

WitnessforPeace

Years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007
Statement of Financial Position

| ASSETS | 2007 | 2006 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Current Assets | \$198,799 | \$290,498 |
| Property and Equipment: Land, Building, and Equipment less Depreciation | \$15,288 | \$18,036 |
| Total Assets | \$214,587 | \$308,534 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | |
| Current Liabilities and Note Payable | \$207,695 | \$228,968 |
| Net Assets | \$6,892 | \$79,566 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$214,587 | \$308,534 |

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Years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2007
Statement of Activities

| REVENUES | 2007 | 2006 |
|---|------------|-----------|
| Fundraising Appeals | \$309,325 | \$333,675 |
| Contributions and Bequests | \$125,984 | \$113,893 |
| Delegation Fees | \$390,919 | \$329,426 |
| Grants | \$45,000 | \$34,830 |
| Publications | \$628 | \$4,239 |
| Investment Income | \$3,002 | \$2,170 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$874,858 | \$818,223 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Program Expenses: Grassroots and International Program | \$683,958 | \$584,801 |
| Management and Administrative | \$126,351 | \$124,934 |
| Fundraising | \$134,711 | \$107,134 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$945,020 | \$816,867 |
| Changes in net assets | (\$70,161) | \$1,356 |
| Net assets at beginning of year | \$79,566 | \$78,210 |
| Net assets at the end of year | \$9,405 | \$79,566 |

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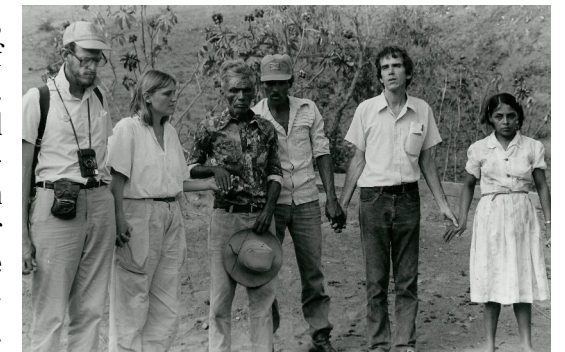
Overview of Program Activities 2008 Annual Report 2007



Witness for Peace is a politically independent, grassroots organization. We are people committed to nonviolence and led by faith and conscience. Our mission is to support peace, justice and sustainable economies in the Americas by changing U.S. policies and corporate practices which contribute to poverty and oppression in Latin America and the Caribbean. We stand with people who seek justice.

25 YEARS OF BUILDING BRIDGES OF HOPE IN THE AMERICAS

In 1983, a small, brave group of committed U.S. citizens traveled to the Nicaragua-Honduran border to bear witness to the tragic consequences of U.S. funding to the Contra. They were changed by what they saw and heard, and upon their return gave birth to the movement known as Witness for Peace. Twenty-five years later, Witness for Peace continues to embody the bold vision of our founders to stand alongside our sisters and brothers in Latin America affected by U.S. policy, bring their stories to the U.S. public and policymakers, and organize and build change.



In 2008, WfP commemorated our 25th anniversary year by recommitting to our struggle for justice. In June, 78 WfP activists traveled on five simultaneous investigation teams to Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Colombia and Venezuela. The group that traveled Jalapa, Nicaragua—the birthplace of WfP—included two WfP founders, several young people who hadn't even been born in 1983 and all ages and experiences in between. The five delegations returned to join more than a hundred grassroots leaders from around the country for a conference and celebration in Washington, DC. They brought their voices of hope and change to Capitol Hill with more than 40 visits to congressional offices.

Throughout 2008, WfP's international teams, delegates, regional organizers and volunteers bore witness to the military violence perpetuated with direct U.S. military aid and economic violence from crippling free trade agreements. We joined with our sisters and brothers to advocate for change toward Latin America and the Caribbean during this dynamic election year. We join with grassroots movements across the U.S. to demand a better future for our neighbors in Latin America and the Caribbean, including respect for civilian lives, decent standards of living, and human rights. With 15,000 WfP members nationwide and hundreds of concerned citizens traveling on WfP delegations each year, we are building bridges of hope and creating the change that we seek.

Witness for Peace's international delegations program, stateside speaker tours, education and advocacy efforts and nonviolent civil actions expose and call for an end to the cycles of military and economic violence that oppress the poor of the Americas.

