

# While We Watched



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- Almost half the world – over three billion people – live on less than \$2.50 a day.



- At least 80% of humanity lives on less than \$10 a day



- According to UNICEF, 26,500-30,000 children die each day due to poverty. And they "die quietly in some of the poorest villages on earth, far removed from the scrutiny and the conscience of the world. Being meek and weak in life makes these dying multitudes even more invisible in death."

- Around 27-28 percent of all children in developing countries are estimated to be underweight.



- If current trends continue, the Millennium Development Goals target of halving the proportion of underweight children will be missed by 30 million children.



- Nearly a billion people entered the 21st century unable to read a book or sign their names.



- There are 22 countries where more than half the population is illiterate. Fifteen of them are in Africa.



- Less than one per cent of what the world spent every year on weapons was needed to put every child into school by the year 2006 and yet it didn't happen.



- An estimated 40 million people are living with HIV/AIDS.



- Every year there are 350-500 million cases of malaria, with 1 million fatalities: Africa accounts for 90 percent of malarial deaths and African children account for over 80 percent of malaria victims worldwide.

- Some 1.1 billion people in developing countries have inadequate access to water, and 2.6 billion lack basic sanitation.



- Canada lays claim to more water than any other nation.



- 1.8 billion people who have access to a water source within 1 kilometer (but not in their home) consume around 20 liters per day. In Canada the average daily water usage is about 300 liters per person per day.

- Millions of women spend several hours a day collecting water.



- Number of children in the world: 2.2 billion

- Number in poverty:

1 billion  
(almost half)



- 15 million children are orphaned due to HIV/AIDS (similar to the total children population in Germany or United Kingdom)



- The United States has the world's highest number of McDonald's restaurants per capita. Americans also die of obesity more often than any other nation, with more deaths than Mexico, Germany, Spain, Austria and Canada combined.

- There are more people in slavery now than at any other time in human history.



- Human trafficking has recently been described as "the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world."



- To buy all bonded laborers (a person working as a slave to pay off a debt) out of slavery could cost as little as \$40 per family.



- Approximately half the world's population now live in cities and towns. In 2007, one out of three urban dwellers was living in slum conditions.

- You can be imprisoned for not voting in Fiji, Chile and Egypt - at least in theory.



- The ten most generous countries are all in Europe.



- English speaking kids are the world's biggest novel readers - but the least enthusiastic comic readers.



- In developing countries some 2.5 billion people are forced to rely on wood, charcoal and animal dung - to meet their energy needs for cooking



- 1.6 billion people - a quarter of humanity - live without electricity.



- For every \$1 in aid a developing country receives, over \$25 is spent on debt repayment.



- On the probability of not reaching 40 graph, the top 34 countries are all African.



- There are 11 countries where the average woman has more than six children. Ten of them are in Africa.



- In Ethiopia, nine out of ten births occur without skilled health staff present.



- Of the eight countries which include the word "democratic" in their conventional long form name, three are dictatorships: North Korea (Democratic People's Republic of Korea), Laos (Lao People's Democratic Republic) and the Democratic republic of the Congo.

- Canada is immigrant-friendly. It confers the most new citizenships per capita and per \$ GDP, and the second-most new citizenships overall.



- The wealthiest nation on Earth has the widest gap between rich and poor of any industrialized nation.



- A mere 12 percent of the world's population uses 85 percent of its water, and these 12 percent DO NOT live in the Third World.



- Of the 100 largest economies in the world, 51 are corporations; only 49 are countries.



- Two-thirds of the world's executions occur in China.



- America puts many more of its citizens in prison than any other nation.



- Two-thirds of the world's kidnappings occur in Colombia.



- Russia has almost twice as many judges and magistrates as the United States. Meanwhile, the United States has 8 times as much crime.



- In pure number terms, more crimes are committed in America than in any other nation. The same goes for burglaries, car thefts, rapes and assaults.



- The United States puts 0.7 % of its population in Prison - a vastly higher percentage than any other nation.



- Houses in English-speaking countries have the most rooms.



- Japan has more road than Canada.



- 3045 species have gone extinct this year.



- The United States spends more money on its military than the next 12 nations combined.



- If you're looking to invade someone by sea, try Canada! Canada has only 9000 Navy personnel guarding the longest national coastline in the world.



In the time it took to watch this presentation:



### While we watched...

- Approximately 400 children were born into this world.

Statistics say  
that only half of  
them will live.



### While we watched...

- Approximately 250 people exited this earth.



### While we watched...

- The absolute population growth today (births minus deaths):

2800



### While we watched...

- Computers sold:

400



### While we watched...

- There were approximately 85000 Google searches conducted.



### While we watched...

- Women are flooding into the workforce in many Muslim countries.



## Just for Fun

Because smiling is  
important too



- Some people are like Slinkies:  
not really good for anything,  
but you still can't help but  
smile when you see one tumble  
down the stairs.



- You read about all these  
terrorists - most of them came  
here legally, but they hung  
around on these expired visas,  
some for as long as 10-15 years.  
Now, compare that to Blockbuster:  
you're two days late with a video  
and those people are all over  
you. Let's put Blockbuster in  
charge of immigration.

- Health nuts are going to feel  
stupid someday, lying in  
hospitals dying of nothing.



- People might eat oats when  
they're hungry, but people from  
Hungary don't necessarily eat  
oats.



- Whenever I feel blue, I start  
breathing again.

