



Peace
is not as simple as black and white

**World Scout Foundation
Annual Report 2005**

Black and white

"Peace – it's not as simple as black and white" – that's how veteran Scout peace campaigner Paul Browne explained the complexity of building bridges between embattled communities in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Try this simple exercise:

Look at the photo on the page opposite. It's from a flood damaged house in a poor neighborhood of New Orleans. Who is this young man? What is he doing in someone else's house? Why is he there?

Now look again at the photo on the front cover. What do you see? Who is this young man? What is he up to?

The young man opposite is Joe – you can see who he really is on page 20.

The young man on the cover is Carlos and you can read about him on page 6.

Whether you address issues such as the Western/Muslim divide, the rift between Belfast's Catholics and Protestants, the violent street gangs of Salvador, youth crime in Hong Kong, isolated immigrants in Stockholm, marginalized AIDS orphans in Cape Town or frightened communities in New Orleans, Scout volunteers have found that you've got to look beyond the obvious black and white assumptions to find a solution.

These programmes described in this report are a sample of the many "Gifts for Peace" involving millions of Scouts in over 90 countries so far, and will involve many more by the end of 2006.



Message from the Chairman

2005 has been an extraordinary year for the World Scout Foundation and indeed for the 28 million Scouts 'round the world!

In the Foundation, income from donations reached record levels and we recruited more new Baden-Powell Fellows than ever before. Thanks to the magnificent leadership of our Investment Committee, positive financial markets, and shrewd advice from our investment advisors, Cambridge Associates, our endowment is now worth more than at any time in the history of the World Scout Foundation. In turn, our grants to World Scouting have reached record levels.

Your continued support for these 28 million inspired young people has made all this possible!

The Foundation exists to help young people realize their dreams, to grow as individuals, take leadership and change their world. This year, with a larger grant to Scouting, we are helping even more young people around the world than ever before!

The work of Scouts to prepare for the next century of the Movement, with a programme inspired by His Majesty King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia - the Gifts for Peace are most impressive. Instead of waving flags and having a series of big parties, Scouts have chosen to celebrate by changing the world - they have decided that they will organize programmes at community and national levels to make their countries more peaceful and bring communities closer together.

The results of these programmes will be presented to the world on 1st August 2007 - exactly 100 years following the opening of the first Scout camp. Work on these Gifts for Peace has already begun, and so to illustrate this Annual Report, we have chosen just seven of the 90 or so Gifts for Peace which are underway so far.

Read on, and be prepared to be impressed!

Now, more than ever, we need your contributions and your moral support. With your help we can sustain the positive energy which is moving this great Movement forward.



William F. Cronk

"Welcome to the land of peace!" Saudi Arabia

Saudi Scouts welcomed 1,500 campers from 85 countries to Jubail, with the words "Welcome to Saudi Arabia! Welcome to the land of Peace!". The hosts had planned this camp as the first of their Gifts for Peace – with the aim to learn first-hand about other cultures, other nationalities and other faiths. Scout camp life in Saudi Arabia is full of singing, dancing and laughter. Participants exchanged food, songs and folklore on the international day, they made an expedition to discover the wonders of desert life, and joined in evening concerts and social activities. Soon the visitors felt completely at home.

Apart from the normal activities in the camp, Scouts took part in a series of workshops organized by the Saudi Centre for National Dialogue. The Centre – a brainchild of King Abdullah – is tasked with involving ordinary people throughout the country in discussion to find the way forward for the future. Together, the participants - men and women - discuss issues such as the rights of women, preventing militant Islam being taught in schools or preached in the Mosque and how to open the Kingdom to others from different cultures, nationalities and faiths.

"My job," says Faisal bin Muaammar, the Centre's boss, "is to take people who may not want to sit together in the first place, and have them shake hands when we are finished." Faisal and

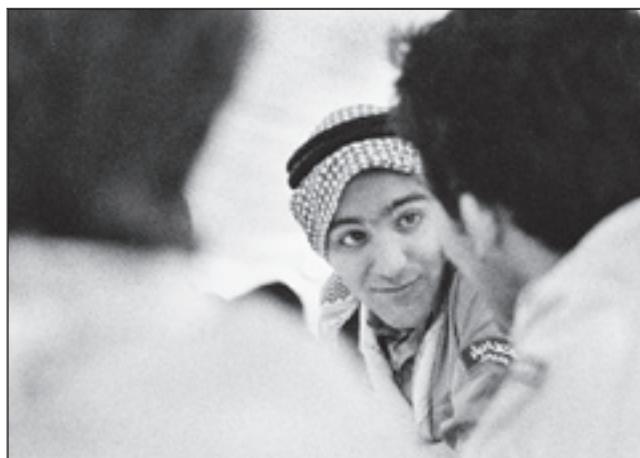
his team helped the Scouts discover consensus building, conflict resolution and mediation techniques.

