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"AND THIS GOSPEL OF THE  
KINGDOM WILL BE  
PREACHED IN THE WHOLE  
WORLD AS A TESTIMONY  
TO ALL NATIONS..."

## HONORING WIDOWS INDEED

**E**ACH YEAR CHRIST FOR HUMANITY UNDERTAKES JOINT-VENTURE PROJECTS WITH TRUSTED MINISTRIES THAT HAVE PROVEN TRACK RECORDS IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE POOR WHILE SPREADING GOD'S WORD. FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, CFH HAS PARTNERED WITH WM (NAME WITHHELD FOR SECURITY REASONS), A MINISTRY WORKING PRIMARILY WITH THE DALIT (UNTOUCHABLE) PEOPLE IN EASTERN INDIA. WM'S PRIMARY GOAL IS TO PROVIDE BIBLE TRAINING TO INDIAN MEN AND WOMEN, WHO IN TURN TAKE THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST TO THEIR CITIES, VILLAGES AND TRIBES TO SET FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS FREE FROM THE OPPRESSIVE YOKE OF THE HINDU CASTE SYSTEM AND SIN. THE RESPONSE TO WM'S OUTREACH AMONG INDIA'S UNTOUCHABLE POPULATION IS NOTHING SHORT OF PHENOMENAL. DURING 6 SHORT YEARS WORKING IN INDIA, WM HAS WITNESSED MORE THAN 22,800 PUBLIC PROFESSIONS OF FAITH THROUGH BAPTISM IN NEW CHURCHES, WITH MORE BELIEVERS BEING ADDED DAILY.



With Christianity on the rise in India, the question of meeting the physical needs of believers inevitably became an issue. **James 2:15-16** states: *Suppose a brother or sister is without clothing or daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keeps warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?* The Dalit people are the poorest of the poor in India, and WM responded to the needs of indigenous Christian leaders by sponsoring "tent-making" projects that would eventually enable them to

become financially self-sufficient. As a Christian humanitarian relief organization, Christ for Humanity found itself in a position to help fund some of these "micro-business" projects, and so our relationship with WM was born.

Our first joint-venture project with WM in India was building a water buffalo breeding shed in the state of Andhra Pradesh in 2007. Water buffalo milk is extremely rich and nutritious, and a pastor's family owning a water buffalo can sell excess milk, making needed income. In furtherance of this project, CFH sought and received grant money to invest in the water buffalo project. The water buffalos from the breeding barn are placed into the families of church-planting leaders. The funds from the sale of their milk sustain the families and support their church-planting ministries. The families repay the loans for the water buffalos and new leaders are therefore able to receive loans for their "tent-making" projects. As a result, the process is a "self-sustaining and self-perpetrating" project for assisting the committed, trained church-planters.

Over the years, CFH has participated in a number of WM projects: purchasing sewing machines to enable Dalit women to make salable goods; sponsoring the attendance of Christian leaders at *Community Health Evangelism* (CHE) workshops to increase knowledge concerning the sources and prevention of disease in India; and providing

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funds to purchase insecticide-impregnated mosquito nets and water filters for villages participating in CHE programs.

This year WM approached CFH with a project that would enhance the lives of Christian widows living in the state of Andhra Pradesh. In the not so distant past, Hindu widows were expected to throw themselves on the funeral pyres of their deceased husbands – a practice that absolved the extended family from caring for an elderly parent. However, Christianity encourages its followers to respect widows. In I Timothy 5:3, Paul admonishes the church: *Honor widows who are widows indeed* (godly widows with no family to help with their support).

In response to Paul's urging, WM decided to build a Widow's House next to CFH's original water buffalo breeding shed and approached Christ for Humanity for funds to complete the project. The ministry was delighted to be part of such a worthy outreach to India's poor. Twelve Christian widows will live in the facility, selling buffalo milk to help support themselves. The con-



Widow's House Under Construction

struction of the house is in process, and currently, enough funds have been raised to purchase six of the twelve buffaloes needed for the project.

