



# What's WEC up to?

WEC International has always been a pioneer mission – sharing Jesus across cultural barriers where he's unknown.

Started by CT Studd, God has turned one man's crazy adventure into a mission and a movement that has since touched millions of lives.

### What's WEC about?

To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death...(Luke 1:79)

WEC wants those trapped by the dark schemes of Satan to receive freedom via the light and power of Jesus Christ.

### What about social justice?

Yes, we are passionate about helping those who suffer from poverty, addiction, illness, exploitation, hunger, war, despotism...through advocacy and seeking justice.

This is why WEC reaches out - holds clinics; rehabilitates addicts; cares for children in crisis; provides aid and development – doing anything, to show the compassion of Christ.

But, we only do half the job if we do not address the spiritual injustice that causes evil and darkness in this world.

This is why WEC believes in evangelism, and establishing churches where there isn't one.

In places where darkness and bondage reign, what better way to sustainably bring the light of Christ and destroy the works of the devil (1John 3:8) than through his unconquerable church! (Mt 16:18b)

In reaching out and planting churches, WEC's dream is to bring about social and spiritual justice through the saving and restoring power of Jesus Christ.

### What We Do



WEC works with children in crisis

WEC works through any medium that contributes to our purpose of Reaching People and Planting Churches among unreached people groups. This includes:

- Evangelism | Discipleship | Church Planting | Bible Translation | Theological Education | Leadership Training | Medical Work & Training | Missions Research | Missions Mobilization and Recruitment | Missions Education | Rural Development | Social Relief | Children in Crisis | Literacy | TEFL / ESL | Education | Business as Mission | Media | ...and more!

### Where We Work

WEC church-planting teams are reaching people and planting churches among 130 people groups in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Central Asia, the South Pacifics and Latin America.

If you'd like to know more about what WEC's up to call 0800 46 46 86

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## 100 years before Bear Grylls



2013 is the year WEC reaches the milestone of turning 100. From its beginning, WEC has remained faithful to the Lord's commission to preach the gospel "to the ends of the earth". Today, with the job not yet finished, 2000 workers in 70 nations continue with this same purpose.

Looking back though, what was it like 100 years ago? In places like Africa, pioneering mission was very basic in 1913. Excerpts from the diary of CT Studd, the founder of WEC, bear testimony to this. Without the benefit of a pizza van and an ambulance hiding somewhere, CT shares in matter-of-fact fashion about the hardships he and companions faced surviving, "Man vs Wild" style, the extreme life endangering wildlife and people of the Belgian Congo.

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# 100 years before Bear Grylls *(Continued)*

## Mahagi – May 5, 1913

“The steamer across the Lake Albert from Butiaba to Mahagi started at 8am, and we reached Mahagi at noon. Mr Gribble and I had porridge for supper, and a turn round in the bush to try for a buck as we had precious little food. We got nothing, and as there was a possibility of meeting lions, we returned. At night we were plagued with flies of all kinds which provided the treble to the grunting of crocodiles. The lake was only twenty yards from our tent. It was not altogether nice to have them so close, and I took the precaution to keep a good fire burning between my bed and the lake.”

## Jankoba – Saturday, May 24, 1913

“Porters left at 6am, Alfred and I stayed to read and then pray, then left cycling. Gribble had ridden the donkey and gone with porters. We came down the hill and then found two roads - which one should we take? Gribble had left no mark. We decided to take a very steep one to the right; we went along for a good way, but finding no trace of the donkey we returned and took the other road. We went down a regular precipice with our cycles, having dismounted, and even then putting on the brakes, we could hardly control them. Then we had to ascend a similarly steep hill; it was not pushing as much as hoisting our cycles, and again and again similar ascents and descents. Thus we walked for three hours passing through innumerable villages of the warlike Balinda tribe, who were delighted at seeing the first cycles ever over those regions.”



