WORD OF LIFE FELLOWSHIP

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Dear Friend,

It has been another amazing year of seeing lives transformed by the message of the Gospel. Literally thousands of young people placed their faith in Jesus as they heard the Good News of the Gospel proclaimed on city street corners, at youth camps, in sports arenas and in schools and churches...all over the world. The only explanation is that the Gospel is “the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes” (Romans1:16b). It is His supernatural work in lives...not ours.

As a special friend to us here at Word of Life, you need to know that I am so grateful for your commitment to pray, support and volunteer over this past year. Your investment continues to yield eternal dividends. Just to name a few: Six students came to Christ in Taiwan while attending a summer term at our English language school. In West Africa, fifteen Muslims were saved in a two-day campaign in December. A new Bible Institute began classes in October in the country of Uganda. Recent Christmas tours ministered to almost 19,000 people with 163 making a profession of faith. In November, 240 teens trusted Christ at a Reverb event in Albany, New York. We actually ran out of counseling material!

2015 represents Word of Life’s 75th year of ministry and Harry Bollback’s 90th birthday. You will not want to miss this coming summer in Schroon Lake as we are planning special events every week. As we celebrate God’s goodness and move forward for His glory, we are asking the Lord to allow us to share the Gospel with 7.5 million people over the next 12 months. I challenge you to partner with us by boldly sharing your faith in Christ with everyone in your sphere of influence. It will be a joy to see what God will do!

With much rejoicing and thankfulness,

Don Lough, Jr. – Executive Director
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Sharing Christ with young people and preparing them to live for their Savior has been the heartbeat of the worldwide ministry of Word of Life for 75 years. This passion drives us to share the Word of Life through various ministries, such as Bible Institutes, Youth and Family Camps, Local Church Ministries, Events and International Ministries.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your prayers, your eternal investment and your involvement with us around the world reaching young people with the Gospel! We are delighted to share with you a taste of the fruit of your partnership.

“Holding forth the word of life, that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain.”

- Philippians 2:16
Last year we shared God’s provision for Carey through a scholarship which allowed her to attend the New York Bible Institute debt free. Because of this scholarship, today she is at the Word of Life French Bible Institute and Language School in Quebec where she is learning French and preparing to serve with Word of Life in France as a participant of the Cross-Cultural Internship Program.

In October, a new Word of Life Bible Institute opened in Uganda. Seventeen students from Uganda, Kenya, South Africa and Ethiopia make up this pioneer class. Pray for God’s provision as we keep prices low to make it accessible to students. The gap between real cost and what we charge has to be filled with raised missionary support, teachers travelling at their own expense and general giving.

Upgrades:
- Six dorms renovated on New York campus
- Facelift to dorms on Florida campus
- Updated video recording system in HD quality for New York classrooms

THE IMPACT:

- 516 students received $1,863,593 in scholarships
- 60 student-led ministry teams
- Ministered in 92 churches
- Traveled 250,000 miles
- 1,800 salvation decisions

... because of your **Faithfulness**
We strive to make a week at camp a life-changing experience like it was for Emilie and Jessica.

Emilie says, “This week on Word of Life Island, God has shown Himself to me completely. He’s made me want to build a better relationship with Him and put all my trust in Him.”

Jessica writes, “This place is hands down my favorite place on earth. This is my third year going to the Island with my youth group, and we look forward to returning as soon as we leave. A couple of friends and I were all discussing coming to the BI in about two years because of the great testimonies from the counselors. The main thing we were so in awe about was the counselors and staff seeming to have this unspeakable joy in them that we were so jealous of. We all want that for ourselves and we feel that attending the BI is one of the ways to do it.”

Upgrades:
- Inn & Family Lodge beach deck renovated
- 2 lodges completely renovated

THE IMPACT:

- 439 students and 330 summer volunteer camp staff
- 29,297 campers and families
- 1,226 received a scholarship to attend camp
- 653 campers completed applications for the Bible Institute
- 1,375 salvation decisions,

... because of your Prayers
Last fall, at a Word of Life youth event called Reverb, a high school senior, Nichelle, completed an application to enter a drawing for free tuition. Later, Brian, an admissions counselor at the Bible Institute, noticed that Nichelle had not included her salvation testimony on the application. Brian recalls, “I located her youth leader. She told me that they were unsure if she was a Christian, and I told her to have Nichelle stop by because she hadn’t finished her application.”

After a few hours, Nichelle came by Brian’s booth, and they talked at length. Although Nichelle thought she had a personal relationship with Christ, it was evident to Brian that she did not. “I explained that from what she was telling me, she wasn’t really a follower of Christ.” Brian asked her what was stopping her from starting a relationship with Christ. She answered with questions of her own. After working through a lot of her questions from Scripture, Brian asked her if she ever felt lonely, hopeless or unloved. “She told me she felt that way every night. From there I explained to her the great hope and joy of salvation in Jesus and how Christ can give her new life where she will never be alone.”

She prayed, confessed Christ as her Savior and committed her life to Him. Brian said, “It was something her youth leaders had been praying for, and it was amazing to be used by the Lord as His mouthpiece at just the right time. Even though I came to promote the Bible Institute, my greatest joy is found in telling others of the hope found in our Savior!”

THE IMPACT:  
• 610 church partners  
• Ministering to 31,325 children and students weekly  
• 15 Reverb events across the country  
• 16,562 young people hearing a clear presentation of the Gospel  
• 1,508 salvation decisions, including Nichelle

... because of your Eternal Investment
New Zealand:
Caitlin, a missionary intern in New Zealand, joined the three-week mission’s trip to Fiji with 32 teens and 20 leaders. One evening, we ran a youth program at a school in Suva. Tom, our Word of Life New Zealand Director, preached on surrendering life’s baggage to Christ. “I sang during the invitation,” Caitlin said. “As I sang, I was amazed at how many Fijians came forward. But my heart leaped for joy when I saw our teens coming and wanting to lay their burdens and baggage at the foot of the cross.”

During those three weeks of teen programs, street evangelism and camps, many Fijians came to know the Lord. Moreover, every teenager came home from New Zealand changed. Caitlin said, “I can still see God working in their lives. I’m so thankful to be a part of this ministry and to be able to see so many lives changed.”

Ukraine:
During one of our street evangelism events, a Bible Institute student conversed with an elderly man who grew up as an atheist and was once the governor of a USSR Ukrainian province. Our student testified of God’s works in humanity, and the man admitted that he had seen God’s work in his own life. The student then presented the Gospel, and the man agreed to seriously consider Eternity.

THE IMPACT:

• 1,327 national and international missionaries
• Serving in 69 countries around the world
• Camps, Bible Institutes, Discipleship Training Centers, English Schools
  Open Air Evangelism and Local Church Partnerships
• 145,000 salvation decisions

... all because of your Involvement with Word of Life around the world
You can help us reach 7.5 million people with a clear presentation of the Gospel in 2015!
2014 UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Total Support and Revenue: $38,875,667*
- Interest and Other Revenue: $256,894
- Unrestricted Contributions: $5,154,478
- Missionary and Other Designated Contributions: $17,478,655
- Program Revenue: $15,985,640

Total Expenses: $38,284,653
- Bible Institutes: $10,253,954
- Local Church Ministries: $5,485,241
- Administration and Fundraising: $2,176,902
- Other Ministries: $731,500
- Camps: $7,181,613
- International Ministries: $12,455,443

*Audited financial statements for 2014 will reflect an additional $7 million in revenue, all of which is extraordinary income pertaining primarily to the Bollback Student Life Center Capital Campaign.