The Widow's House is to be a place of prayer in accordance to Paul's instruction found in I Timothy 5:5: *Now she who is a widow indeed, and who has been left alone has fixed her hope on God, and*

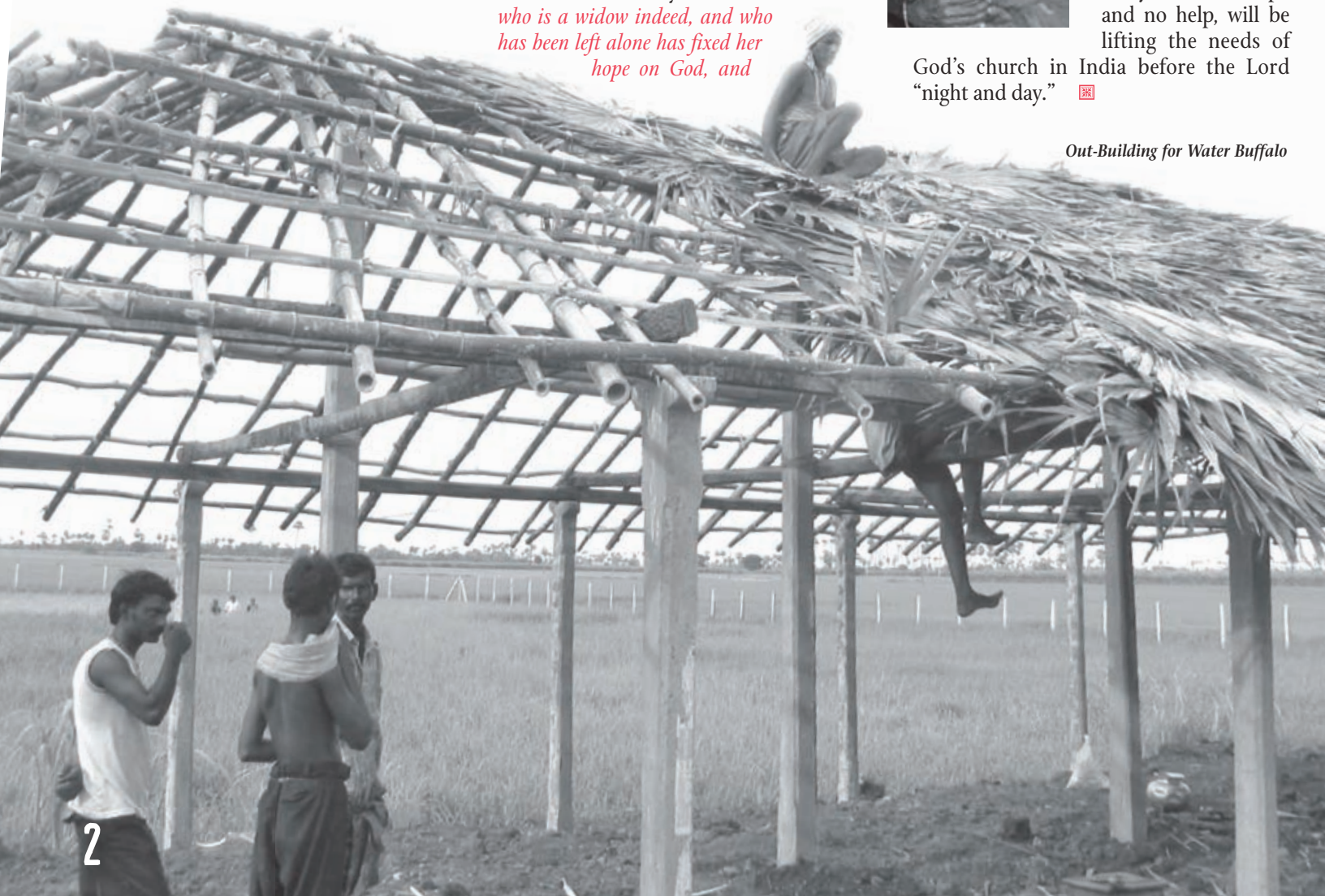


*continues in entreaties and prayers night and day.*

Today, Christianity in India is under attack. How wonderful to know that elderly women, who previously had no hope and no help, will be lifting the needs of

God's church in India before the Lord "night and day." ☒

Out-Building for Water Buffalo



## COMPLETE-A-WELL PROJECT

In April the ministry reported on a joint venture project between CFH and Hope 2 Others, purchasing water-well pumps to repair existing wells in 35 villages in The Gambia, West Africa. As most of the wells scheduled for repair are the hand dug, open air type, there will be an additional \$500 cost per well to make structural adjustments, add concrete caps and install sanitary seals to insure the water is not contaminated. Dave Reiersen, president of Hope 2 Others, will be in The Gambia during the first part of June to begin preparing well sites and to train local Christians in the art of well repair. In October he plans to return to West Africa to begin setting pumps.