- Democratic Republic of Congo facts:
- Formerly Zaire and Belgian colony
  - Population 67,827,495
  - Annual growth 2.8%
  - Density 29/sqkm
  - Capital Kinshasa
  - Pop under 15 yrs 47%
  - Life expectancy 47.6 yrs
  - GDP income per person \$185 (≈0.5% of USA).

“Suddenly, we came across an Indian trader returning. He said that road did not lead to Kilo [our next town] at all. There was nothing but to return by this long hilly path, and then try to catch up to Gribble and porters. We were absolutely done with the exertion of shoving our bicycles up such ascents and bad roads. We tried to get food, but not knowing the language that was

difficult. Then when we were entering another large village we met a man with sweet potatoes in his basket. Alfred persuaded him to give us some [in exchange] for a few buttons. Soon we had a fire made, and sweet potatoes were thrown on and a cup of water brought to drink, and there we were – two British cyclists squatting among a crowd of Balinda, the dread of natives. There were their filed teeth, the badge of cannibals, but we laughed, and they laughed and we had a hearty meal.”

## Kilo – Friday, May 30, 1913

“Our canoe was beached at Niangara landing, and our loads dumped at their long-sought destination.”

CT and his companions waited for more baggage in Kilo for three months before they could move on to their final destination. This was the beginning of WEC.

In spite of sickness, the poor conditions and the threat of being eaten alive by animals and cannibals alike; CT remained in the Congo until his death at the age of 70 (in 1931). His purpose was to present the gospel to as many as he could to plant and grow the church in the heart of Africa. Today, the Congolese church numbers around 395,000 believers - where the name of a stubborn, physically frail white man is still revered .

Of course there were many doubters when CT set out in 1913. How could a man in his fifties and in poor health consider going to a place like the Congo? The following quote typifies the stubbornness that CT is both famous and infamous for:

“Before the whole world, yes, before the sleepy, lukewarm, faithless, namby-pamby Christian world, we will dare to trust our God. We will venture our all for Him, we will die for Him...we will a thousand times sooner die trusting only in our God than live trusting in man. And when we come to this position the battle is already won...we will have the real holiness of God, not the sickly stuff of talk and dainty words and pretty thoughts; we will have a masculine holiness one of daring faith and works for Jesus Christ.”



Downsizing: CT (left) gave away an inheritance in the tens of millions by today's money.

In short:

“If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for him.”

This was CT Studd's answer to the many who doubted him and his crazy pioneer mission – 100 years on it continues to be WEC's motto.



CT was not bad at cricket. First class record: batting avege 30.49; 444 wickets at 17.25 apiece. 3 tests for England. Show off!!



Tedworth house: CT's forgone childhood home is now used for convalescing soldiers.

# A New Challenge for a New Century

Martyn B, WEC Business Consultancy Group

This year WEC celebrates a 100 year heritage in Missions, beginning with CT Studd. I guess that if CT was here today he would have difficulty recognising the world surrounding him. The advance of technology, globalisation, the growth of the 'third world' (or should we say two thirds world) missions force, the decline of colonialism and the global economic crisis being just a few massive changes in the world landscape.

This begs the question, if CT was to do it all again in today's world, would he do missions in the same way? More to the point, would God? These are some of the questions being considered by WEC worldwide, and a driver behind a recent international survey of WECers. One of those big questions is 'what about doing business as mission'? Is business a friend or an enemy of missions, a distraction from the true call to evangelism and discipleship, or an open door for the gospel? Certainly, for many 'Creative Access Nations' it is no longer possible to enter as a 'missionary', and other traditional approaches to doing mission are increasingly untenable. 'Business as Mission' or 'Missional Business' may be the only way to operate sustainably and credibly in some places.

Missional Business is exactly what it says on the label, true business and true mission. Missional businesses are authentic businesses that operate by the principals and values of the Kingdom of God, aim to be profitable and economically self sustaining, and have a clear intention to extend the Kingdom of God where they operate – including the most unreached places on our planet. Fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28; 19-20) and cross cultural mission is hard wired into Missional Businesses.



