



Reneé L. Stearns Writer and Advocate for Women & Children



Reneé Stearns draws on her experience and passion as a Christian, attorney and mother of five, to speak on behalf of the children and their mothers she has met in her travels to World Vision projects in many countries.

She is particularly passionate about helping women face the challenges of motherhood, whether living in the United States, or in the extreme poverty she sees in her travels around the world. Articulate and compassionate, Reneé is a speaker with a gift for teaching. She says, "My desire is to help people see the world from God's perspective, and to move them to do something about what they see."

Reneé earned her Bachelor of Arts in government at Cornell University and her law degree from Boston College. She served as a legal services attorney for the poor in the Boston area before devoting herself full-time to raising her children.

She is active in church ministries, has written articles and Bible study curricula, and is frequently a guest speaker at conferences and retreats. She serves on the boards of a variety of Christian ministries, including the human-rights focused International Justice Mission, and Women's Enterprises International, emphasizing the empowerment of impoverished women across the globe.

In addition, Reneé continues to pursue her lifelong goal of being an advocate for the poor. Her husband Rich became president of World Vision in 1998, and from her travels to see the organization's work, she shares stories of the mothers and children she meets.



When she traveled to Niger in West Africa, children were facing starvation. "I was in a triage tent where the sickest babies were being treated," she says. "As I talked with the mothers of these children, what impressed me most was that in spite of their circumstances, these moms had dreams and expectations for their kids, who were so near death, that are not terribly dissimilar to mine.

"I'm always so inspired that in the midst of very dark circumstances these women have hope. Something about being a mother makes them optimistic about the future."

Reneé is a life-long student of the Bible and enjoys "helping others to understand how God's Word speaks to us today." She inspires people to broaden their worldview to include the great needs she has seen around the globe: poverty, war, famine, AIDS.

*Renee' Stearns is based in the Seattle, WA area.*

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