

The Worm Project

Combating World Hunger Through Parasite Removal

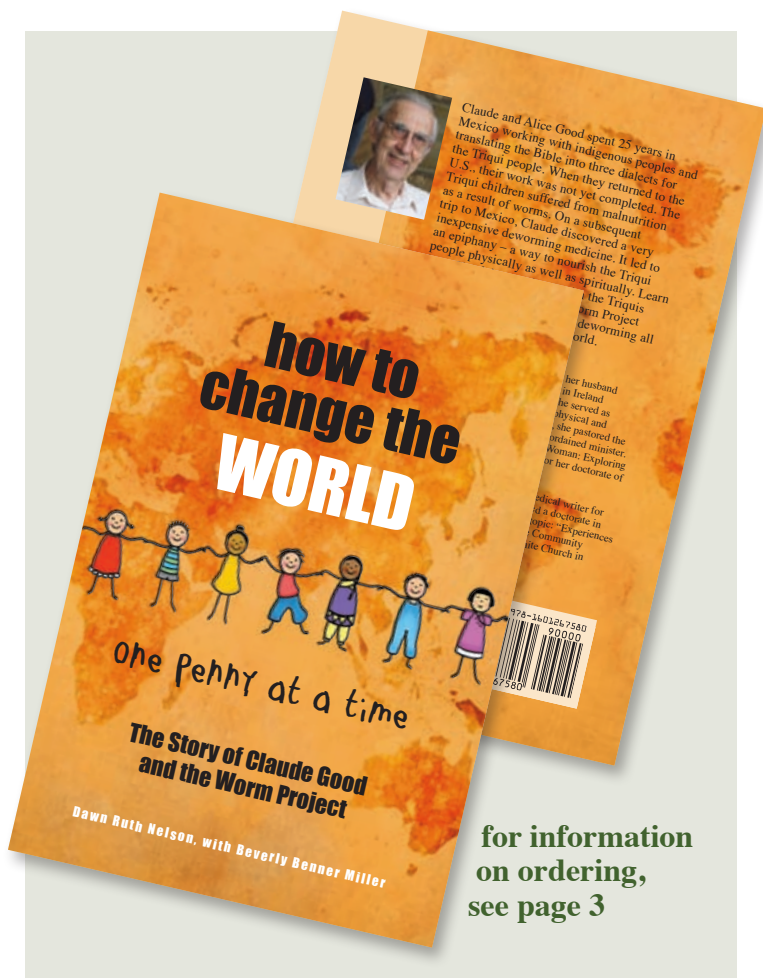
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A Labor of Love (and Tears) Is Finally Complete!

Gary Delp

“How to Change the World One Penny at a Time: The Story of Claude Good and the Worm Project”... a book about the life of Claude Good, missionary and founder of The Worm Project, is finally available! While the writing and editing of the book took almost five years, two authors, and several editors, it is now done. The writing of this book became another story within a story. Author Dawn Ruth Nelson, daughter of Mennonite historian, pastor, and author John Ruth, began writing the book in 2016 and tragically became ill and died of ovarian cancer before finishing the



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This is Dawn's father and mother getting their first copy of the book at their home. John Ruth is a well-known local historian and writer. His wife, Roma, is known for creating frakturs of which you can see a couple in the background of this photo.

book. She continued writing even as her condition deteriorated and despite being advised to focus on her own health. With the manuscript nearly finished but with the cancer stealing most of her remaining energy, Dawn finally turned her work over to fellow writer and close friend Beverly Benner Miller. For Bev, finishing the book was a gift she could give to her friend in her final days.

This book tells the story of Claude Good, a man who worked for many years as a missionary in a remote region of southern Mexico and later founded the Worm Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ridding children of parasitic worms around the world. As Phil Bergey, former Conference Coordinator of Franconia Mennonite Conference, tells in the foreword of the book, "Claude never aspired to be visible or important or well-known. He wasn't a self-centered personality who ran over everyone in front of him. Quite the opposite. He was and is someone

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Access For All

Story by Vitamin Angels, Photos courtesy of Fonkoze

NOTE: The Worm Project partners with Vitamin Angels to help distribute deworming medicine to children under age five.



Vitamin Angels aims to help break the cycle of undernutrition that perpetuates health and economic inequities in communities around the world. Their unique model, working alongside local program partners, is how they effectively help remove barriers to accessing health and nutrition services.