Where faith meets the market place

So why do Missional Business? It's much more than a credible 'platform' for being in the country. As a WEC worker running a business in Eastern Europe put it, "just operating a moral, ethical business, in the face of a corrupt society where bribery and exploitation is standard practice is 'spiritual warfare'". It provides a natural basis upon which to build relationships and share with people who might never otherwise encounter Jesus (such as staff, customers and suppliers). Moreover, it offers dignity and employment for those with no way out of the cycle of poverty or destructive lifestyles, and builds a positive testimony in communities often hostile to Christians and Christianity. It also offers a launching pad for the great developing missions' force of the third world, where home church donor support might not be an option.

That said, Missional Business is by no means without its challenges. For business to be a credible witness, it needs to be well managed, provide an excellent standard of customer service, and survive and thrive in a competitive



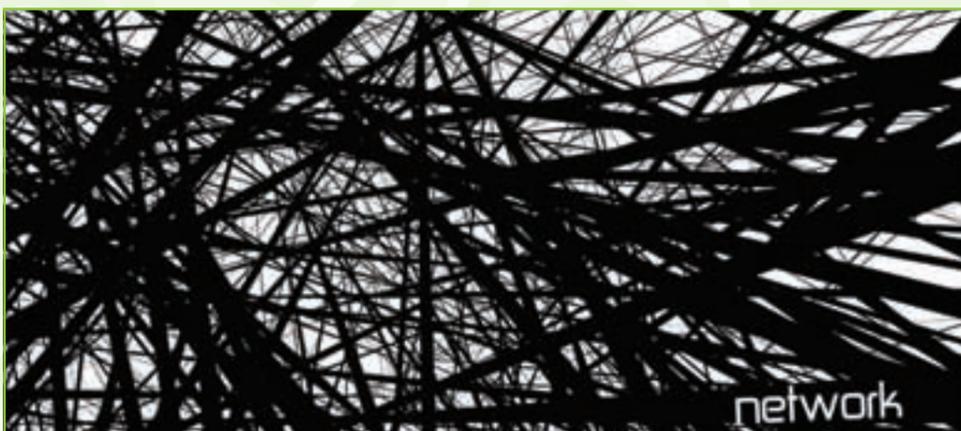
A new breed...

marketplace. Not an easy call where corruption and long standing insider networks mean that the business is not working on a level playing field. However, neither is church planting 'easy', and WEC has been doing that for a hundred years in the most inhospitable environments!

If we are going to embrace Missional Business, and its opportunities and challenges, some things need to change. We need to recruit and train people who are committed and equipped to reach the unreached, and have the management and/or technical skills necessary to succeed in business. And it isn't just limited to 'career missionaries'. We need those who will go short term to support teams on the field starting and running businesses, experienced business mentors who will come alongside, and those willing to invest into starting missional businesses. This is not about demanding that all our new or current workers become business people (not a happy thought for most!), or abandoning what is sown into our WEC 'DNA' which continues to bear fruit. It does provide an opportunity and a challenge to people who are gifted and called to business, and may never have seen the possibility of using their skills and following God's call to nations! If that's you, talk to us!



Ministry: standing tall with integrity and business excellence.



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Business and work create natural connections to communicate the gospel

## Long term opportunities

**Asia:** Electrical Engineer – 1 yr min, exciting project applying appropriate technology to obtain energy from vast renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, water, and bio-matter. This Project is involved in the research, training, production and distribution of renewable energy sources and products.

**Asia:** Psychiatrist trainer – 2 yr min, to develop, facilitate and take part in psychiatric post-graduate training for doctors in the Primary Mental Health Project. Qualification: Qualified psychiatrist (adult psychiatry and possibly child psychiatry) with work experience, PhD would be an advantage; experience in post-graduate training; experience/interest in working in a developing country.

