



### **Anonymous Donor's Gift Will Provide Access to Clean Water**

It's not the Christmas season, in fact we are about to observe the summer equinox, and yet an anonymous donor has come forward with a lasting gift to the Kopanga Community. Thanks to the donor's generous \$10,000 donation, Partnering for Progress can move forward on a water project that has been shovel-ready yet at a standstill for several months.

The clinic currently has access to a well located approximately 300 feet down hill from the building. Staff walks to the well, pumps water by hand into large plastic containers and carries it up hill. The Kopanga Clinic Water Project will eliminate that laborious and timely procedure. Read the following article by Thomas Holman for details.

Improved access to clean water will enhance the overall service and sanitation at the clinic and the community will have better access to clean water, making a profound difference to clinic patients, staff and nearby villagers.

We at P4P are tremendously thankful to this generous donor-- and all our donors -- who so kindly give to help us provide basic needs to this very poor, remote community.

**Sandy Ivers**  
**Co-Founder,**  
**Co-Executive Director**

### **Water of Life**

by Thomas Holman, P.E.

With funding from an anonymous donor, The Kopanga Clinic Water Project is underway. African contractor Drillcon has been hired to do the work along with the help of local volunteer labor. Drillcon is currently scheduled to meet will Alice (nurse and founder of the clinic ) and Sospeter (clinic manager) to coordinate construction.



In this project as well as all other endeavors, P4P has followed its guiding principal of involving those directly impacted by our efforts in decision making and implementation, strengthening the partnership

Drillcon will install an electric pump, a holding tank to supply the clinic, and an overflow tank which the local community can access. An existing well with potable water located near the clinic will be the water source. The existing hand pump will be removed and a submersible electric pump installed in its place. Community volunteers will dig ditches for piping from the well to the clinic and from the clinic to the community holding tank.

A 5,000 liter elevated holding tank will be installed next to the clinic to provide pressurized running water. Once the clinic tank reaches capacity, overflow will feed a ground-mounted 5,000 liter tank that can be accessed by local community members for clean water. ~~ *Thomas Holman is a current Board Member and was a volunteer on the October 2011 trip to Kopanga.*



**Save the Date** – P4P’s Annual Auction **Into Africa** will be October 5, 6pm at the Lincoln Center. Join us for wine, dinner, a live and silent auction benefiting Partnering for Progress programs. *One Event Will Change a Thousand Lives.* Call 509-723-9534 for more information.

**Meet the Kopanga Staff** – Charged with day-to-day clinic operations, Sospeter Dede has been clinic administrator since June 2009. No small task in a facility that sees between 900 and 1,000 people a month, depends on sporadic delivery of government medical supplies and suffers from iffy electricity.

“I like working at the clinic very much,” Sospeter says. “Here we are helping sick people and needy. I like working with Sister Alice and Pastor Kephas (her husband) and with P4P and Stacey and Sandy.”

Originally from neighboring Nyatike District, Sospeter previously worked as a supervisor and manager at African Oasis, a furniture and woodworking manufacturer. He commutes by motorbike or bus to his family home in Nyatike where his wife, two sons and seven daughters live.



“First thing I learned is that P4P people are different,” Sospeter says. “You know, in Kenya people like to display their wealth. Build a big house, have a herd of cattle, an automobile. We Kenyans think Americans and English people are like that, too, and we think most tourists are selfish. But not P4P people. They like for people see what they have done here in Kopanga with the clinic, not what they have. I like P4P because they are here to help the community, not themselves.”



**P4P in the News** – our latest media mention, thanks to Kari Holman and Debbie Stimpson, was in *The Message*, a monthly news magazine that reaches Spokane County medical professionals. Kari and Debbie, both physician’s assistants, traveled to Kopanga with P4P’s October 2011 medical team. While there, the women saw over 400 patients in one week. Read their story on our website.

articles that have appeared in the *Inlander*, *Journal of Business* and *Wenatchee World*.

**Wear What Defines You** is Evoke Apparel Company's motto, and the independent, local business has partnered with P4P on a jazzy t-shirt that gives P4P supporters an opportunity to shout out the passion that sustains our work in Kenya. Board members and volunteers wore Evoke's P4P



shirts at the *Annie* fundraiser, and Evoke owners Shawn and Jannette Bendinelli were on site to facilitate orders. Half the proceeds from the sale of these shirts goes to P4P. NEW and just in time for summer: P4P tank tops and hoodies. Buy a shirt by clicking on Evoke and support P4P.



### **Runner Raises \$1,000 for P4P**

Following through on a fundraising commitment for P4P, Brian Myers completed the 200-mile Pigtail Challenge, coming in second place with a time of 50 hours and 25 minutes and raising over \$1,000 for P4P. This is quite a feat for any runner but especially for Brian who only started distance running five years ago while living in San Francisco. Brian appreciates that not everyone can run long distances and realizes how fortunate he is to be able to do so.

Brian says he was pleased to be able to attach his run to our organization because it gave greater meaning to the event for him. He is grateful that there are passionate people like Partnering for Progress who are doing so much work for the greater good. The money that Brian raised will go toward our

Kopanga projects.

We thank Brian for his strength and passion when it comes to running for a cause, and for choosing P4P as his Pigtail Challenge recipient. With people like Brian, Partnering for Progress will continue to make a difference in communities like Kopanga.

### **The Power of Milk**

The Power of Milk program is in its second month and statistics from Kopanga indicate infants are gaining weight!

We are thrilled that Onyinye Edeh, a University of Washington Global Health student, arrives in Kopanga next week to work with this program for two to three months. The plan is for all children under age five to be assessed for stunting and malnutrition and Onyinye will establish a record keeping system to accurately understand the prevalence of malnutrition. She will also work with Alice, clinic director, and Becky, nutrition assistant, to evaluate program effectiveness.



We'd like to thank the Partnering for Progress Nutrition Committee for their hard work and commitment to this complex problem. Thank you Donna Cafasso, Julie Bunker, Beth Sheeran, Misty Springer, Peggy Clemons, Kari Duclos, Jim Lynass and Patti Krafft.

### **Report From the Field**



“I believe this helps build trust, creates ownership, improves participation and ensures sustainability in every project that is to be implemented,” Seth says.

Seth intends to form a committee through the principals and the chair persons of area elementary primary schools and high school to address educational needs. Preliminary interviews indicate the most critical issues are lunch programs for vulnerable children, teen pregnancy and early marriage.

He is discussing water projects with public works officials that will serve 1,000 people in the Nyanganira area and another 500 in Kopanga. He also stressed that sanitation education is an ongoing challenge and villagers need to be informed of the importance of using latrines, dish racks and rubbish pits.

In the near future, Seth hopes to conduct a community needs assessment to collect data that will provide statistics and help quantify the needs of the people of Kopanga.

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