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CWS provides documentaries (video/DVD) and background notes/study material on programmes supported by the CWS Christmas Appeal. They also enable people to look at some of the issues and concerns facing partner groups in developing countries and how they are working for change. Several of the titles are suitable for secondary school social studies topics. Documentaries are loaned on a donation-to-cover-costs basis.






(When ordering documentaries, please state preferred date for viewing and an alternative)

CWS Partnerships- 5-minute Spots






- Keep Hope Alive features The Women's Centre, Sri Lanka and Las Dignas (Women for Dignity and Life), El Salvador.
- Building a Better Future - The work in agriculture and water supplies of CWS Partners in Cambodia and Nicaragua
- Water, The Gift of Life - Examples from Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka, dealing with water-related issues.
- Plant Seeds, Plant Hope - Explores how food affects every aspect of life and development. A sampling of CWS partners' development work, (Uganda, Nicaragua, El Salvador) including meeting the food needs of their communities.
- Dawn of Hope - Child matchbox labourers in India and DAWN (Development Action for Women in Need), the agency which is assisting them and their families to a better life.

CWS Partner Documentaries

( = Study material available)

-  LAURU OUR LAND - 28 mins. The livelihood projects of the Women's Programme of the Luru Land Conference and the background to their work, including logging and threats to resources and the environment.
-  WATER, WHO OWNS IT? - 28 mins. Many people believe that after oil, water will be the next big war-provoking issue, as ever more pressure is put on scarce resources and big business endeavours to take control of its distribution. Where poverty is rife this would mean a death-sentence for people who could no longer afford it. In Sri Lanka the centuries-old tradition of rice-growing is particularly at risk, which would drive millions of people off the land. The documentary shows how the people are fighting back.
-  LISTEN, LEARN & LIVE - 25 mins. The Church of Uganda's response to HIV and AIDS. The dedicated workers who bring comfort to HIV and AIDS sufferers and their families.
- A PATH TO CITIZENSHIP- THE HOUSE OF PASSAGE - 34 mins. The work of the House of Passage, for street girls in Recife, Brazil. (Background material available)
-  HOPE NEVER DRIES UP -23 mins. The Rainwater Harvesting Programme of the Zimbabwe Council of Churches. A story of hard work, cooperation and community cohesion.
- WE WORK, WE DREAM -12 mins. Young people involved in the Zimbabwe Council of Churches Rainwater Harvesting Programme and their lives at home. (See above)
-  A REFUGEE LIFE - 26 mins. The story of Palestinian Refugee Ahmed Mahmoud Abdullah and the work in Gaza of CWS partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) of the Middle East Council of Churches.

CWS Partner Documentaries cont.

-  MAKING CHANGE - 25 mins. Economic Challenges in Nicaragua. Focusing on Nicaragua with its faltering economy and the response of long-term partner CEPAD, which works with local communities in a wide range of development programmes and responds to Nicaragua's frequent natural disasters.
-  WOMEN FOR DIGNITY AND LIFE - 27 mins. Stories of survival of El Salvadoran women through war and natural disasters. Featuring the work of CWS partner Las Dignas (Women for Dignity and Life) to bring an end to injustice and discrimination against women and to assist them to attain decent livelihoods.
-  MAKE PEACE - 24 mins. The People-to-People Peace Process of CWS partner, the Sudan Council of Churches, to end fighting between warring tribes in Southern Sudan. The role of women in the process, the key to its success.
-  FINDING THE PATH FORWARD - 30 mins. Made by the Fiji Council of Churches' Research Group to encourage discussion within Fiji about the May 2000 coup and to explore ways to move forward, dealing with the level of violence in the community, the need to build understanding and tolerance within communities, and the growth in disparities between rich and poor.
-  SURVIVING THE GLOBAL VILLAGE - 23 mins. The stories of ordinary people in India, the effects of globalisation on their livelihood and their environment and their struggles, some of them successful, to overcome these problems.
- TO START A NEW LIFE -20 mins. Income-generation and agricultural projects: Church of Uganda Planning, Development and Rehabilitation Programme.
- NOW WE ARE FEARLESS - 28 mins. A real-life story of Southern India. Untouchable women break down caste barriers through the community development work of CWS partner the Women's Development Resource Centre
- MILES TO GO BEFORE WE SLEEP - 22 Mins. The work of CWS partner the Legal Aid to Women (LAW) Trust, which assists women and families to claim their basic human rights and obtain facilities like clean water supplies, education and transport.
- HITI TAU - BUILDING A NEW NATION - 25 mins. The story of Hiti Tau, French Polynesia. The French nuclear tests in that country wreaked havoc with the total environment of the Maohi people. Hiti Tau has assisted community-based groups to re-establish the local economy and provide income-generating opportunities for the people.
- MAKE ROOM : A PLACE FOR PALESTINIANS - 22 mins. Programmes of the DSPR (see opposite)

Globalisation / Debt / Economy

■ **THE GLOBAL BANQUET** -28 mins. & **Globalization and Hunger** -23 mins. Exploring dramatic changes in rural agriculture which have seen millions of small farmers forced off their land, others growing crops they cannot eat and which provide only diminishing returns. The effects of mechanisation and the control of trade in food by a few giant corporations who ignore the profound social and environmental impact of their activity. The accompanying Study includes stories from CWS Partner, Monlar, in Sri Lanka, its efforts to ensure food security for local people (see also, **Water, Who Owns It?**), and background material on food issues.

