



**2005 Annual  
Report**

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## FOREWORD



Dear Friends,

Two years ago, I went to Belize to begin my dream of helping several communities with education and health care for poor and vulnerable populations. It was there sitting on a broken reservoir that I asked the children. What is your dream? A boy stood up and said, “I want to be a doctor or a teacher so I can help my people. Will you promise to help?”

Our goal has been both simple and ambitious; to help communities by empowering local people to collaborate, learn new skills and improve their own communities in the developing countries. It has been an amazing start for the organization, as we’ve gone from concept phase to start up phase.

As you will see in this report, we made bold strides towards our goals in 2004-2005 and have bigger plans for 2006. We are proud to report that we have worked with many communities in Belize and Guatemala (Central America) to establish sustainable development projects. Our projects range from school upgrades to the establishment of state of the art computer labs. Highlights of the year 2004-2005 over two years as a public charity include:

- Construction of a feeding center in Selena, Belize
- Construction of Homes for communities affected by hurricanes in Belize
- Teaching Program in Selena, Belize
- Health Care project development in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala
- Computer lab and classroom construction at Duck Run 3, Belize
- HIV/AIDS program development in Cayo, Belize
- Hurricane Recovery New Orleans, Louisiana USA

Not everything has been easy for us, working from a backyard garage office- it has been an uphill battle to raise the much needed funds for implementing other projects and above all, the administrative costs for operations in US. As we start our third year, dedicated to our mission and endeavors, our passion and commitment are stronger than ever.

Thank you for your continued investment in change through education. Your support establishes the catalyst for peace and hope for all of our children.

Fondest Regards,

Robert Keith Froom – CEO

**President / Founder**  
**4 The World**

## **ABOUT 4 THE WORLD**

### **Our Vision:**

To help others help themselves.

### **Who we are**

4 The World is a US based non profit organization providing support to underdeveloped communities throughout the world, by empowering local people to collaborate, learn new skills, and improve their communities.

So far, the organization has supported projects in Belize, Guatemala and USA. Our focus in the coming year is to expand support to three countries in Africa,.

### **How we work**

We provide assistance to people affected by poverty, disease, natural disaster and hunger. Assistance is given in form of new building constructions or improving existing community infrastructure by providing building materials. In addition we support program resources for education, healthcare and other localized training.

## 4 THE WORLD TEAM

### Governing Council as at 31st December, 2005

Dana Hale	Robert Simundson
Jerry Simundson	Shawn Beck
Karen Smith	Shawn Vaca
Paul Wade	Yvonne Smith
Penti Jusila	Robert Keith Froom

### Board of Directors as at 31st December, 2005

Robert Keith Froom	–	President	Brian Wilcox	–	Director
Alison Wilcox	–	Secretary	Allison Wilcox	–	Director
Helen Dolph	–	Treasurer	Margaret Harrell	–	Director
Richard C. Reznichuk	–	Director			

### Principle Professional Advisors

Richard C. Reznichuk	–	Healthcare
Jay Stinnett	–	Business
Martir Vasquez	–	Advisor
William Watkins	–	Education

### 4 The World Management Team

Robert Keith Froom	–	President and CEO
Jay Stinnett	–	Vice President Development
Brian Wilcox	–	Director Belize Projects
Barbra Mukuka	–	Office Manager
Mirna Carrillo	–	Administrative Assistant
Leakhana Kim	–	Writer

### Belize Management Team

Juan Peralta	–	Director International Projects Belize
Olivia Vasquez	–	Director Health & Education Programs- Belize
Edgar Lima	–	Project Superintendent Cayo, Belize
William Lima	–	Information Technology

## **PLANNED ACTIVITIES**

### **Capacity Building**

- To establish 4The World as a US non profit 501c(3) charity
- To form operational manuals for staff, volunteers and board members
- To recruit volunteers
- To form alliances in Belize and Guatemala as entry points for development programs