"These workshops have changed my impression of Saudi Arabia and, in fact, of Islam, completely," says John Lawlor, a political science student from Ireland. "The skills of peace-building can be learned by any of us. And the methods work – the changes they are bringing about in Saudi society are truly amazing!"

"It was certainly an eye opener for all involved," writes Rob Abson from Australia. "We learned so much about other cultures, and of Scouting's role to foster peace through its 28 million members. We all left camp still humming the Together for Peace song – with many memories and ideas of what to do when we got home."

John and Rod were among a small group chosen to represent the camp in a visit to the Royal Palace in Riyadh. His Majesty King Abdullah renewed his call for Scouts to work for peace and understanding worldwide. "The God of Judaism, the God of Islam and the God of Christianity are the same God," His Majesty stressed. "We just pray to Him in different ways. When we work together we can achieve peace in communities, in countries and throughout the world."





"Together for Peace" camp in Saudi Arabia. centre left: Faisal bin Muaammar shares skills of consensus building. bottom right: HM King Abdullah inspires Scouts to work for peace.

Overcoming the barriers Northern Ireland

Belfast in the early 1970's was a difficult place to live – minority families in mixed communities were burned and bullied out of their homes, barricades were built preventing one community from encroaching on the other. Murders, bombings and intimidation were commonplace.

Mike Loder and Paul Browne were Scout leaders from groups on each side of the sectarian divide in a tense Belfast. They strongly believed that their responsibility to their Scouts included helping to develop tolerance and understanding. Moreover, they believed that through Scouting they could do something to stop the downward spiral Northern Ireland was experiencing.

They knew that if progress was to be made, people had to meet, prejudices had to be challenged, and friendships had to be forged. They began quietly and courageously by bringing Scouts from their own local groups together. They knew this could put their own lives at risk, but they knew it was worth it.

"It's difficult to know who's Catholic and who's Protestant when you're drenched by the rain on a joint Scout expedition in the Mourne Mountains," says Mike, "and you care less about the religion of the person cooking your dinner when you are really hungry and cold!"

"Our ambitions were quite limited when we first started," adds Paul, "but even from the first joint weekend, the results were amazing! In discussions on the bus on the way home, young men surprised us with the depth of their learning. They had peeked over the barricades, and learned a lot! I am sure that over the years, we prevented many young people from turning to prejudice, discrimination and violence.

"As time went on we encouraged other groups to join us. Since we started, over 100,000 Scouts have taken part in similar exchanges so far. And when you imagine these 100,000 with their parents, siblings, and schoolmates, we have touched upwards of 1 million people. On an island with only 4.5 million inhabitants, this is quite an audience for a message of tolerance!"

Now, over 30 years on, relative peace reigns in Northern Ireland, but inter-community tension still bubbles under the surface. "We still need to keep going," says Mike.

"It's never as simple as black and white," adds Paul. "In conflict everyone believes their side is right. We have been able to open the minds of young people to the humanity and the value of the other side."





top left: Joint mountain expeditions develop cooperation. centre right: Scouts don't get involved in politics. bottom right: Paul and Mike see generations of Scouts change their communities.

"Give me back my childhood!" El Salvador

When gang rivalry between schools in San Salvador led to the deaths of a number of teenagers, Scouts in the community decided enough was enough. They couldn't stand by while tension escalated further. They invited selected gang leaders to join a Scout camp far away from the city, and far away from the depressed shantytowns where they lived.

The camp was planned so that Scout patrols included members of each gang, and activities were developed to help with conflict resolution and bridge building. In particular, the programme allowed the young people gathered together *to be* young people – to have fun and to reclaim their childhood in a way that they were not able to do in a tough, gang environment. These gang leaders went back and used their new-found skills to stop the violence and lead their gangs in a different way. The camps were so successful that the government of El Salvador has now taken over the programme to ensure its long-term sustainability.

"We didn't stop there," says Cynthia, one of the inspiring leaders responsible for the programme. "We decided if it worked for these young people it would work for others."

At the age of 15, Carlos is the sole breadwinner in his household. After being abandoned by his parents, he and his cousin were

taken in by his grandmother – but she was sick, and so Carlos worked 12-hour days in the sugar cane fields. Cynthia and her team found support for Carlos to go back to school and supplement the household income so that he now only works two days a week. "Thanks to my new brothers and sisters in the Scouts, all my dreams are coming true!"

