



## *Oprah, Bill Gates and \$4.5 Billion*

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If you could enlist anyone in the world to help fight the African orphan crisis, who would it be? Two of the biggest names in American culture have recently joined the ranks—Oprah and Bill Gates. Mixing names like this with an investment of \$4.5 billion/year seems like a recipe for certain success.

Yet even with these superstars joining the ranks and even with all this money being invested annually, the orphan problem continues to worsen. So what possible good could your involvement or mine provide?

Believe me, we have asked the same kinds of questions concerning the FIM/WAMM Team. We thank God for the administrative resources that our recent partnership with Fellowship International Missions brings to our little team. And we thank God for the FIM property in Accra and the small Ghanaian churches with which to partner to see his plans carried out. And we thank God for FIM-Ghana, an already

established non-profit corporation through which we can work in Accra. But that being said, we still remain just three missionaries and three children moving to the other side of the world to replace John Kwao (the recently deceased solitary missionary that FIM-Ghana had). And we continue to face a problem that causes us to ask what can we possibly do?

**Here I Am!** is more than the title to this newsletter, it is the answer to questions like these. Do you remember when Jesus' disciples were faced with feeding 5000 men (along with the women and children who were present)? What manpower did they have? One little boy. And what resources did he have to bring? One little lunch. And what was the solution to this overwhelming problem? **Here I Am!** In effect Jesus said, "Here I am, bring me the lunch and watch what God can do with the little you have to offer."

This is the hope in which

our small team rests. We have a God who has "chosen to change the world through the lowly, unassuming and the imperceptible" (Tom Sine, *Mustard Seed versus McWorld*, Baker Books). We have a God who delights to show up on our behalf when he is sure we won't interfere with the glory he is trying to display to a world who needs to see it. And so we continue to offer ourselves to God as an inadequate solution to an enormous problem so we can here him say, **Here I Am!**

Perhaps you have been asking similar questions. "Lord, I don't have \$4.5 billion/year to invest in this problem, what can my little bit do?" To which Jesus softly answers, **Here I Am!** Invest your little lunch in Mercy Ministry and watch me multiply it for the good of others, for your eternal benefit and for my Glory.

God promises that as we involve ourselves in mercy ministry, we will hear him say, **Here I Am!** (Isaiah 58:9).

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Do you remember the little ditty from when you were a kid—Johnny and Suzy sitting in a tree. . .? Or do you remember the carved message Johnny + Suzy? Well, think of that when you see the logos above because that is the message we are trying to convey. WAMM has officially partnered with FIM with the latter serving as the sending agency and WAMM remaining involved in a project funding role. And it is our hope that this newly forged partnership will be one that can be a long-term working relationship.

So what remains the same and what is different in this new relationship? I hope the following will help to answer that question:

#### What Remains the Same

- WAMM's Mission: *To Glorify God through the Establishment and Support of Evangelistic Mercy Ministries Throughout West Africa.*
- Our passion for God's glory and for orphaned children.
- Our team members.
- Our desire to minister God's mercy through indigenous churches and believers.
- Our need for your prayer support
- Our need for financial partners investing in the kingdom through this ministry.
- Our commitment to pray for you.
- WAMM's Website (though new and improved).

#### What Will Change

- The sending agency (FIM will provide the necessary organizational structure necessary to minister in a developing nation).
- WAMM's role will be that of establishing and funding on-field projects such as an orphanage and medical facilities.
- As of the 1st of October, the address to which support for the team members will change to FIM, 555 South 24th St., Allentown, PA 18104-6668 (in the meantime, please continue to send any support to WAMM, P.O. Box 185, North Prairie, WI 53153).

## Giddy Giving

God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:7). I am told the word “cheerful” could have just as easily be interpreted “hilarious”. Think about it. Wouldn’t you love to be giddy when writing out a check to invest in God’s kingdom business.

So what could make giving such a happy thing? According to the first part of this same verse, your part is simply to determine in your heart with the Lord what he would have you give.

But we also have a responsibility in this pursuit. Our part is to remain low-key about giving. We want to keep you abreast of investment opportunities but to stay free of coercive, guilt-based, joy-stealing fundraising tactics.

Currently those opportunities include

- Supporting Colleen Scigliano on a monthly basis (see article below).
- Supporting the McIntyres on a monthly basis.
- Helping with outgoing ex-

penses with a one time gift.

We would ask one thing, however would you please let us know what you would enjoy giving. Please use the enclosed card to make your choices and return it to: WAMM, P.O. Box 185, North Prairie, WI 53153. This will enable us to let the FIM home office know of our current level of support as we prepare to leave for Ghana later this fall. FIM will not send us until all of our support has been promised.

God wants giving to be a happy thing and so do we.



## Colleen's Corner



Look at the face in that picture. You wouldn’t expect this to be the face of a trouble-maker, would you? But put that face in an orientation class and Dr. Jekyll turns. I was trying to be so good but Colleen came close to getting us all kicked out of class.

As you can tell, Colleen is not writing this edition of *Colleen's Corner*. I (Pastor Brian) chose to this time so I could let you know some things Colleen would be reluctant to share with you.

Our partnership with FIM has brought with it some extra financial requirements. In order to protect its missionaries and the sending

churches, FIM has chosen not to release candidates to the field until they have 100% of their support raised.

And so, on behalf of Colleen (and without her knowledge) I am asking for your help. Colleen is currently below 50% of what she needs and we have only three months left before we are scheduled to leave. And so I am asking you to:

1. Pray—please ask our generous and gracious God to provide the necessary support in ways that will bring Him glory.
2. Consider before the Lord what you might by happy

to do to help her support level grow (see the article above).

3. Share her needs and heart for medical ministry with others, especially those you might know in the medical field.
4. Let Colleen know of your support and of any contacts you make on her behalf.

Though writing on her behalf may seem like a selfless thing to do, but it really isn’t. My family and I have come to love Colleen and cannot imagine going to Africa without her. Please help us to help her so we can all leave this November.

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## We've updated the Website!

## Check us out at [WAMMInc.org](http://WAMMInc.org)

*Please Notice Our Change of Address*

*Our New Mailing Address Is:*

*WAMM, P.O. Box 185*

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*Derek, Tommy, Jessi, Brian & Debbie*

### ***We Are Officially Partnered with FIM!***

Have you ever felt like you have lost your mind? I know that those of you who know me best will not be surprised when I tell you it happened to me again since our last newsletter update. In fact my telling you I lost my mind, most would probably engender such comments as, "So, what's new?"

## *Here We Are*

### *Update on the McIntyre Family*

But this time it was legitimate and it not only happened to me but to Debbie and Colleen as well.

Let me explain. On July 27 the three of us made a trip to Pughtown, PA (no kidding, we lost our minds in Pughtown) for FIM orientation. The training began on Saturday and by Tuesday afternoon each of us felt as if our minds had somehow oozed out of our crania. The time we spent in orientation was immense and intense.

But, we made it through successfully and all three of us are now officially FIM missionary representatives to Ghana. And

we remain excited about leaving this November to move to Accra to begin learning the culture, learning the language and establishing relationships that God will use to accomplish his vision for orphan care through local churches and believers.

*Pastor Brian for the McIntyres*