CFH is asking your family, Sunday school class or church to seriously consider adopting a village well in one of the poorest countries in Africa. Imagine the blessing your gift of \$500 would mean to men, women and children living without the most basic necessity for life – clean, fresh water water.

To date, CFH has received funds to repair 3 wells, leaving 32 wells open for adoption. Send your tax-exempt gift to Christ for Humanity, indicating Well Project in the memo. The ministry will keep all donors updated as wells are refurbished.

## AFRICAN AMERICAN MOBILIZATION

Ronda Tyson, CFH's Director of Global Outreach, is leading a group of Christians to West Africa this month to minister in Senegal and in The Gambia. The five-member team will leave Tulsa on June 10th, arriving in Dakar, Senegal, on June 11th. Team members will remain in Senegal for three days, working with Muslim children and with local Christian school children. They will then undertake a 10-hour bus ride to Banjul, the capital city of The Gambia. Partnering with New Life Fellowship International, an indigenous



From left to right are LeRon West, Marlene West, Wanda Olson, Margo Sanford (Prayer partner for the team), Ronda Tyson, and Alaina Tyson.

Christian church based in Banjul, the Americans will help the native believers spread God's word in this primarily Muslim country for the next two weeks. The team returns to Tulsa on June 27th.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Safety for team members during their 17-day mission: Pastor LeRon West and his wife, Marlene; Wanda Olson; and Ronda Tyson and her daughter Alaina.
- Open hearts and minds among Muslims and animists to receive God's message of love and salvation through belief in the Lord Jesus.
- A bountiful harvest of new believers for the Kingdom of God.

## HAITI RELIEF EFFORT

To date, CFH has provided 10 pallets of medical supplies and 2 pallets of medication to help with Haiti's on-going relief effort. While the supplies the ministry provided reached Haiti's poor in the first wave of humanitarian relief, a recent discussion with an administrator at Samaritan's Purse revealed that currently few supplies are clearing customs due to governmental red tape. At the moment Samaritan's Purse has 450 pallets of necessary medical supplies and numerous vehicles waiting to clear customs with a quick resolution of the custom's hold-up unlikely. Samaritan's Purse recommended CFH wait until the customs problems are resolved before send them more aid. Christ for Humanity is looking into other avenues to use designated, financial gifts to help Christian groups working with the poor in Haiti. ☒

# SMALL CHURCH REAPS A HUGE HARVEST

**L**ESS THAN TWO YEARS AGO, CFH APPROACH CROWELL HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH ABOUT ADOPTING A TULSA HOUSING AUTHORITY FACILITY IN WEST TULSA. CROWELL HEIGHTS IS A SMALL, NEIGH-

hoped would meet the needs of the residents. Their strategy included the provision of a meal, activities for facility children, the presentation of God's Word, and finally the distribution of CFH food boxes. Since its inception, the Brightwater outreach has enjoyed many ministry opportunities, particularly after the shooting death of a young man in broad daylight on the property. Due to the love and concern shown by the Crowell congregation, the monthly meetings have grown from a few individuals to include

# CFH'S ADOPT-A-FACILITY PROGRAM

**C**FH'S ADOPT-A-FACILITY PROGRAM IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN AREA CHURCHES AND CHRIST FOR HUMANITY TO PROVIDE THE WORD OF GOD AND NEEDED FOOD WITHIN THE TULSA HOUSING AUTHORITY (THA) SYSTEM ON A MONTHLY BASIS. OF TULSA'S 21 LOW-INCOME FACILITIES, THIRTEEN ARE PART OF CHRIST FOR HUMANITY'S OUTREACH PROGRAM. OUR DESIRE IS TO PARTNER WITH MORE CHURCHES SO CHRIST'S LOVE CAN SHINE IN ALL THA FACILITIES.