And other working kids are benefiting too. Kids work long hours in the mangrove swamps collecting clams and shrimp for San Salvador's restaurants. Kevin Lopez was saved at the tender age of 11 years from this tough and dangerous life. Cynthia adds: "We cannot take all these kids out of these situations. For some we can compensate families for the lost income, but for most this is impossible. For the weekend at least, we give them back their childhood – they play, they learn, they have fun. It is sometimes the only opportunity they have to smile. They build their confidence and move on."

The latest initiative of El Salvador Scouts is to take young women who have been forced into the sex business and help them in the same way. This venture is very new, but again, these young women find dignity and friendship in a world where they are shunned and abused. They find a reason to smile – and, at least for a while, to be a child again!





Former gang leaders in San Salvador find a reason to smile again!





Kids exposed to long working hours in the mangroves - the Scouts help them find their childhood.

Finding hope and inspiration - in prison Hong Kong

Teenager Lau Sing Fung was sent to a detention centre in Hong Kong ten months ago. One of over 100 detainees, he was caught trafficking dangerous drugs, and sentenced to a maximum of 36 months. Lau Sing expected to find the horrors of an adult prison – depression, abuse by other detainees and a downward spiral into further crime. But thanks to a unique programme operated in the detention centre by Hong Kong Scouting, Lau Sing has found hope and inspiration for the first time in his life.

Most of the Centre's daily routine is tough and strictly regulated. Detainees follow formal education classes in the afternoons and tough physical exercise in the morning. After serving three months, all detainees are given the choice to volunteer for the Centre's Scout troop.

"We usually have about 30 members," says businessman Herman Hui, a volunteer Scout Leader in the Centre (and Chairman of the World Scout Committee). "Scouting exposes these young men to new role models from different parts of Hong Kong society. We insist on a high level of discipline within the troop but we also build up a close relationship between the external leaders and the Scouts themselves, so that they learn there is another way."

Music is quite a tradition in Hong Kong Scouting, and in the Centre the troop specializes in Chinese drums. "The results are

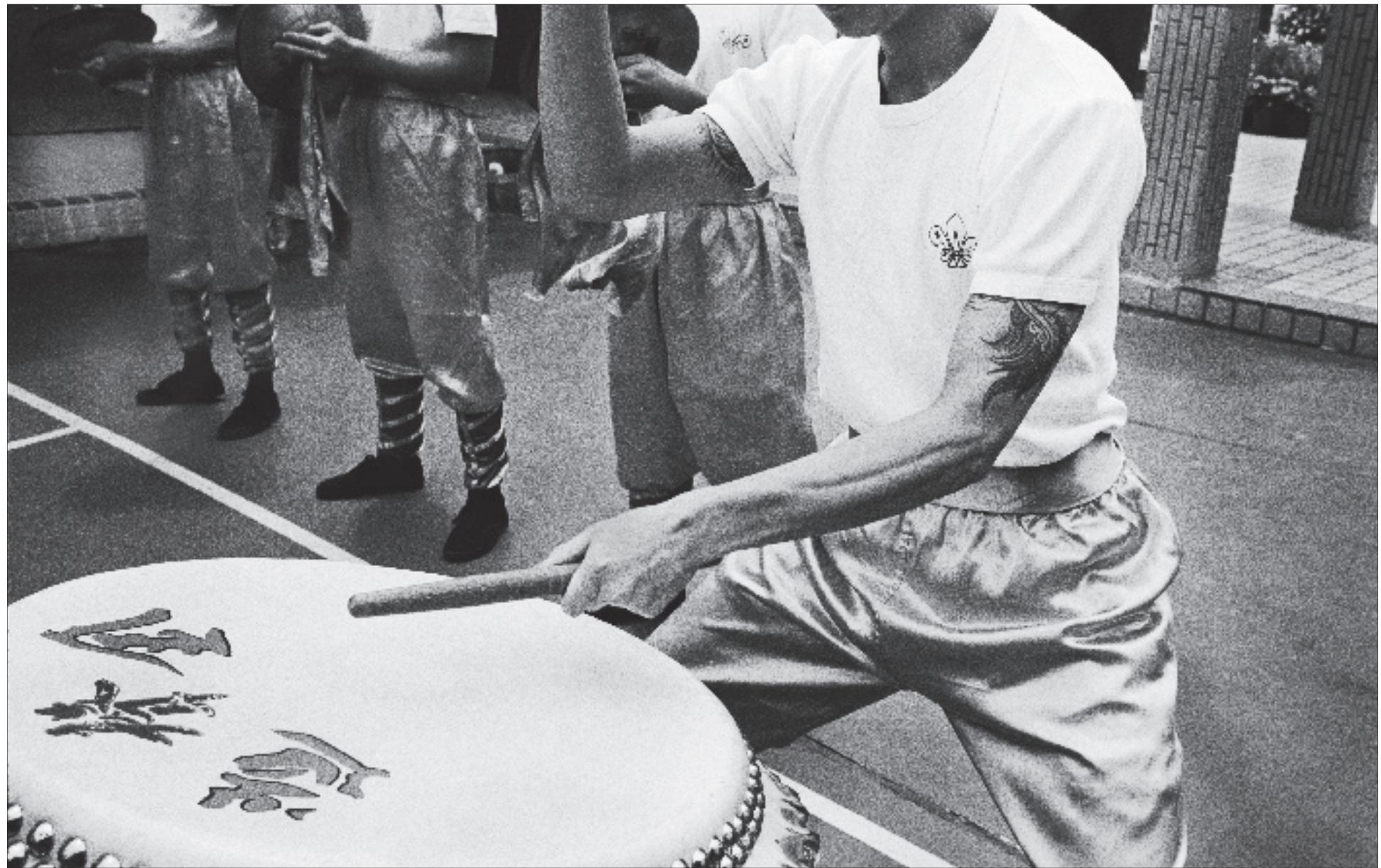
amazing," explains Herman. "The group develops a real cohesion, and the music is great!

