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"Go Ye Therefore..." Matt. 28: 19-20. The Spring is beginning to manifest itself all over the place. It lightens the heart and brings joy and lightness to us tired Winter weary souls. At the same time, it offers an occasion for reflection on the past activities of God not only in the year but our past life and ministry as well. Along this line I began considering the beginnings of Touch The World Ministries. On Sunday morning, December 13, 1998, as I woke up, the first thing that came to my mind was the name we were to use for this ministry and also the Scriptural marching orders to guide it. Barbara and I had been praying for some time for God to give us the name He wanted us to use. The start of this ministry goes back to 12-26-1997 when God clearly told me: "I am going to touch the world through you". Thus, the name Touch The World Ministries. The Scriptural marching orders are found in Matt. 28: 19-20 - the Great "Go Commission" of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the same evening I shared the burden for this ministry with the deacons of South Fork Baptist Church which I had the privilege of pastoring at that time. They were very positive and affirming toward the work.

The miracle of the development of this ministry and the miraculous projects that have been completed would take days and hundreds if not thousands of pages to record; churches, family homes, children's homes, clinics, a hospital, schools – vocational and theological, K thru high school, complete self-sustaining compounds for orphan children, on and on I could go with just some of the many miracles God has accomplished through Touch The World Ministries.

My greatest personal burden is for unloved, unwanted, mistreated, sometimes outcast children. These poor, sick, hungry, jungle or street kids are not just a bunch of little children, but individual people with souls and with hopes and dreams of a future. By God's grace and the prayers and financial support of me, Barbara and You, I believe the greatest days are still ahead for us! (Yes, Barbara and I put money in this ministry ever month and I have never taken a salary from it) There are over 100 million orphans worldwide (UNICEF). For contrast, USA population is just a little over 325 million. India alone has 31 million orphans and Africa harbors 59 million. We are very actively involved on both of these continents with many homes, schools, medical and resource centers. We have two large projects under construction at the moment in both of these strategic locations. We have a Christian School under construction in India where 2,000 children will be educated and taught in the ways of the Lord. A generous donor has given a challenge matching grant. Every dollar given towards this project, up to \$82,000 will be matched. And in Kenya, our Children's Home is almost at the point of completion. This Home will house 200 children. We will strive to care for as many of the orphans of the world as we can as long as there is breath in my body. I cannot thank you enough for support. I love every one of you.

Until He comes, we serve, Homer

## Current Projects Under Construction



Left: Children's Home in Kenya

Right: School under construction in India