- **Save the Earth, Save its Peoples** -5 mins. (Extracts from the above) The environmental implications of saving the earth so people will be adequately fed and earn a decent living.

■ **BREAKING THE CHAINS OF POVERTY : THE DEBT PROBLEM** - 28 mins. Part one, made by the Freedom from Debt Coalition to support their action, demonstrates the effects of debt in the Philippines. Part two, made by Christian Aid, UK, shows where the Debt came from and how Third World countries and their people are impoverished by it.

Also: -**BURY THE DEBT, NOT THE DEAD** -22 mins.

Emergencies and Outcomes

- **PEACE UNDER FIRE: Sudan's Darfur Crisis** - The UN Information service on the horrendous situation in Dafur in 2004.

- **RWANDANS RETURNING HOME** -19 mins. Rwandan refugees who returned home from the Democratic Republic of Congo and were assisted by ACT International, working through the local churches.

- **KOSOVO THANK YOU** -24 mins - Thank you to all who contributed so generously to the Appeal for assistance for the people of Kosovo. Introduced by Carol Hirschfeld, the video illustrates the work of ACT International (Action by Churches Together) to which Christian World Service belongs, both in emergency relief during the height of the crisis and subsequently as it assisted the people to rebuild their lives.

-**ENDING OCCUPATION** -Voices for a Just Peace - 21 mins.(World Council of Churches) The dilemma of Palestine - how Palestinians see it.

About Children

■ **TOMORROW WE'LL FINISH** - 23 mins. The awesome story of girl carpet workers in Nepal. (Study material on modern-day slavery.)

- **SAVITHRI** -15 mins. 12-year-old Savithri is a leader in her village 'night school' children's committee, where the focus is on the everyday problems faced in their lives - health, environment, equality, caste etc in India.

-See also, **We Work, We Dream**

Environment

■ **RESTORE THE LAND** - Part I (8 mins), **The Wrong Way** - Environmental destruction in the Amazon. Part II (18 mins), **The Right Way** - **SWIFT**, in the Solomons; sustainable logging and the Ngaati Te Ata people at Awhitu, Auckland, preserving forest and restoring wetlands. Part III (18 mins), **The New Way** - Hiti Tau, "Building a New Nation", French Polynesia, and "Rwandans Returning Home": ACT International resettling Rwandans after the holocaust of 1994. The accompanying study kit is also entitled "Restore the Land".

-See also "Water, Who Owns It?", "Lauru Our Land", "Surviving the Global Village", "The Global Banquet", "Save the Earth, Save Its Peoples".

NB: The full documentary on the Amazon is also available.

Pacific Issues

-**WE CALL SAMOA HOME** -23 mins. An introduction to Samoa and Samoans.

- **PACIFIC: PARADISE-PARADOX** -23 mins. Tourism and migration, the influx and outflow of people - a paradox of the South Pacific paradise.

-See also "Lauru Our Land", "Finding the Path Forward", "Hiti Tau - Building a New Nation".

Further Titles

Trade:

-Various titles on Fair Trade, Trade Justice, Coffee are available, including

-**Trade Rules Are Nuts** - 24 mins. A cartoon introduced by "Peanut" from the USA, looks at peanuts, cashews and Brazil nuts and the plight of growers in Senegal, Mozambique and Bolivia. Suitable for young people.

Debt:

- **Debt of the Dictators** - 45 mins. The cases of Argentina, South Africa, Congo and the Philippines.

Globalisation:

- **Global Village or Global Pillage** -26 mins. A stern look at globalisation - how the rich get richer and the poor poorer

-Also **Poverty**, by CWS sister agency Christian Aid UK, and their further title, **War and Peace**.

-United Nations' documentaries on Uganda and Sudan.

Also:

- **Land of the Morning Star** - 55 mins. The plight of West Papuans, still under the rule of Indonesia.

-Contact CWS about issues you wish to explore to ascertain if we have relevant productions. Some CD/PowerPoint presentations are also available.

Latest CWS Productions



Water Who Owns It? - 28 mins. As the issue of water becomes ever more acute globally, this case study from Sri Lanka raises issues of availability of water for everyone and the risk to the poorest people of privatisation through the influence of international monetary agencies. It also, by implication, raises questions about water for us in New Zealand.

Lauru Our Land -28 mins. A case study from the Solomon Islands looks at the question, what is good development, especially in a context where the people struggle to preserve their environment and their natural resources for their own use.