The Scout detainees are allowed to leave the Centre once a week for work experience organized by Scout leaders. This helps them find work more easily when they are finished serving their time. They also join the local Scouts when they leave, thus aiding follow-up support.

Proudly, Herman says: "In our 20 years of running this programme, we have had an impressive track record with many Scout detainees released early for good behaviour and none re-offending."

Lau Sing doesn't know how much longer he will have to serve in the Centre, but now he has a goal in life, thanks to the Scout programme. He is in contact with the parents he rejected years ago. "Through Scouting, I learned how difficult I have been for my parents, I am so ashamed of what I have done to them, and want to make it up. In the troop I have learned to respect others and follow the rules. Now I think carefully before acting and I'm better in dealing with peer pressure. Scouting has changed my vision of my life – now I know I'm OK!"





The rhythm of Chinese drums builds cohesion, discipline and hope among new "Scouts in prison".





Life for Lau Sing in prison - Scouting brings hope and a future.

"It was scary at first." Sweden

Swedes pride themselves in the openness of their society, in their neutrality in times of conflict, and their acceptance of those who are different.

But in recent years Sweden's renowned social services have been stretched, unemployment has increased, and more "new Swedes" have arrived looking to build new lives. The welcome for newcomers has cooled a little, and tolerance is being tested.

Sweden's Scouts, who have a proud tradition of international assistance in other countries, decided to look at home for their next project. They came up with a programme of inclusion and integration which they hope will reach many new ethnic communities throughout the country.

Six months ago Vitalij arrived in Sweden from Russia to live with his sister. "It was scary at first," he says. "Our apartment was really nice, but I didn't speak any Swedish and I felt like an outsider. Then I was invited to join the Scouts when one of the leaders came to my school – everything changed! The first week I met Jacob – we're now best friends - and because he's Swedish

he helps me to fit in! Next week The King of Sweden is going to present me with my Scout scarf. My mother back in Russia is really proud – she thinks that I'm a real Swede now!"

Cecilia Elving works with a new Scout group linked to one of Stockholm's mosques. "Parents are really pleased," she says, "because in Scouting they have found a group where their sons and daughters can be safe and their culture will be respected. They trust us, and so they see Scouting as a bridge to their new country."

Baden-Powell Fellows Per Taube and Magnus Birke, who sponsor the programme, are pleased with the initial results. They have been successful in encouraging other B-P Fellows - including His Majesty the King - to help too. "We've opened up to a few new communities, and learned so much from the families we're working with," says Per. "There is much more to do. We've got to expand to other cities, and we've got to adapt our approach as we go along. We are building strong bridges between the "older Swedes" and their new neighbours – and it's working!"





top left: Vitalij and Jacob, new friends through Scouting, prepare for a meeting with their King. bottom centre: B-P Fellows Magnus and Per are proud of the success of this programme.

"A new challenge for our Scouts!" South Africa

"Some years ago our greatest challenge in South African Scouting was to combat bigotry and discrimination. I am proud to say that Scouting here is now open to all communities and growing in numbers," says Garnet de la Hunt, the former Chief Scout - and former chairman of the World Scout Committee - who worked tirelessly to make the transformation of South African Scouting a reality.

"I am excited by a new challenge that our Scouts have taken on. They have identified a different kind of discrimination which has crept into our society – and they are tackling this with the same energy that we used against racial discrimination," says Garnet proudly.

"HIV/AIDS has hit our country very hard – there are millions of AIDS orphans abandoned, and shunned by their communities. But South African Scouts have adopted this challenge as their Gift for Peace, reaching out to those who have been marginalised.

