



Dean Owen

Director of Executive Communications



Dean Owen became fascinated with the news media and its influence on public opinion when he was seven years old. It was the tragic weekend in November 1963 when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Today, Dean says he has the best job in the world: “At World Vision I get to merge my faith with what my wife calls my ‘obsession’ with the news media.”

In his role as Director of Executive Communications at World Vision, Dean performs a wide range of communications services, including risk management, media training, speech and op-ed writing, and news analysis. He also is a frequent contributor to the quarterly World Vision magazine. He joined World Vision as Director of Public Relations in 1996. In his role, Dean has travelled to every continent, including several nations in Asia. In 2009, he visited North and South Korea to review the organization’s work where World Vision’s first programs were established in 1950.

Dean loves speaking to groups large and small, and addresses several issues, including disaster response, media-related topics, North Korea and World Vision’s work around the world.

Prior to joining World Vision, Dean worked as a newspaper reporter and editor in his native California and in Northern Virginia. He also edited a news magazine for the American Bar Association in Washington covering Congress, the White House and the Supreme Court in the early to-mid 1980s. Dean claims to be bipartisan: He worked for a Republican governor in California and a Democratic attorney general in Washington State.



Dean holds two Bachelor of Arts degrees in Journalism and Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, and also has attended law school. He and his wife Jan were married in 1982; they have two daughters, Whitney and Embry, and one son-in-law, Josh Hammar.

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