**Chad:** Help with homeschooling two young girls - 6mths or more

**France:** Coffee house ministry – 1 yr, some French needed.

**Thailand:** Hostel assistant – 10 mths min, help hostel parents at WEC hostel.

**Russia:** Soccer coaching – 2 yrs, experience coaching and working with kids.

## New Zealand office – Gordonton

**IT person** – able to help with computer maintenance and keeping network and computer systems functioning. Experience with Microsoft essential, Linux helpful.

**Caterer** – needed during our 3 month orientation courses (twice a year) Min 3 months. Catering for 20+ for lunch and dinner once a week for 40+. Team person with a heart for missions.

## Short term teams

To celebrate our 100th birthday, in conjunction with WEC Australia, there are places on teams going to: Spain, Mexico, West Africa and various countries in Asia. Contact us for more information on costs and destinations.

These are just a few examples among numerous possibilities to serve with WEC teams. For more info visit [www.wecnz.org](http://www.wecnz.org) or call us at 0800 GO INTO

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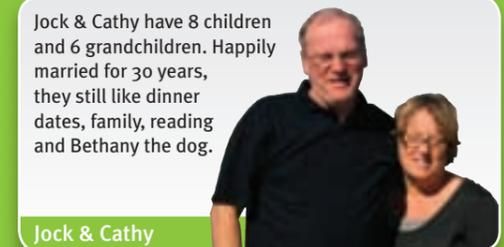
## WEC 100 not out

Jesus said, "Any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple". What did He mean by such a statement?

The founder of WEC, England cricketer Charles T Studd, was an enthusiast for Jesus. During the last 16 years of his ministry in Africa, CT, as he was fondly known, spent only 2 weeks with his wife Priscilla. She stayed home in England and travelled on speaking tours representing the mission. Some have thought him an awful, neglectful husband. But his love for her was genuine. He wrote to her, "I love to think of you at home fighting for God and for me. You have had the biggest sacrifice and you shall be the greatest warrior of all...you have had the drudgery, but without you it could not have been done."

Studd was irascible, outrageous, and stropky but there is no doubt he understood Jesus words about giving up all. He said that while some want to serve within the sound of church and bell, he wanted to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell.

What kind of life are you called to live as a follower of Jesus? And are you living it?



Jock & Cathy have 8 children and 6 grandchildren. Happily married for 30 years, they still like dinner dates, family, reading and Bethany the dog.

Jock & Cathy



## crossing the great barrier...

April 21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> 2013

Exploring barriers in our journey with God, and the myths & truths of missions.

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## Celebrating WEC's 100 year walk with God

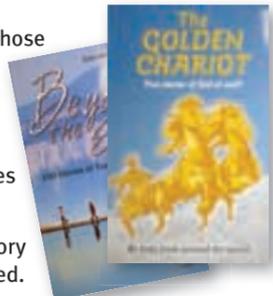
### The Golden Chariot

For younger readers - "exciting, true stories, written by modern-day children whose parents are part of an international mission that is now 100 years old. These kids have found that God includes them in what He is doing. Some were present during major events in world history, some risked their lives on crocodile-infested rivers, others just needed a friend. The stories will reveal their hearts to you." 33 stories from 11 nationalities about 20 different countries

### Beyond the edge

100 stories of trusting God. God's amazing works through weak vessels. The story of God's love and faithfulness to WEC. It cries out to be told and to be celebrated. It moves us to thanksgiving and praise. And retelling it reflects his glory.

'Not to us, not to us, but to your name be glory, because of your love and faithfulness'. Psalm 115:1



God is passionate about communities and culture... are you?

Eastwest College is offering two block courses in A Semester 2013.

### Community Development

**Mick Duncan**

April 15-17

level 5, 5 credits

\$265

### Learning Another Culture

**Dr Bob Ferris**

May 6-17

level 5, 9 credits

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Eastwest College can get you ready to serve God in any situation... whether you come for one or two years, or simply to attend a block course.



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