Olebongeng is 19 years old. When he lost an uncle to AIDS in June last year he persuaded his friends in the Mafikeng Scout Group to tackle discrimination. Working with the Loman Aneng orphanage, the Scouts re-integrate these kids back into the

community, they camp together local game reserve, and have started an income generation programme.

In Cape Town, 12-year-old Scout, Bianca Davis has persuaded her family to foster little Sharon, whose mother fell sick with AIDS and couldn't manage any more. Bianca's parents are so proud. Their daughter has been able to make a difference to the lives of many children through her Scouting, and one particularly lucky girl will benefit from a caring big sister. And near Cape Town, six boys who are all HIV-positive and have experienced discrimination, have joined the 1st Belhar Troop. These new Scouts are fully integrated and happy to be treated as equals.

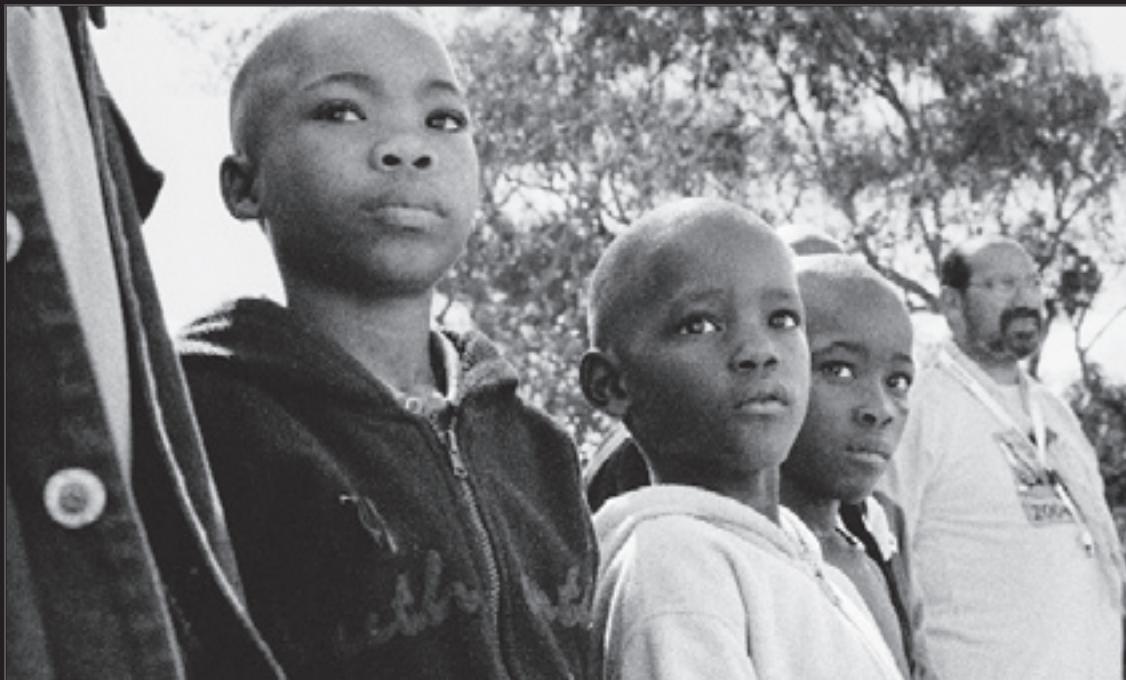
"When people ask us why we hug these orphans, or play games with them, we say they're just our mates," explains Olebongeng. "It's OK to play with them, you can't catch AIDS from a smile, a hug or a handshake! We don't like when our classmates make jokes about kids like this – these kids are now our friends and we don't like it when classmates call them names!"

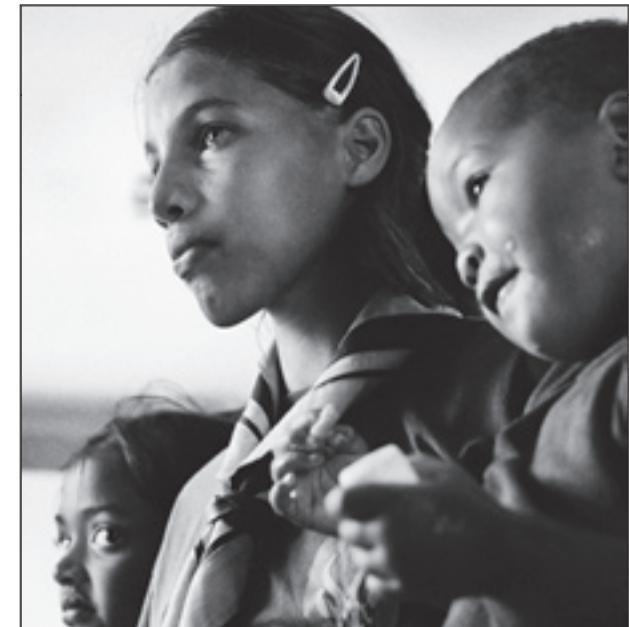
Garnet reflects: "Scouting changes lives, and I am sure that these fine young men and women will, in the years to come, leave the world a little better than they found it!"





