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## **Administrative History**

World Vision International is an Evangelical Christian non-governmental organization that provides humanitarian assistance and advocacy across the globe. Robert W. Pierce founded World Vision International in 1950 to assist missionaries in emergency crises in East Asia, such as providing for war-time orphans. Since its creation, the organization has grown to become one of the largest Christian international efforts to direct missions' services in emergency response. World Vision has assisted provision for orphans, refugee evacuations, debt relief, hunger and famine relief, and environmental disaster rebuilding. The organization supports healthcare, food supply, sanitation, shelter repair, recreation, and education efforts.

Stephen Commins worked as the Director of Policy and Planning for World Vision International in the 1990s.

## **Related Collections**

Robert Pierce Collection, 1950-1994  
Wayfarers Ministry Newsletter of Betty Ann Wagner

## **Scope and Content**

The World Vision International Collection consists of memos, reports, and research materials related to Stephen Commins' work as Director of Policy and Planning. Commins' records include creating early warning systems for conflict and humanitarian emergencies and effective responses. Social justice topics relate to the debit crisis; war and reconciliation; and famine. The collection also includes reports and articles stored in the World Vision International Library from the 1970s-1980s.

## **Subjects**

Human rights  
Missions  
Outreach  
Reconciliation  
Social rights  
World Vision International

**Container List****Box 1: Steve Commins Files**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	Policy, Advocacy	1995
2	Gender Policy Development	1995
3	Steve Commins – memos, speeches, research	1995-1996
4	Commission on Human Rights	1995
5	Sanctions	1995
6	International Centre for Humanitarian Reporting Symposium	1995
7	Early Warning System for Conflict and Humanitarian Emergencies	1994-1995
8	Early Warning System for Conflict and Humanitarian Emergencies	1995-1996
9	Eastern Europe Articles – “After the Bloc Party” by Stephen E Deane, “From the Dustbin of History” by Irvine Howe, “As We Go Into The Nineties” by Daniel Bell, “Lifting the Curtain”	1990, photocopies
10	War and Famine articles and chapters	Photocopies
11	“Rural Transformation and the Future of Work in Rural Asia: An Indicative Program Proposal”	
12	“Policies for a New Urban Future, Rural Development: Towards a New Framework” (Urban Debate 2010)	2010

**Box 2: Steve Commins Files**

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1	Reconciliation	1995
2	Reconciliation – Rwanda, Burundi	1995
3	War and Conflict Prevention	1996
4	Complex Humanitarian Emergency Systems (CHES), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)	1995
5	Dayton Maxwell, Senior Advisor for Complex Emergencies, Conflict Management and Reconciliation	1995
6	WorldVision and Justice	1992
7	Justice Responses – Africa (1 of 2)	1992-1994, Copies
8	Justice Responses – Africa (2 of 2)	1992-1994, Copies
9	External Report – Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, etc.	

**Box 3: Steve Commins Files**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1-2	External Report – Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, etc.	
3	EMA Personnel Survey, Report Number 47 for Ed Dayton	1986
4	Monthly reports from Stephen Commins to Graeme Irvine <i>International Relations Update</i>	1987, 1992-1993
5	International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Films	1989, booklet
6	<i>Following Jesus 1992 Council Reader</i>	1992

7	<i>World Vision and Justice</i> study guide	1992-1993
8	WorldVision magazine	2006, 2009
9	WorldVision <i>Insight</i> magazine	2008
10	<i>Crosslines</i> and <i>Echonews</i> periodicals	1996
11	Justice and Evangelization	1973
12	Social Justice: Latin America and Bangkok Conference	1973

**Box 4: Materials from the World Vision Library**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1-5	<i>Serving Islamic Peoples</i> with Don Douglas series Program 2 – Traditional and Modern Societies Program 3 – Skills for Moving Cross-Culturally Program 4 – Islam: Unlocking the Door Program 5 – Islam: History, Beliefs, Practices Program 6 – Islam: Values and Behavior Program 7 – Islam: Christian-Muslim Relations Program 8 – Planning People Groups	Videotapes, 5 items
6	Ted Engstrom memorial	19 August 2006
7	Nepal information, P. Johnstone	Microfiche
8	“A Bibliography of Turkana”, Royal Geographical Society South Turkana Expedition, by MD Gwynne and WTW Morgan	July 1969
9	<i>Secondary Bibliography of Lonergan Sources</i> edited by Terry J. Tekippe	1 May 1988
10	<i>Primary Bibliography of Lonergan Sources</i> edited by Terry J. Tekippe	1 January 1990
11	<i>Bibliographies: Asia-Philippines, WID</i>	
12	“The Honduras”; “Family Type” Development and Literacy Training by Eric Brockhoff, Waldemar Monroy	
13	<i>Proposal for the Possible Establishment of an Independent (Christian) University in Xiamen, Fujian Province, People’s Republic of China</i> by Lee I. Bruckner	September 1985
14	<i>A Vital Link in the Chain of World Evangelization</i> by Michael Bustard, Sikhs of India	
15	<i>A Quantitative Study of Personality Dynamics in Stuttering and Non-Stuttering Siblings</i> by Arden Hans Christensen	June 1951, dissertation