### **Education**

- To initiate educational programs through the construction of schools and feeding centers in Belize and Guatemala
- To provide and establish computer labs for children in needy schools both locally and internationally
- To support youth educational programs through the construction of Youth centers and the support of IEC(Information and Electronic Communication) programs

### **Disaster Preparedness**

- To prioritize recovery in crises affected areas due to natural disasters (earth quakes and hurricanes) and develop prevention, mitigation and preparedness capacities where appropriate in Belize, and Guatemala
- To support rapid and appropriate community recovery initiatives with emphasis upon a restoration of food for all disaster affected areas in Belize and Guatemala
- To support the provision of low-cost and climate resistance shelter (“safe havens”) and rural infrastructures using appropriate technology based upon existing capacities and cultural preferences, in areas prone to persistent or recurring natural disasters in Belize and Guatemala
- To work with Fire Fighters both local and international to provide training to the local people in Belize and Guatemala to form Disaster Preparedness committees to prevent, reduce and respond to the impact of natural disasters.

### **Volunteer Corporate Team**

- To work with private corporate organizations to actively involve staff members to volunteer for specific activities to help the people in need.
- To recruit volunteers to help 4The World achieve its objectives
- To receive donated medical supplies and other donations(new or used) in kind for the needy people in our geographical areas

# ACHIEVEMENTS

## Capacity building

In 2003 ,4The World was officially registered as a US non-profit organization with a 501c (3) status number and operates at 18115 LaSalle Ave. Gardena, where Keith Froom, the President and Founder has temporarily donated part of his residence as office space for the project.

During the period under review, the program has developed a number of management tools that have greatly facilitated its growth and direction from being just a small backyard project to a well organized institution with the potential to grow and accomplish its mission to help poor people all over the world to help themselves.

### 1) Operational Manuals

Operational manuals for board, staff and volunteers have been established providing clear information on roles and responsibilities to ensure operational efficiency and effectiveness. In addition, the President and CEO attended a one day seminar in effective programming in HIV/AIDS and health education.

### 2) Action Plan

A three year Action Plan (2006-2009) and Timeframe has been developed that highlights the path for 4 The World for the next three years with clear indicators for measuring performance. A copy is available upon request.

### 3) Recruitment of volunteers and staff

4 The World has faced extreme difficulty in raising the much needed start up capital to meet the day to day administrative cost. However, during the period under review, with the dedication of our wonderful volunteers, 4The World had 10 members on the Governing Council, 6 Board members and 7 volunteers working at the office both in the US and international programs in Belize. Special thanks go to Mr. Robert Keith Froom, Founder and President for his generosity and passion to the organization, providing much of the administrative costs for allowing the project to develop, such as office space, telephone and other utilities.

We have not been complacent, through our publicity and advocacy work on the website, [www.4theworld.org](http://www.4theworld.org) we have established an e-bay spot on the internet for our friends to purchase items ranging from children's toys to used vehicles and proceeds have helped the project to meet some of these administrative challenges. This is only a drop in the ocean of what is fully needed! We welcome you all to check on our website and give us the support we need.

## Alliances, collaboration and networking

As a new and emerging not for profit organization, we believe in sharing our knowledge. We are also learning and adopting best practices from others. During our growth period, we have developed alliances with a number of strategic partners ranging from local and international relief agencies to business co-operative companies in the US.

In order to achieve greater impact in our international work, we have officially developed partnerships with three key communities in Belize and Guatemala while new partnerships for Africa are planned for in the future.

## Education

Providing a good and safe educational environment for children has been our priority. This has been done through school infrastructure development, provision of school books, construction of feeding centers and the development of computers labs.

To increase the quality of education and attendance rates for children, 4The World refurbished two schools and provided 700 books to Duck Run 3 Cayo and Iguana Creek schools in Belize.