**Basic Requirement:** Committed Christian men and women who desire to be the hands and feet of Christ to the poor.

**Interested? Contact Bob Ashinhurst,** (918) 836-2424 / ext. 201.

### THA Facilities Currently Adopted

Brightwater / Crowell Heights Baptist  
Boulder Plaza / Discovery Church  
Hewgley Terrace / Tulsa Bible Church  
Jordan Plaza I- III / First Baptist N. Tulsa  
Inhofe Plaza / Christ Presbyterian  
LaFortune Tower / First Baptist Tulsa  
Murdock Villa / Fellowship Bible Church  
Pioneer Plaza / Gilcrease Hills Baptist  
Towne Square / Southwood Bible Church  
Tree Top Apt. / Southwood Bible Church  
Comanche Park / Word of Life (Lewis Bumpers)

### THA Facilities Needing Adoptive Churches

1. Apache Manor
2. Country Club Gardens
3. East Central Village
4. The Meadows Apartments
5. Mohawk Manor
6. Parkview Terrace
7. Riverside Park
8. Sandy Park
9. Seminole Hills
10. South Haven
11. Whitlow Townhomes



BORHOOD CHURCH, LOCATED SEVERAL BLOCKS FROM CHRIST FOR HUMANITY ON 13TH STREET IN TULSA. CHURCH LEADERSHIP WAS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN GETTING ITS CONGREGATION INVOLVED IN MISSIONS AND JUMPED AT THE CHANCE TO WET ITS FEET LOCALLY BEFORE EXPANDING TO THE "UTTERMOST" PARTS OF THE EARTH.

Bob Ashinhurst, CFH's Director of Local Outreach, contacted the administrator at Brightwater, an apartment complex housing primarily unmarried teens and their children, and arranged for Crowell Height's mission team to hold meetings in the facility's community center the second Tuesday of each month.

Given the age of many Brightwater residents, this particular facility had the reputation of being both difficult and dangerous. Crowell Heights developed a plan it

as many as 125 attendees – too many people to be accommodated by Brightwater's community center.

In response to the growth of its program, Crowell Heights received permission from the school directly across the street from Brightwater to hold meetings in its cafeteria. Now located off-site, the church plans to expand its current program to include people in adjoining neighborhoods, and Vacation Bible School is scheduled for this summer. Plans are currently on the drawing board to establish a satellite church in the area, so the spiritual needs of this community can be met and God's Word can continue to touch hearts in West Tulsa.

**COMMIT YOUR WAY TO THE LORD, TRUST ALSO IN HIM, AND HE WILL DO IT.**

*Psalm 37:5*



# THE EIGHT PRINCIPLES OF FORGIVENESS

Bible study for residents of Inhofe Plaza by CFH Board Member Bruce Randall

*As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.* Psalm 103:12

**T**HERE IS NO GREATER TEST OF OUR COMMITMENT TO GOD AND HIS WORD THAN WHEN IT COMES TO FORGIVING SOMEONE WHO HAS SINNED AGAINST US OR SEEKING THE FORGIVENESS OF SOMEONE WE HAVE WRONGED. (READ THE FAMILIAR PARABLE OF FORGIVENESS FOUND IN MATTHEW 18:21-35 IN PREPARATION FOR THIS LESSON.)

**Principle #1 – The Dimensions of Forgiveness** [Matthew 18: 21-22] – (21) *Then Peter came and said to Him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”* (22) *Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.”*

Peter’s question to our Lord is dimensional – setting the framework for the boundaries of forgiveness. His question deals with the dimension of time or frequency (how often?) and even one-up’s the Pharisaical “sideboard” of the day (not 3 or 6) to seven strikes and you’re out. However, our Lord blows away the boundaries on forgiveness by taking the strike-count to 490 – a number so large as to express an infinite limit of frequency. In effect, the Lord told Peter: “Don’t even keep score.”

**Principle #2 – The Debt-Holder of Forgiveness** [Matthew 18:23a] – (23a) *“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king ...”*

Jesus begins the parable on forgiveness by setting forth the main character: the “king” or God Himself. In a king/kingdom situation, there is no question as to the authority of the king to collect on debts owed Him by his subjects. Similarly, because we know God is infinitely just and infinitely holy, there is no question of His right to collect on the debts we owe Him.

**Principle #3 – The Debtors in Forgiveness** [Matthew 18:23b] – (23b) *... who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.”*

Interestingly, the parable specifies who the debtors are to the king: They are His slaves –

those He has bought and purchases with His own currency to be His very own. They belong to Him, hence they have no “slave-rights.” Do you see yourself as a slave to the Divine Master as the Apostle Paul did? Do you realize that you have a “running account balance” with God Himself?

**Principle #4 – The Due Date of Forgiveness** [Matthew 18:24] – (24) *When he had begun to settle them, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him.*

Scripture promises a day of judgment, even for believers (1 Cor. 3:8-15), at which time every account balance will come due: Psalm 9:7-8 – (7) *But the LORD abides forever; He has established His throne for judgment,* (8) *And He will judge the world in righteousness; He will execute judgment for the peoples with equity.* (Also see Matthew 12:36 and Matthew 12:41-42) Are you ready for the Day of Judgment?