Scout Bianca with her new foster sister Sharon - the future is bright for young South Africa with leaders like these!





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Rebuilding communities, rebuilding trust

United States of America

While the world's news media swarmed over the devastation left by hurricane Katrina, communities tried their best to salvage what they could of their homes and their dignities.

Rhonda is an amazing Scout leader in Troop 458, in Thibodaux, one of the poorest and worst affected areas in New Orleans. She explains: "In our neighbourhood, almost every family was hit by this disaster. Our Scouts – many who lost everything themselves – just couldn't wait to get going. They helped establish a distribution warehouse in the school, distributing for the government and the Red Cross. Our kids worked all hours to help people worse off than themselves.

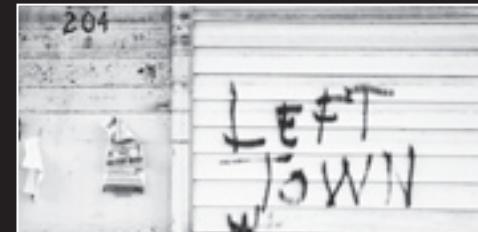
"When they were done with distribution, we formed clean-up teams and helped people to mop up and begin again. All along, Scouts joined us from all over the country. It sends a shiver down my spine to think of how hard all these Scouts worked side by side."

Rhonda adds: "In the days after Katrina, fingers were pointed, old prejudices were rekindled and things were said which I never thought would ever be said in this city. But when I see the way rich and poor, black and white, locals and visitors worked together, I tell you the last months have done more to build

community spirit than I would ever have imagined. I'm proud that our Scouts had an important role to play in all this. They've done more than help needy people – they've healed so many wounds!"

Joe and his Scout clean-up team were sent to one of the worst affected streets in the neighbourhood. That's where his grandmother lived! "Like others we had helped, she was really glad to see us. She explained that her neighbours were happy to see Scouts arriving – we were welcome because they believed we were trustworthy. I hadn't realized how frightened people were. They saw looting – even shooting – and didn't know who to trust anymore. Sifting through the mud and debris we pulled out a soaked photo album. She looked surprised. I think it was a treasure she never expected to see again. She opened it to a picture of me as a child and gave me a hug. The room got real quiet. Everyone felt they were part of this very personal moment. That's when I realized we're not just shoveling mud and helping people rebuild their lives, we're also rebuilding trust. I'm really proud of what we've done. I'll remember this for the rest of my life!"

Joe's "Gran" hugged him once again, he wiped a tear and went back to work.





Joe's "Gran" hugs her grandson - who, along with his fellow Scouts from Troop 458, is a hero in New Orleans!

Scouting and Peace



"Scouts are the messengers of peace in the world. You all have an important job to do: You need to mobilise all 28 million of your members throughout the world in the cause of building peace. We in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are proud to be supporting you in these efforts. We will continue this support in the future."

HM King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al Saud of Saudi Arabia inspired the Gifts for Peace programme.

"We can see the impact of Scouting in the communities where Scouts have helped to build peace and reconciliation across communities and across borders. We should be proud of this but there is more work to do. I challenge Scouts worldwide to participate in the Gifts for Peace programme and show how we can make a global impact by the beginning of the second century of Scouting on 1st August 2007!"

*HM King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden
Honorary President of the World Scout Foundation*



"All conflict is about difference, whether the difference is race, religion or nationality ... difference is not a threat, difference is natural. Difference is the essence of humanity. Difference is an accident of birth and it should therefore never be the source of hatred or conflict. The answer to difference is to respect it. Therein lies a most fundamental principle of peace - respect for diversity.

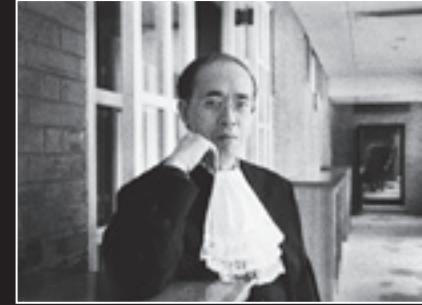
Scouts here have broken down distrust and worked for the common good, but need to continue their work to establish respect for the difference between the peoples (of Northern Ireland)."

*John Hume
Nobel Peace Prize Lauriat, Ireland*



"I am pleased at the progress of Scouting in South Africa and in the steps that are now being taken to make the programme more accessible to more young people. The international Scout Movement is a world leader in youth education and has particular relevance to the needs of youth in Africa and the emerging democracies around the world."

