

The Peoples of the World Foundation

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2005 Annual Report

Summary

2005 was an excellent year for the Foundation. We continued to fulfill both parts of our mission and we met or exceeded most of our goals. We completed our work with the Cherokee, we wrapped-up our work in Southeast Asia and we began new work in Central America. We also began post-production work on our first feature-length documentary.

Donations were up by 42% over 2004 - in a year when charitable giving in general was, once again, down.

Assignments

In 2005 we undertook three assignments. The first assignment took us back to Southeast Asia, where we completed our work by visiting Burma (Myanmar) and returning to Cambodia.

Our second assignment was with the Cherokee Native American Indians. We began this assignment in 2004 and completed it in 2005. The article was not completed by year-end 2005 but will be published in early 2006.

Our third assignment began our work in Central America. We visited Guatemala and worked with three Mayan groups there: the *Tzutujil*, *Kakchiquel* and *Itza*. This work is previewed on our web site at

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<http://www.peoplesoftheworld.org/assignments/guatemala.jsp>. We also established contacts in Guatemala to work with these and other groups on return visits.

Scholarships

In 2005 we awarded two educational scholarships, fulfilling the first part of our mission — “education for indigenous peoples.” These scholarships were awarded to members of the Quichua indigenous group in Ecuador. These scholarships will allow these scholars to continue their education in 2006.

Publications

Fulfilling the second part of our mission — “education about indigenous peoples,” we published the following content on our web site in 2005.

Travel and Ethnic Minorities in Burma (Myanmar). After working in any country, we publish an article with general advice for travelers who may wish to visit that country and spend time among its indigenous groups. This article was based on our time spent in Burma (Myanmar). The article is available at [http://www.peoplesoftheworld.org/burma\(myanmar\).jsp](http://www.peoplesoftheworld.org/burma(myanmar).jsp).

St. Matthew's Orphanage Center. Our publications sometimes deviate slightly from the main focus of our material and, instead,

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are travel stories. This travel story, written by our President, Dr. Ray Waddington, was based on time he spent volunteering at an orphanage while on assignment in Burma (Myanmar). The article is available at <http://www.peoplesoftheworld.org/individuals/smoc/index.jsp>.

The Wa. This was the first of our articles based on our work in Burma (Myanmar). It covers one of the smaller and lesser-known of that country's indigenous groups. The article is available at <http://www.peoplesoftheworld.org/text?people=Wa>.

Educational Resources

Our World Wide Web site continued to help fulfill the second part of our mission — “education about indigenous peoples.” The site received 235,000 page views in 2005 (down slightly from 2004). Our materials — photo-ethnographic essays and audio-visual slideshow documentaries continued to be used extensively by K-12 and tertiary-level educational institutions in most of the English-speaking world.

Projects

In 2005 we began post-production work on our first feature-length documentary: *Peoples of the World: Southeast Asia*. Like our other documentaries, this will be in the form of a photo-ethnography, based entirely on our still-image photography. Unlike our previous documentaries, it will be released in both DVD and HD formats.

In 2005 we released the trailer for this documentary at <http://www.peoplesoftheworld.org/audio-visuals.jsp>.

Governance

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In 2005 we appointed the following individual to our Board of Advisors: Vinod Krishnan. His biography is available at <http://www.peoplesoftheworld.org/advisors.jsp>.

We regretfully accepted the resignation of Michelle A. Thomas from our Board of Directors. Ms. Thomas had been our Outreach Coordinator for over a year. We will miss her and wish her luck in her Doctoral studies and other future endeavors.

Donations and Finances¹

While we continued to receive generous corporate donations in 2005, our primary source of funding was, once again, from the donations of private citizens. Donations in 2005 increased 42% over 2004. On behalf of our 2005 scholars, we extend our grateful thanks to all our corporate and individual donors.

Income	\$ 7472
Expenses	(\$ 7395)
Balance	\$ 77

In addition to financial contributions, we wish to acknowledge the contributions of our Directors, Advisors and numerous others who contributed their time, air miles, vehicle mileage, expertise, resources and sacrifices to make 2005 such a successful year for the Foundation.

Plans for 2006

Our plans for 2006 are our most ambitious yet! We will continue our assignments in Central and South America. Our short list of destinations for 2006 is Belize, Bolivia, Guatemala, Honduras, Peru and the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico.

¹ Financial data appearing in this report have not been audited.

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We will enlist more advisors and/or directors to help us continue to achieve our mission in 2006.

We will complete our documentary, *Peoples of the World: Southeast Asia*. We will hold the world premiere of this documentary as a fund-raising event for the Foundation.

Our President, Dr. Ray Waddington, will celebrate his one millionth kilometer of travel in 2006. This achievement will be the subject of several fund-raising events to benefit the Foundation in 2006.

We will continue to apply for equipment, research, scholarship, operating and travel grants to appropriate grant-awarding bodies.