fax 602-252-1175.**

This joint partnership with Phoenix Revitalization Corporation and Valley Christian Centers, Inc. allows the sharing of resources to better respond to the needs of low and moderate income residents of the Phoenix area. Offices hours are Monday: 1-4; Tuesday 12-4; Wednesday 10-4 and Thursday 12-4. *The office will be closed on Fridays.*

Community Clean-Up and Open House

As part of our opening, Compassion International, Inc. will like to invite you to two events:

- Clean-up and Painting Saturday January 21 9:00AM-1:00PM
- Open House Friday February 3 3:00PM-5:00PM

Refreshments will be served at each event. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office. We look forward to seeing you.

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Congo Initiative

End Time Army
Global Ministries

Faith Family
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Greater Love
Church

MesaCAN

Mission Times

Phoenix
Revitalization
Corporation
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Robyn Blue
Ministries

Smile Africa

Servant of the
Master

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Church

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Valley Christian Center Christmas 2005

By Doug & Ina Mae Copeland



On Dec. 16, 2005, VCC fed 350 persons a turkey dinner and gave each; man, woman and child a gift. In addition, VCC was able to help The Wellington Institute School of Life & Living provide gifts for 100 children, as well as 80 children and adults at First New Life House. On Dec 17, 2005 VCC delivered 200 food baskets to our home bound Senior Citizens and 375 Christmas baskets were given to our community on Dec 19, 2005.

Volunteer Ruth Jackson helped wrap over 500 gifts



On Dec 15, 2005 Valley Christian Centers' FOCUS youth had a special Christmas Pizza Party and were given gifts. We are extremely proud of our youth as 50% of them are on their respective school's honor roll and 75% have perfect attendance. All of them have made substantial improvements in their report card and testing grades.

VCC staff member helped serve at the Christian party

African Craft Production Opportunities

By Juanita Guidry Copeland

Juanita Guidry Copeland attended the African/African-American Summit in Zimbabwe in 1997, along with thousands of others. This organization was founded by the late Reverend Leon Sullivan and formed to bring together diversities of people, in order to promote self-help on the African continent. Historically, Reverend Sullivan was instrumental in bringing down apartheid in South Africa through his business manifesto, known as the Sullivan Principles.

During the trip, Juanita was motivated to develop a craft production and marketing company for the many African men and women who are expertly adept at using their hands and creating something from almost nothing. For instance, she observed during the trip how discarded soda bottle caps are painted with intricate details of life in Africa. They are then made into earrings, pins and necklaces. Bark from trees and banana peels are made into jewelry cases, decoration for garments and wall hangings.

Juanita, herself a crafter, was so impressed that she vowed to develop a company that would provide an opportunity for craft production. In order to prepare, she obtained a Masters of Business Administration in International Business from Western International Business and at the same time made the samples that could be easily and readily produced.

All that is required are fabric, thread and a pattern to follow all of which, Juanita will provide. The African crafters will be paid for each craft piece that is completed. These crafted pieces are then finished and sold in America and internationally. Juanita is seeking organizations and groups of individuals to work on this project and so far there is interest expressed in several African countries. If you are interested in joining in this project please contact Juanita Guidry Copeland of Faith Family Community Church via email at user536444@aol.com.

Compassion International Inc. Calendar of Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Community Empowerment Meeting	1/20/06	12:00PM	Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church
Community Clean Up	1/21/06	9:00AM-1:00PM	CII Office: 1310 W. Hadley
Feed the Homeless	1/28/06	7:30AM	Andre House
Board & Mission Trip Meeting	1/29/06	1:00-3:00PM	Goodner's Home
Open House	2/03/06	3:00-5:00PM	CII Office: 1310 W. Hadley
Board Meeting	2/19/06	1:00-3:00PM	Goodner's Home
Mission Trip Game Meeting	2/25/06	9:00AM	Goodner's Home
Mission Trip Fundraiser Dinner	3/04/06	6:00PM	Goodner's Home

From the Master's Cup

By Christine Goodner

Thank God for Missionaries: men, women and children who have decided to "Go Ye into the world". These Disciples of Jesus Christ have heeded the call and trusted God in order to help others, and to spread the Gospel. This new year will be a remarkable year for the Kingdom and for Compassion International, Inc. We are training six Missionaries to travel to the countries of Uganda and to The Democratic Republic of Congo on the continent of Africa.

Having a plan and knowing what you must accomplish is very important to the success of any Mission journey. So let us take a look at what our Lord told the first Missionaries.....His disciples. In Matthew Chapter 10, Jesus sent the disciples out among the "lost sheep" of Israel. He told them to preach His message, which was "The Kingdom of Heaven is near." He said, "heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, and drive out demons." "Freely you have received, freely give."

Well, my fellow Missionaries, that is it; that is the plan. All those things Jesus told his disciples to do, we can do also. Jesus gave his life so that we may have life, and before he went back to be with the Father he told us God would send someone to be with us. He called him the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. So we have All Power, to first make the plans, get the training and to do those very same things our Lord instructed the "First Missionaries" to do.

I love Missionaries and pray for them and for their families. We pray God's continual blessing on those men, women, and children who freely receive a gift and now are choosing to freely give. They give their time, talent and treasure to help and serve others all over the world. They want to let their light shine, to tell someone of the goodness of Jesus, and to plant the seed of the joy of Salvation through Jesus Christ.

Please pray for the six new Missionaries and for the entire mission team who have heeded the call. We also ask for prayers for our Mission Partners in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda. We thank you for your prayers and for your support.

Executive Director's Comments

By Dr. Donald C. Taylor

Looking for Helpers in Kingdom Building

How often has the Lord touched your heart to reach out and help others; the homeless, a struggling young mother, a family attempting to purchase their first home, a child in Africa, a local mission program? In this time we ask ourselves "How I can make a difference?" A small gift of \$500 or \$1,000 can revitalize a ministry and create a wider impact than you could ever imagine.

Over the last several months, Compassion International, Inc. has struggled with how we can let others like you engage in the mission field. In doing so, we been lead to restructure our agency to become private foundation, by which we fund and provide technical and resource assistance to agencies and ministries engaged in serving the less fortunate among us.

Increasingly we are seeing that many organizations are providing valuable services, but need as little as \$500 dollars to fulfill their programs. Compassion International, Inc.'s vision is to stand with these small ministries and agencies to link them with donators to help transform this community. If you are considering how you can aid us in this mission, please contact our office for information concerning donor directed giving and empowerment.

I ask you be in prayer with us as we embark upon this new road.

Compassion International, Inc. 2006 Board of Directors

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
The following individuals were appointed to serve on the CII Board of Directors at the January 2006 annual meeting	Tracey Goodner	Chairperson
	Shai Harris	Secretary
	Marcel Pratt	Treasurer
	Ina Mae Copeland	Board Member
	Evan Murnighan	Board Member

We would like to send a special thank you to retiring Board Members Barbara McCarty, Jeffrey McCarty, Doug Rhoads and Monica Scott for their dedication and service to Compassion International, Inc. over the years.