*Nelson Mandela
Former president, Nobel Peace Prize Lauriat, South Africa, pictured with World Scout Committee Member Nkwenkwe Nkomo.*



"Scouting has successfully brought about long term changes in the lives of many young people in Hong Kong who would otherwise have been tempted to turn to crimes in their early and formative years. In helping these young men, Scouting has indeed made a most valuable contribution towards our society."

*Justice Patrick Chan
Permanent Judge
Court of Final Appeal, Hong Kong*

WSF Grant-making

Helping young people change their world

At its meeting in Essex, U.K. on 16th September 2005, the World Scout Foundation Board announced grants amounting to USD 1.91 million to Scout activities worldwide. This level, higher than any year in the history of the Foundation, included grants for Leadership Development in the Africa Region (in collaboration with the Jacobs Foundation of Zurich), support for the re-branding of Scouting, and support for the Gifts for Peace initiatives of Scouts in selected countries worldwide (in collaboration with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia).

The balance of these funds have been allocated according to strategic priorities established by representatives of the world's 28 million Scouts gathered at the World Scout Conference, which met in Tunis in September 2005.

The World Scout Committee under the leadership of its newly elected Chairman, Herman Hui of Hong Kong, approved a budget dedicated to these broad areas of work:

- 9% Reaching Out:
Supporting programmes of National Scout Organizations working with marginalized young people.
- 36% Youth and Adolescent programmes:
Ensuring that Scouting supports youth membership with effective programmes and training, ensuring that there is an appropriate gender balance and effective youth participation in decision-making. The impact of some of these programmes can be seen in stories described in this Annual Report.
- 11% Leadership Development and Support:
Helping to train and support young and adult leaders who are essential to the success of Scouting at a local level.
- 17% Organization Development and Governance:
Ensuring that National Scout Organizations are supported to maintain acceptable standards of governance and management at national levels.
- 27% Communications and Profile:
Helping National Scout Organizations communicate more effectively with their membership and with young people and other stakeholders in the community.

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Raising the funds

Chairman-Elect Lars Kolind, who has the responsibility to oversee donor recruitment, announced that income from donations increased during 2005 – as did the number of sources of donations:

- Baden-Powell Fellow recruitment increased on previous years, with 69 new B-P Fellows joining during 2005.
- New members of the Foundation's Regal Circle – celebrating contributions of over USD 1 million – were welcomed during the year: Drs Eberhard and Charlotte von Koerber from Switzerland, and Mr and Mrs Sung Hak Baik of Korea.
- In honour of His Majesty's 60th Birthday in 2006, the Royal Birthday Fund Appeal was launched. By year's end, USD 250,000 had been pledged to this appeal.
- The Jacobs Foundation continued its support to World Scouting's programme for leadership development in the Africa Region.
- The Saudi Royal Family supported the Gifts for Peace programme with a second grant of USD 100,000 in seed money to help with the launch of the initiative.

- A number of donors pledged their support to a project championed by Dr Eberhard von Koerber, outgoing Chairman, for the re-branding of World Scouting. Among the contributors is the Zintzmeyer/Interbrand Company which has contributed both cash and professional services.
- Both project and general purpose funds were received from the World Scout Fund USA in New York, led by WSF Board Member Margot Bogert, and also from the Vollmer Foundation, led by WSF Board Member Gustavo Vollmer in Venezuela.
- In response to an appeal of the Swedish Chapter of the Baden-Powell Fellowship, Peder Wallenberg made significant contributions to World Scouting's Peace Education Programme in the great lakes region of Rwanda and Burundi.
- Two Fellowship events took place during the year, one in Rome and the second near London.



Royal Birthday Appeal

Attention all B-P Fellows!

On 16th September 2005, the Board of the World Scout Foundation launched a special appeal in honour of the 60th birthday of His Majesty, Carl XVI Gustaf, King of Sweden. The target: over two years, 2006 and 2007, to raise a total of USD 4 million.

When asked what kind of birthday present was appropriate, His Majesty made two wishes: to enable more young people to improve their world through Scouting, and to spread the word of Scouting wider.

This appeal offers an official birthday gift throughout the world. For each gift purchased, a contribution of €54 is made direct to the funds helping young people in Scouting in the poorest countries.

This unique gift has been designed by Her Majesty Queen Silvia of Sweden, together with Danish designer Diana Holstein. The gift is a fine damask table cloth incorporating, for the first time, the personal monogram of His Majesty.

A meal served at a table adorned with this elegant covering will bring friends together in a way which His Majesty hopes will encourage people the world over to discuss his message of the importance of empowering young people worldwide to change their world for the better.

