



One Event Will Change a Thousand Lives

We are excited about our upcoming auction on Friday, October 5. Our emcee, Kris Crocker, KXLY's Chief Meteorologist, will keep things moving along. Auctioneer Jeff Owens, owner of Owens Auction Gallery, will keep us entertained and bidding on great items, and several Kenyan travelers will speak about their experiences in Africa and at the Kopanga clinic.

Many exciting and fun auction items will be available for bidding including: a dinner for eight with renowned Mt. Everest climber Kay LeClaire, two 50- yard line tickets to the Seattle Seahawks vs. Patriots game on October 14, a three-night stay in beautiful bike country, Moab, Utah, and a beautiful

handmade African quilt. Of course we'll have several of our usual offerings-- tickets to Gonzaga men and women's basketball games, artwork from local artists and gift certificates to restaurants, hair salons and massage therapists. The dessert auction that was such a success last year will be even better this year!

Please help us Fund A Village! Come to the auction, join our village, and help the people of Kopanga. Tickets are \$65 per person or a table of eight for \$495. You can click on the picture to order tickets through Pay Pal, send a check to Partnering for Progress, P. O. Box 28191, Spokane, WA 99228 or call 509-723-9534. Make your reservations today!

The Power of a Baby Shower

Patti Kraftt and Kari Holman hosted a very successful fundraising baby shower to benefit the children of Kopanga. Attendees enjoyed a lovely summer evening in Kari's backyard garden, ate great food, viewed lots of Africa photos and listened to stories about the children in Kenya. The group was incredibly generous and contributed \$530 to the Power of Milk Program.

Each can of formula in this photo represent \$10 donated to P4P. Since shipping to Africa is not economical, we will purchase the supplements once we arrive in Migori. In addition to the substantial monetary contribution, the ladies also donated infant clothing and receiving blankets, which will be distributed this fall when our next group goes to Kopanga.

P4P thanks the following donors for their generosity: Barb Lingo, Anna Barber, Marlene Duclos, Diane Haener, Stephanie Cooper, Annie Luu, Kelsie Duman, Kathleen Cassels, Shannon Taugher, Mona Ryan, Jamie Smith, Lori Humphries and Lisa Woodard.



Off to Africa

Our annual fall trip to Kopanga, departing October 18 and returning October 27, will include a talented group of professionals. Debbie Stimpson PA, Stacey Mainer ARPN, Julie Bunker Dietician, Carol Miller ARPN, Aracelli Villanueva Medical Assistant and Beth Sheeran Nurse will handle various medical tasks. The health education team includes Jack Stimpson, Ian Smith and Kathy Felker. Kathy will also address technical considerations. Sandy Ivers will serve as trip leader.

Meet the Kopanga Staff Rachel Odera

There is possibly no one better to offer HIV counseling than Rachel Odera. The 35-year-old mother of two speaks from the heart and from experience when she explains the necessity of condom use to patients. In a particularly Kenyan way, she says, “You cannot eat sweets with the pepper!”

Rachel freely shares her own story with patients. When she insisted that her HIV-positive husband get treatment, he refused. When she insisted he use a condom, he beat her so badly she passed out. Not knowing where to turn, she wrote to clinic director Alice for counseling. Rachel eventually left her husband, a frightening thing for a mother of two without a job, and came to the clinic to work as a volunteer.

Rachel had completed one year of Kenya’s Egerton University’s three-year psychology program and Alice immediately realized how much Rachel’s education and life experiences could contribute to the clinic’s programs. Alice applied to the Kenyan government to fund Rachel’s position and she has been working as an HIV/AIDS counselor at the clinic for almost two years.

“I talk to the patients, give them my example and tell them they must take drugs if they are positive or use a condom if they are married to someone who is positive,” Rachel says. “There is a lot of stigma about AIDS and many times couples will separate. I do home visits to try to get as many people as possible on the program.”



Every day, Rachel makes the hour walk to and from the clinic. She says she wishes for staff housing, that it would help many of the clinic employees who also travel considerable distances to work.

“I am grateful for this clinic,” Rachel says. “It has really assisted us. We sometimes cannot take care of all of the patients, but we do the best we can. Everything P4P does helps us a lot.”



P4P in the News

Spokane Metro Woman not only ran information on our auction, the editor also wrote a one-page article

<http://www.metrowomanmag.com/spokane/> about Partnering for Progress. In the September issue of the Wenatchee magazine, The Good Life <http://www.ncwgoodlife.com/>, published Linda Hagen Miller’s article on P4P volunteers Barb and Brian Gundersen, who are getting settled in Siberia as you read this newsletter. And Linda’s profile piece on P4P founders Stacey

Mainer and Sandy Ivers is in the current issue of Spokane/CDA Woman

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