Transforming People.

Transformative Travel to Latin America

Over our 25-year history, Witness for Peace has transformed the lives of more than 13,000 delegates who have traveled to Latin America. In 2008:

- WFP led a total of 444 delegates to Latin America: 194 delegates to Mexico, 91 to Colombia, 87 to Nicaragua, 47 to Venezuela, 13 to Bolivia and 12 to Guatemala.
- To commemorate WFP's 25th anniversary, five simultaneous delegations traveled to Mexico, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Colombia and Venezuela. The Nicaragua delegation returned to WFP's birthplace in Jalapa, reconnecting with victims of the Contra war who now face an economic war due to CAFTA.
- Mexico and Nicaragua delegations brought U.S. citizens face-to-face with the stark realities facing families who are forced to contemplate the dangerous journey to seek work in the U.S., in part due to U.S. trade policy in the region.
- For the second year in a row, educators from Minnesota's Twin Cities traveled to Morelos, Mexico, to a community where a full one-third of the population has emigrated to Minnesota. These educators connected with their students' relatives still in Mexico and learned about the economic realities that drive families to move from their homeland.
- Delegations to Colombia examined the impact of U.S. military aid and training, aerial fumigations, the proposed U.S. Colombia Free Trade Agreement, and stood in solidarity with indigenous, Afro-Colombian and other marginalized groups facing poverty and human rights violations.
- Seven African American leaders—including the Executive Director of TransAfrica Forum, a policy director from the Drug Policy Alliance and a United Methodist Illinois conference leader—traveled to Colombia to learn about the impacts of U.S. policy on Afro-Colombians.
- Delegations to Venezuela and Bolivia provided U.S. citizens with an opportunity to move beyond the hostile rhetoric from Washington and see for themselves the realities on the ground in these countries, as well as learn about the role of U.S. intervention.



Transforming Policy.

Grassroots Action in the U.S.

WFP's 15,000-strong grassroots network mobilizes to promote positive policies toward our Latin American neighbors. Highlights of our education and policy work in 2008 include:

- Approximately 300 churches in North America joined hundreds of congregations in Colombia to commemorate the Days of Prayer and Action for Colombia, sending 15,000 postcards to Congress. WFP spearheaded a U.S. and Colombian faith leadership letter to Congress—representing 4.3 million churchgoers.
- WFP partnered with the Trans-Africa Forum to bring Harold Alegria, President of the Colombian Portworkers Union to speak with Congressional Black Caucus and African American union leadership about the reasons to oppose the Colombia Free Trade Agreement (FTA). To date, the FTA is stalled!
 - WFP launched a new website with vastly improved tools for electronic advocacy—in only three months, we increased our e-alert base by 39%.
- We also utilized multi-media interviews to document the plight of Colombian sugarcane workers, victims of extrajudicial executions and portworkers in Buenaventura.
- WFP collected thousands of signatures on a petition to the Presidential and Congressional candidates, linking trade and immigration policy and organized bird-dogging efforts in key congressional races.
- WFP researched and produced a report for Congressional document on Forced Manual Eradication, which was distributed by Rep. Raul Grijalva.
- More than 100 activists around the country gathered for WFP's National Grassroots Organizing Conference and Lobby Day in Washington, DC. Activists attended workshops and skills-trainings and visited more than 40 congressional offices.
- WFP helped to lead a coalition to educate and mobilize against the Merida Initiative, a U.S. counter-narcotics aid package to Mexico.
- WFP Regional Organizers participated in local coalitions in solidarity with immigrants in our communities.

WFP Speaker Tours reach thousands of people throughout the U.S. every year, bringing powerful messages that U.S. citizens would not hear otherwise. In 2008:

- Nicaragua: Yamileth Perez, a community organizer from Managua, toured the Northwest and Gloria Andino, a farmer and organizer from El Regadio toured New England.
- Mexico: Father Uvi from Chiapas visited New England and the Upper Midwest and Marco Antonio Velasquez, a trade expert, toured the Southeast.
- Colombia: Freddy Caicedo, a human rights defender from Cali, visited the Mid-Atlantic states and California, and Jesus Brochero and Estivenson Avila, unionists from the coal industry visited KY, WV, AL, GA, and MA.

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