One of Vitamin Angels' local program partners in Haiti, Fonkoze, has provided access to tools, resources, and support to Haitian communities for over 27 years. According to the seasoned organization, over 75% of Haitians lack access to health products and services, particularly those living in rural and hard-to-reach areas. To address this gap in access, they offer a multitude of services to meet individuals where they are in their journey.

Fonkoze began partnering with Vitamin Angels in 2008 to distribute albendazole to children 12-59 months of age.



Since then, the partnership has only strengthened in trust and numbers. In 2020, Fonkoze received enough albendazole to reach 66,000 children in Haitian communities. Much credit is due to their dedicated staff for their continuous, adaptive, and passionate approach to distributing albendazole throughout various rural areas.

With the support of The Worm Project, we are continuing to provide albendazole to thousands of children in Haiti and around the world. Together, as a global community, we are helping protect children from infection and illness and improving their overall health and well-being!



Improving Quality of Life in the Dominican Republic

Story & photos courtesy of Vitamin Angels

We are all aware of the agile pivots and laborious barriers doctors, nurses, health workers, and program coordinators have had to problem-solve to continue providing their services and programs around the world. Batey Relief Alliance (BRA)'s journey has been no different. "Upon the arrival of the pandemic in the Dominican Republic, we were forced to modify some intervention strategies," shared Matilde, a program coordinator for Batey Relief Alliance (BRA).

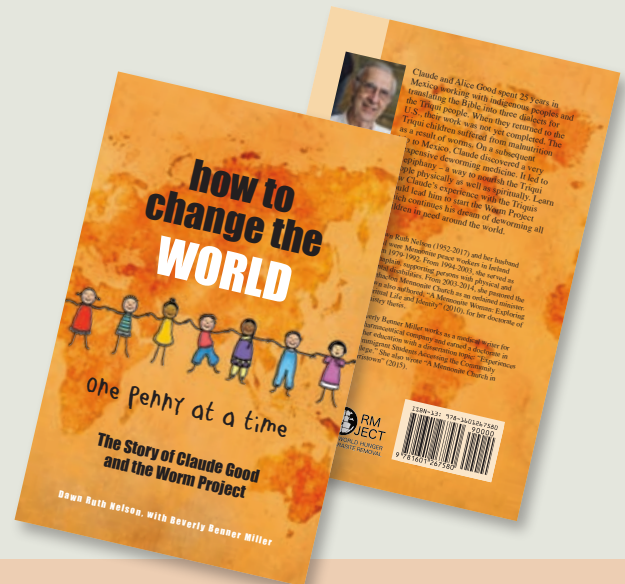
BRA collaborates with stakeholders from across sectors to implement social initiatives, using a holistic approach, to produce solutions to socio-economic and health challenges facing women, children, and entire communities in the Americas and the Caribbean. As a program partner of Vitamin Angels, they have led tireless health initiatives, including distributing albendazole to hundreds of children annually over the past 13 years. DR clinic coordinator, Dr. Carla Rodriguez, shared how the partnership and interventions have been vital to the communities they are

serving, "Through Vitamin Angels, we have been able to improve the quality of life of our patients since we provide these interventions for free in clinic and community settings."

With the support of The Worm Project, we continue to provide albendazole to communities reached by BRA and hundreds more worldwide. Together, we are helping protect children from infection and illness and improving overall health and well-being.

A labor of love (... continued from page 1)

Jesus had in mind when he spoke the words of the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount. He is someone Mother Teresa would have enjoyed getting to know. Claude is a superhero in Jesus' upside-down kingdom. In this book you will read about the life of an unassuming individual who has been a missionary-pastor, a translator of the New Testament into another language, ... and a reluctant entrepreneur who started the Worm Project, an organization that saved thousands (now millions) of children who otherwise would have died or suffered from severe malnourishment.



Now available at www.Masthof.com and www.Amazon.com

10% of book sales from these sites will go directly to The Worm Project to purchase deworming medicine for children.

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The Worm Project: What we do:

The Worm Project buys medicine to treat children infected with parasitic worms in the poorest countries of the world.

- Over 800 million children (roughly 1/4 of the world's children) are at risk of being infected with parasitic worms
 - Parasitic worms cause physical and cognitive impairment in children due to malnutrition
- The Worm Project purchased and distributed enough deworming medicine to treat 4.2 million children in 2020
- Each deworming tablet costs less than 3 cents and treats one child for parasitic worms
 - One tablet kills virtually all the worms living in children
 - Medicine is extremely effective and safe
- All-volunteer Christian organization is extremely cost effective
 - Expenses are extremely low
 - Donations are tax deductible

*"... Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
(Matthew 25:40 NIV)*



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