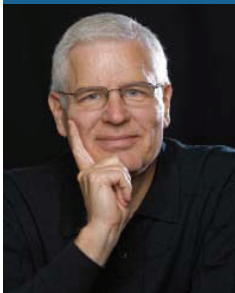


# World Vision

*Building a better world for children*

Rich Stearns, President World Vision, U.S.



**Next Sunday, March 14 -**

**Rich Stearns will be our guest at all three worship services.** Pastor Bob says, "World Vision is a blessing to millions around the world, and to this congregation for helping us develop mission partnerships. I'm excited that Rich is going to speak to our congregation, and I urge all

of us to come hear this message—and to invite our friends as well. This will be a special Sunday."

Richard E. Stearns is President of the U.S. offices of World Vision, one of the largest non-profit organizations in the world. After an impressive quarter-century career in the corporate sector, he joined World Vision in 1998, guiding the Christian relief, development and advocacy organization to unprecedented growth and calling on the American church to respond to the global AIDS pandemic.

In 2009, Stearns was appointed to President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. He has served on the boards of InterAction, the U.S. Agency for International Development's Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid, the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, the Center for Interfaith Action on Global Poverty and the ONE Campaign.

Stearns is the second of two children of working class parents in Syracuse, New York. He worked his way through Cornell University, earning a bachelor's degree in neurobiology in 1973. After receiving a master's degree in business administration from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, Stearns began a career in marketing for several Fortune 500 companies, starting with the Gillette Company.

Stearns chronicles his journey from corporate CEO to advocate for those affected by poverty and injustice in his book, "The Hole in Our Gospel," published by Thomas Nelson in March 2009. The book challenges readers to view the gospel as more than a private transaction between God and individual Christians.

**Books Available NEXT SUNDAY  
in the Fellowship Hall**

"**The Hole in Our Gospel**" will be available March 14, in the Fellowship Hall, for a discounted rate of \$5 each. Please stop by after worship next week to purchase your copy if you are interested. Several copies will also be available for check-out in our church library.

**Upcoming Class "The Hole in Our Gospel"**

**Beginning April 7, 7-8:30 PM, Growing in the Grove,** our Wednesday evening Adult Education Course, will be offering a 6-week class "The Hole in Our Gospel." Taught by Michael Fashana and LuAnn Yocky

World Vision President Richard Stearns' book explores the question, "What does God expect of us?" He reveals his own sometimes painful journey and challenges himself – and us – to discover how we fit into God's redemptive plans for "the least and the lost." With the guidance of businessman, Michael Fashana, and World Vision Senior Area Director, LuAnn Yocky, embark on a 6-week quest to discover how we can have a holistic understanding of the Good News about how God works through us to reconcile the world to Himself.

