



World Accord Announces Appointment of David Barth as Executive Director

Waterloo, ON, July 17, 2009 - The World Accord Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of David Barth as Executive Director, effective July 24, 2009. David Barth replaces Terry Fielder, who is retiring after 25 years of service as the Executive Director.

David Barth's appointment is the culmination of a lengthy search process by the Board of Directors that reviewed more than 60 applicants over a six month period and included interviews with candidates living and working in Asia and Africa. "We were impressed by the diversity of experience levels, skills and world views offered by many of the candidates and the Board invested many hours in assessing how each candidate might fit with World Accord's needs over the next few years," said Steve Capling, President of World Accord's Board of Directors. "We believe that David offers the organization the best combination of experience, skills and passion for the road ahead."

David brings a wealth of skills and experience to the Executive Director position. Since earning degrees in civil engineering and an MBA, he has worked as an independent management consultant, taught university courses, and started and managed several small businesses. David has been Resource Director for World Accord since April, 1999. He has applied his organizational and financial skills in implementing effective systems for fund raising, donor management, and accounting, and has trained and worked with many of World Accord's overseas program partners to improve their management and reporting systems.

"I'm delighted with the opportunity and humbled by the responsibility of leading World Accord in this next phase of its journey," says Barth, "I have learned many lessons over the last ten years from Terry, our partners, our program participants and our generous and faithful supporters, and I will use those lessons every day as we work together to find new ways to build connections between Canadians and the hard-working people in developing countries."

World Accord – International Development Agency is a non-profit organization dedicated to achieving the goal of "Well Being For All." Based in Waterloo, ON, World Accord works through local partners in countries around the world, including Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Sri Lanka, India and Nepal, to connect Canadians and Canadian funding organizations with grassroots community groups striving to improve their own health, education, and livelihood.

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