In addition, 4 The World targeted families who are unable to send children to school regularly due to poverty and lack of food in their homes. Two feeding centers have been constructed to facilitate school-day meals for the students

Recreational activities have brought joy for the children at Selena .communities in Selena, Belize. A soccer field and a basketball court have been built with the support of the local communities. This allows different communities to interact and share fellowship through sport.

In addition to our educational program, we have managed to successfully recruit and send 4 volunteers to Cayo District, Central America (Belize) to implement our ESL program (English as Second Language). A total number of 70 students have participated in this program during the period under review and another 100 have been earmarked for the

coming year. Cindy Duarte, a 15 year-old female is one of the students who has participated in this program; she has received a scholarship to high school and hopes to be studying at the University in Belize in the future. Cindy is now the first girl in her family to make it past the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

ICT (Information Communication and Technology) has proved to be an infective way of learning and sharing information. This has been achieved through the distribution of 1500 user friendly information packets on health education. A strong emphasis has been on HIV/AIDS awareness for the youths. In recognition of the devastating effects that AIDS has had on vulnerable groups such as women and youths, 4The World participated in the 2005 AIDS walk in Los Angeles in September, a strong commitment to develop and mainstream HIV/AIDS as part of its development program.

For the first time ever, Duck Run 3 School in Belize has had the privilege to provide computer skills to its 100 students. 4 The World has facilitated the construction and setting up of a computer lab with 10 used computers. At local level, 4 The World has also donated 10 used computers for an in and out reach program in Gardena, California targeting the youths in our local neighborhood.

4 the World, has donated several computers and monitors to Under Your Feet Outreach program. Under Your Feet started a computer Lab at Mother Cross Daycare in Gardena, CA. With the computers that were donated by 4 the World we have been training preschool children to use computers and teaching kindergarten children to type.

4 the World also donated several computers and monitors to Liberty Tabernacle Ministries in Gardena. On Wednesday evenings we have a team of homework helpers who utilize these computers so that students can do online research or type up there homework. We have been able to help several children that do not have access to computers.

Thank You, Stephanie Woodard  
Under Your Feet - Outreach Program Director

### **Disaster preparedness and development for affected communities due to Hurricanes**

The year end has been a difficult period for communities affected by hurricanes Katrina, Stan that devastated the Gulf Coast and much of Central America. Despite having limited funds, 4 The World has taken a sustainable approach to contribute to the recovery process in order to contribute to reducing poverty (as per millennium development goals) through increased participation of most marginalized and vulnerable groups.

#### Housing reconstruction

In support of St. Cross Episcopal Church in Hermosa Beach California , 4 The World raised funds to build 1 home and to aid in the construction of 15 homes in Selena, Belize serving a

community of people who would have been left without shelter after the hurricane destroyed many of their thatched homes.

### Schools and Computer labs providing shelters for communities in rural Belize from hurricanes

In responding to the need for disaster preparedness, the schools that have been refurbished with the support from 4 The World together with the church in Selena provide “safe heaven shelters” for communities to seek refuge in an event of a severe hurricane. This program can now allow 100’s families to remain safe during a storm.

In addition, there has been continuous communication between the President of 4 The World and the Belize Director through telephone and email and regular updates concerning any potential hurricane threats during the 2005 hurricane season in order to assist the communities in Belize to be aware of any hurricanes in their path and therefore prepare adequately.

It is hoped that with the availability of funds, training in disaster preparedness will be scaled up with the support of local Firefighters in both USA and Belize targeting rural and vulnerable communities where basic information packets in both English and Spanish would be given to the communities for both adults and youths to read and understand.

### Hurricane Katrina in USA

In response to Hurricane Katrina that hit New Orleans and left hundreds of thousands of Americans homeless, 4 The world’s President and CEO Mr Keith Froom was called on by Phenomenex corporation ( a local co-operative partner that has supported 4 The World in the construction of a feeding center in) to participate in the reconstruction of shelters under the Covenant House Project (CHP).The CHP is one of the largest privately-funded childcare in the United States providing shelter and service to homeless and runaway youths agencies.

