



Notes from the Field

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Education. At the request of schools in our service area, P4P procured exams to help teachers assess their students' readiness for the November primary school national exams. Three days of exams covered math, science, social studies, English and Kiswahili.

A ceremony with pomp and color was held and all students, parents and teachers attended. The six students with the best scores from each school received Oxford Mathematical sets (a box of geometry and math instruments that originated in the United Kingdom and have been used around the world for decades) and the top three students overall were given a dictionary, Bible and a Kamusi, a Swahili/English dictionary. All participants received an HB pencil (similar to a Number 2 pencil used in the U.S), a requirement during

the exam period. A joint prayer day for all the candidates was also organized and the whole event was a success.

Oxford Mathematical Set

Water and Sanitation. A new spring has been identified that serves the Mubachi primary and secondary schools and the area. A committee has been formed and community members are being mobilized and they will present a formal request to P4P to help develop this water source.

Health. Six children have graduated from the Intensive Phase. Their guardians received two chickens as a way of encouraging them. Twenty children are still active in the program.

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*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better. It's not.~~ Dr. Seuss*

As the news of the Ebola epidemic spread last month, Partnering for Progress' trip leaders had to make a difficult call regarding the November 2014 medical/education trip to Kenya.

Although Kenya is several thousand miles from West Africa where the Ebola virus is most rampant, a great many concerns were raised such as potential travel delays, quarantines and continually changing airport protocols. These factors contributed to the decision to postpone the November trip to March of 2015. We are seeking medical providers for the trip in March!

We are thankful our team is able to reschedule, and we are hopeful the Ebola outbreak will be contained by that time.

***Wishing all our Partnering for Progress
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staff a safe and joyous holiday!***

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