While the project was planned to launch on 1st January 2006, by the end of December 2005 it had already raised USD 250,000, with firm orders for 9,800 gifts for delivery by the end of April. By April 2006, income from the project should reach almost USD 700,000.

Please join His Majesty in his birthday gift to young people the world over! These Royal gifts make ideal presents for birthdays, holidays, weddings, or just to say Thank You. Substantial orders have been placed already by corporations wanting to thank suppliers, customers and outstanding staff members.

For more information visit www.scout.org, and click on "World Scout Foundation", or simply call the Geneva office!





upper left: Her Majesty The Queen of Sweden oversees the design of the unique table cloth. upper right: HM The King receives the first table cloth from Dr Eberhard von Koerber (left). bottom left: His Majesty thanks Sven Philip-Sörensen for launching the Royal Birthday Appeal.

World Scout Foundation Governance

The World Scout Foundation Board met once during 2005, and held one meeting of its Executive Committee.

Significant decisions taken at these meetings include:

- Dr Eberhard von Koerber stepped down from the post as Chairman having completed his highly successful two-year term, leaving the Foundation in a stronger financial and strategic position;
- The appointment of Mr William F (Rick) Cronk (USA) as Chairman, and Mr Lars Kolind (Denmark) as Chairman Elect;
- Mr Lars Kolind was asked to take special responsibility for donor recruitment and support to national Fellowship chapters;
- The appointment of country Ambassadors of the Foundation, with special responsibility for national recruitment and the Royal Birthday Appeal;

- The change in the Foundation Deed, integrating the Investment Policy (copies available on request);
- The beginning of the process of design of a set of Principles for Good Governance to be considered in 2006 by the Board;
- The establishment of a timetable for future Baden-Powell Fellowship Events – San Francisco: September 21st to 24th, 2006; Cape Town: April 19th to 22nd 2007; UK: July 31st to 1st August 2007, and Hong Kong: October 4th to 6th 2007.

The Investment Committee met four times during the year, and Chairman Howard Kilroy was pleased to announce the growth in market value of the endowment by 22% during the year. The transition of the portfolio, in accordance with the Foundation's new Investment Policy, is now complete and new managers are being evaluated on their performance.

The services of Cambridge Associates as investment advisors were retained for another year.



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Financial Summary

WSF Treasurer Fredrik Gottlieb was pleased to announce that the market value of the total investments, including accounts overseas, rose from USD 35 million at the end of December 2004 to USD 41.7 million at the end of 2005 – a rise of USD 6.7 million.

Net core costs of the Foundation were reduced from USD 338,400 in the previous year to USD 93,400 thus ensuring that more funds can be granted directly to Scout activities worldwide.

With increased realized gains for the year, in 2006 the Board will be able to consider not only an increase in grant-making, but also increasing its special reserve, which has been much diminished in recent years.

Reviewing the positive results for the year, Fredrik echoed the comments of Foundation Chairman Rick Cronk: "This has been a good year. Under Howard's leadership the investments have performed exceptionally, and our income from Baden-Powell Fellows has been remarkable. But our ambitions are even more

remarkable – so we will be calling on our donors to dig deeper in the coming years – millions of young people are relying on us!"

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**Statement of Activities (US dollars),
year ending 31st December 2005**

INCOME	1.1.2005 to 31.12.2005	1.4.2004 to 31.12.2004
Operational income	485,815	39,436
Capital donations received	2,094,807	1,038,918
Revenue from investments	3,505,491	(16,042)
Dissolution of special reserve	-	1,703,223
TOTAL INCOME	6,086,113	2,765,535
EXPENSES		
Operational expenses	485,815	377,928
Bank charges	263,905	131,668
Grant to WOSM	1,140,164	1,217,021
Allocation to special reserve and restricted funds	581,989	551,588
Allocation to cover losses	-	747,351
Other internal transfers	581,914	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,053,788	3,025,556
RESULT OF ACTIVITIES	3,032,325	(260,021)

**Statement of Financial Position (US dollars),
year ending 31st December 2005**

ASSETS	31.12.2005	31.12.2004
Cash and investments	34,482,641	31,357,733
Receivable	324,092	289,868
TOTAL ASSETS	34,806,733	31,647,601
LIABILITIES AND OWN FUNDS		
Grant to WOSM	858,924	1,140,164
Other payable	492,759	110,306
Provision for unrealized exchange gain	33,221	26,940
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,384,904	1,277,410
Restricted purpose funds	2,014,790	1,995,477
OWN FUNDS		
Initial capital	7,601	7,601
Special reserve	800,106	800,106
General endowment fund	30,599,332	27,567,007
TOTAL OWN FUNDS	31,407,039	28,374,714
TOTAL LIABILITIES	34,806,733	31,647,601

Note: original figures in Swiss Francs

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