It was a joy and inspiration to be part of this wonderful team program sponsored by Phenomenex, helping to reopen the Covenant House so that the children can restore their lives and dignity.

Keith Froom CEO 4 The World 2005

In recognition of the much needed help for the affected families hit by hurricane Katrina, 4 The World conducted a comedy fundraising event at Hermosa Beach Playhouse with Mike Dugan. A total amount of \$400 was donated to the Covenant House Project. We thank everyone who supported us!

### Helping the local community in Gardena, California

In September 2005, fire struck St Georges Church in Hawthorne, CA destroying a number of valuable items including toys for children. In response, 4 The World donated several toys, stuffed animals and books to the church for children in the community.

Working with the local Firefighters in Gardena, 4The World also donated various new toys to the Station #79 in Gardena in support to the Los Angeles Fire Department's "Spark of Love Toy Drive" project. It is hoped that in the near future, 4The World will continue to support this project and other development initiatives using the local firefighters in the USA to donate used or new equipment for poor fire stations in Belize Central America. This will include training of disaster preparedness.

Volunteer corporate teams giving a helping hand

Corporate citizenship



4The World works with US corporations to educate and encourage employees to devote their spare time to charity.

One such corporation is Phenomenex, a USA based company that has worked with 4The World to encourage and support its employees to volunteer and devote their time to meet the needs of the underprivileged in Belize.

During the period under review, 11 employees from Phenomenex cooperation volunteered to travel to Selena, a rural area in Belize for ten days to assist in the construction of a Feeding Center that serves over 100 children.



## **CHALLENGES**

The battle has not been easy. During the just ended period we had a number of challenges that made our work difficult but at the same time gave us the opportunity to think beyond our horizon.

- Lack of administrative funds.
- Lack of resources for our volunteer staff.
- Little resources for fundraising and marketing.
- Difficulty gaining corporate partnerships due to lack of qualified staff, volunteers and resources.
- Meeting goals and deadline schedules for our projects and programs.

As a new and emerging NGO we require the much needed start up funds to keep us operating, to be able to pay our bills and recruit professionals to support our emerging projects. We hope to spearhead this request by recruiting a grant writer to help us source the much needed funds.

## **WAY FORWARD**

Now that we have put in place a blueprint of what we want to do and achieve in the next three years, our effort will be to ensure that we achieve those goals. Among the priority areas that we shall focus on will include the following (not in order of preference)

- 1) To scale up our fundraising strategy in order to implement our programs and projects both locally and internationally
- 2) To involve as much as possible our partners in our decision process as a way of strengthening our relationships.
- 3) To integrate Health Education and HIV/AIDS into our project as a development program.

# FEEDBACK FORM FOR PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT

We would appreciate your feedback. Please send us your comments and we will reply.

1. What do you think we can do to improve our services?

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2. Do you think we have done what we promised to do with your project?

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3. What suggestions do you have that can help make our partnership effective?

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4. Do you think we have provided feedback to you effectively?

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5. How do you rate 4The World during the just ended period regarding our effectiveness as a development agency?

1. Very good      2. Good      3. Average      4. Poor

Comments:

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4 The World  
 Financial Statement  
 For the year ended December 31, 2005

**SUPPORT AND REVENUES:**

Corporate program revenue.....	0
In-kind revenue and support.....	0
License .....	740.00
Donations.....	5,958.43
Nonprofit premium services.....	0
Grants.....	0
Total support & revenues.....	<b>6,698.81</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Program services.....	<b>1,000.00</b>
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**SUPPORTING SERVICES:**

Development.....	2,595.24
Management and general.....	0
Total supporting services .....	<b>11,767.38</b>
Total expenses .....	<b>15,362.62</b>
Net assets, beginning of year.....	<b>1,180.65</b>
Net assets, end of year.....	2,261.16