**Box 5: Materials from the World Vision Library**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	<i>Reaching Rural Women: Case Studies and Strategies</i> by Royal Colle, Susana Fernandez de Colle	December 1977
2	<i>Urban Survey of Southeast Asia</i> by FM Dubose	September 1970
3	MSU International Development Papers, Editors: Carl Eicher, Carl Liedholm, Michael Weber	
4	<i>An Ethnohistory of Ethiopia: A Study of the Factors which Affect the Planting and Growth of the Church</i> by Edgar Elliston	May 1968, thesis

5	<i>Women in Development: A Study Proposal for the Improvement of World Vision International Development Work Through Colt</i> by Helena Eversole	July 1980
6	<i>The Status and Roles of Ghanaian and Kenyan Women: Implications for Fertility Behavior</i> by Adrienne Germain and Audrey Smock, Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association	1 September 1974
7	<i>The Catholic Church in Micronesia</i> by Francis X. Hezel	
8	<i>The Catholic Church in Pohnpei</i> by Francis X. Hezel	
9	<i>The Middle East System of Domination</i> by Wa'il Kheir, Presented to the World Consultation "Churches Responding to Racism in the 1980"	16-21 June 1980
10	<i>Consultation on The Gospel and Culture Papers</i> Kraft, Mastra, Packer, Loewen, Jacobs, Conn, Costas, Taber	

**Box 6: Materials from the World Vision Library**

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1	<i>Factors in a Strategy for Turkana</i> by B.N. Mbugua	July 1978
2	<i>The Principles and Practice of Dawn: A Growing Movement for World Evangelization</i> by Jim Montgomery	
3	<i>The Filipino Woman: Her Role and Status in Philippine Society</i> by Cristina Montiel and Mary Racelis Holinsteiner	1976
4	<i>Baseline Country Profiles for Open Doors: Country Report – Sudan</i> by Robert J. Oehrig	April 1983
5	<i>Baseline Country Profiles for Open Doors: Country Report – Ethiopia</i> by Nereah Okeyo and Edwin Erickson	July 1983
6	<i>The Muslim Zanzibaris of South Africa</i> by GC Oosthuizen	1982
7	<i>Status of Christianity Profile CHAD</i> by Open Doors East Africa	
8	<i>Indigenous Cultures and Languages of Brazil</i> by Darcy Ribeiro	November 1957
9	<i>The Ethics of Humanitarian Food Relief</i> by Dale Runge	9 May 1974
10	<i>Country Report: Rwanda</i> by Baptist Mission of East Africa, Dorothy M. Schmalgemeier	September 1976
11	<i>The World View of the Matabele People</i> by Donald Smith	1975
12	<i>Refugees and Economic Activities in Africa</i> by Barry N. Stein	September 1981
13	<i>Historique des Missions Protestantes en Haute-volta Avec un Etat de la Formation Actuelle des Autochtones</i> by Madeleine Vaillant	December 1975
14	<i>Macedon Calling L.A. Does Anybody Hear?</i> Edited by David Wagner	
15	<i>Marriage and Family Life in Melanesia: A Research Project of the Melanesian Institute</i> edited by Darrell L. Whiteman, Paper No. 1	1982
16	<i>World Vision International South Pacific: National Aboriginal Survey, Stage 2, Queensland, Report to the Field Director</i> by P.R. Whiting	

**Box 7: Materials from the World Vision Library**

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	<i>Baptist Church Growth: Case Studies Report-Kenya, Tanzania</i>	1975
2	<i>Christian Leadership Letters</i>	1973-1982
3	Debt Crisis articles	
4	Debt Crisis articles	
5-6	<i>Evangelism-in-Depth, Continental Institute</i>	
7	<i>How Shall They Hear? A Study Paper on Reaching (Madras) City Dwellers – Large Cities for Consultation on World Evangelization, Pattaya, Thailand and Joint Action by the Churches in the City of Madras</i>	19-27 June 1980
8	<i>Methodist Church Growth in Kenya 1933-1975: A Brief Overview</i>	November 1983
9	<i>New Religious Movements in Primal Societies</i>	
10	Non-Governmental Organizations articles	
11	<i>The Relationship of Agricultural Innovation to Religious Practices</i>	January 1977