



2003 Annual Report

Mission

To prepare and empower students to become visionary leaders and work for social justice.

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Dear Friends and Supporters:

JustWorld International's first year in operation was a time for learning, exploring and embarking on our quest for a more just world. We advanced and expanded more rapidly than we could have ever imagined, and we are extremely proud of our initial accomplishments.

At the beginning of 2003, a private donor agreed to sponsor our pilot project at The American University of Paris (AUP). With initial seed money of \$65,000 being donated directly to a JustWorld International fund at AUP, JustWorld International was able to begin recruiting student fellows and project sites.

From the beginning, students demonstrated great enthusiasm for JustWorld International's mission and projects. From participation in the World Social Forum in Porto Alegre, Brazil, to field projects in South Africa, Latin America, and Cambodia, students were able to contribute to social justice projects and discussions on the ground.

One of JustWorld International's most important accomplishments was to establish a partnership with UNESCO for the World Conference on Higher Education Plus Five, which was held in Paris, France, in June. We also entered into partnerships with grassroots organizations including Enfants du Sourire Khmer (ESK) in Cambodia and Organización Continental, Lationamericana y Caribeña de Estudiantes (OCLAE) in Latin America.

We are also pleased to announce that JustWorld International was awarded a five-year core funding grant from a private foundation that, beginning in 2004, allows us to consolidate our administration and focus our efforts on expanding our projects in the field and providing increased opportunities for our student fellows.

We believe that 2003 has given JustWorld International an opportunity to construct a solid foundation and are anticipating many exciting things to come in 2004. We look forward to developing our academic and project partner links to facilitate opportunities for youth to contribute to social justice around the world.

Thank you for your continued support!

Very truly yours,
Jessica Newman
Executive Director



2003 World Social Forum

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JustWorld International (JWI) selected four student fellows to participate in the World Social Forum in Porto Alegre, Brazil. These fellows were chosen from the American University of Paris student body through a highly competitive selection process designed to highlight student diversity and an on-going commitment to social justice. These first JustWorld Fellows - from Australia, the United Kingdom, South Africa and Mexico - accompanied JWI Executive Director Jessica Newman for a ten-day intensive experience of conference and workshop participation, networking, and volunteer work. Fellows were able to meet well-known activists and thinkers from all over the world, exchanging ideas and strategies for building a more socially just future.



PARTNERSHIP WITH UNESCO

JustWorld International's participation in the World Conference on Higher Education Plus 5, sponsored by UNESCO and held in Paris at the end of June, was a major initiative. JustWorld International (JWI) was invited by UNESCO's Director of Higher Education to act as an observer to the Non Government Organization Consultative Committee on Higher Education. JWI staff and students also served as volunteers at the conference, a factor that enabled JWI to make several significant contacts with U.S., Latin American and European-based educational organizations. As an introduction to the UNESCO conference, JWI held its own student roundtable at the American University of Paris to discuss the merits of private versus public education. Our invited student representatives from Brazil, Peru, Malaysia and Hong Kong discussed the advantages and short comings of their own educational systems and debated the future of higher education worldwide.

Working with Orphans in Cambodia

JustWorld International (JWI) established a partnership with Enfants du Sourire Khmer (ESK), a local Cambodian Non Government Organization (NGO) dedicated to providing orphans with food, shelter, education, and moral support. ESK is an ideal project partner for JWI because it is dedicated to working with youth on the ground and creating viable solutions within the local environment to give young people a sense of purpose and hope for the future. ESK reproduces community ties lost through civil war and poverty and allows JWI student volunteers the opportunity to play a significant role in reinforcing these ties. JWI selected a student fellow to travel to Cambodia during the summer in order to explore interaction with and assistance for this grassroots NGO. After originally focusing on peer mediation, JWI will expand its efforts with the local orphans in 2004 by providing skills-building programs in art and sports.

...Education... ...Experience... ...Empowerment...

AIDS Prevention in South Africa

Over the summer, two JustWorld International (JWI) student volunteers explored the issue of HIV/AIDS and gender in South Africa with the intention of advising on a related, sustainable JWI project. They attended an HIV/AIDS conference sponsored by the government and visited hospitals and schools throughout the country. Their research results were startling: one of the fastest growing groups of HIV-infected persons in South Africa is its female teaching force. While teachers are supposed to be transmitting knowledge on AIDS prevention, they are dying from AIDS at a faster rate than they can be replaced, leaving South Africa with a looming educational crisis. Upon returning from this assessment, the volunteers submitted a viable proposal to JWI to return to South Africa in the summer of 2004 to begin establishing an HIV/AIDS hotline for female teachers and other women in underprivileged rural areas of the country.



Financial Information

for fiscal year ending December 31, 2003

SUPPORT

Public Contributions	\$198,000.00
Other Revenue	\$82.00
Total Support	\$198,082.00

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$102,606.00
Supporting Services	\$60,898.00
Fundraising	\$11,995.00
Total Expenses	\$175,499.00

“We all have experiences that define our lives.” Jessica Newman, Executive Director

Future Endeavors

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In 2004, JustWorld International plans to launch the following initiatives:

- Partnership with UNHCR and Freeplay Radio Foundation to assess solar-powered radios in refugee camps
- Launch of ‘Jump for a Just World’ initiative for equestrians
- Establishment of health hotline in South Africa
- Expansion of project sites in Latin America, Africa, and Asia



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