**Principle #5 – The Debt of Forgiveness** [Matthew 18:25-28] – (24-28) (Summary) The slave owed the king 10,000 talents – a sum so vast it would have taken the slave 164,384 years to repay given the daily slave wage. When the slave pleaded for mercy, the king felt compassion, released him and forgave him his debt. In turn the forgiven slave sought out a slave who owed him 100 denari (repayable in 4 months), seized him by the throat and choking him demanded immediate repayment.

The obvious point is the vast order-of-magnitude in what was owed the king versus what was owed to the other slave. Do we recognize the magnitude in what God has forgiven us versus what we should forgive others?

**Principle #6 – The Demonstration of Forgiveness** [Matthew 18:26-27] – There are 5 steps which take place in the king’s forgiveness of the hopeless slave: **Reverence** – The



slave prostrates himself before the rightful authority of the king: **Confession** – The debt belongs to the slave and he knows it; **Repentance** – The slave prostrates himself and promises to repay (though the debt is insurmountable); **Request** – The slave requests only patience and time to repay; **Removal** – The king’s reaction is far greater than patient; he is merciful and totally removes the debt. Notice the 3 step process: (a) **Feeling** – *“And the lord of that slave felt compassion ...”* (b) **Freedom** – *“... and released him ...”* (c) **Forgiveness** – *“... and forgave him his debt.”*



**Principle #7 – The Disturbance of Un-forgiveness** [Matthew 28-31] – (Summary) The forgiven slave seeks out a fellow slave who owes him money, demands repayment with threats, and throws him into prison until restitution is made. Other slaves who witnessed this event are deeply grieved and report the incident to the king.

Notice that the forgiveness / unforgiveness issue wasn’t just between two slaves. The wicked slave’s unforgiveness had the negative impact of deeply grieving all of the “fellow slaves.” Unforgiveness does not occur in a vacuum. What is the impact of “carrying a grudge” on others?

**Principle #8 – The Decision of the King** [Matthew 32-34] – (Summary) The king summoned the “wicked” slave, berated him for not showing mercy when mercy was shown to him, and turned him over to the torturers until he repaid the entire debt.

Notice the three steps in the king’s dealing with a forgiven slave who wouldn’t forgive his fellow slave: **A Summons** – “Then *summoning* him . . .”; **A Judgment** – of his character (wicked) and his culpability (unforgiveness); **A Sentencing** – Torture until the debt was repaid in full. If “all that was owed” was an infinite sum, then how long was the torture?

**Moral** [Matthew 18:35] – *My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.*



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ON THE LIGHT SIDE

# FIFTH GRADE ASSIGNMENT

**A** FIFTH GRADE TEACHER IN A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ASKED HER CLASS TO LOOK AT TV COMMERCIALS AND SEE IF THEY COULD USE THEM IN 20 WAYS TO COMMUNICATE IDEAS ABOUT GOD. HERE ARE SOME OF THE RESULTS:

God is like Bayer Aspirin...  
*He works miracles.*

God is like Ford...  
*He's got a better idea.*

God is like Coca Cola...  
*He's the real thing.*

God is like Hallmark Cards...  
*He cares enough to send His very best.*

God is like Tide...  
*He gets the stains out that other leave behind.*

God is like General Electric...  
*He brings good things to life.*

God is like Sears...  
*He has everything.*

God is like Alka-Seltzer...  
*Try Him, you'll like Him.*

God is like Scotch Tape...  
*You can't see Him, but you know He's there.*

God is like Delta...  
*He's ready when you are.*

God is like All State...  
*You're in good hands with Him.*

God is like VO-5 Hair Spray...  
*He holds through all kinds of weather.*


God is like Dial Soap...  
*Aren't you glad you have Him?  
Don't you wish everybody did?*

God is like the U.S. Post Office...  
*Neither rain nor snow nor sleet nor ice will  
keep Him from His appointed destinations.*

God is like Chevrolet...  
*The heart beat of America.*

God is like Maxwell House...  
*Good to the very last drop.*

God is like Bounty...  
*He is a quicker picker upper; can handle  
tough jobs; and He won't fall apart on you.*

Wouldn't it be great if all of our school  
children could be taught these charac-  
teristics of God? 

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