

### **P4P's Project Administrator Reports from the Field by Ogutu Seth Okumu, P4P On-Site Project Administrator**

Seasonal rivers, hand dug wells, boreholes, roof catchment and springs are the major sources of water for the people in Kopanga, Migori County.

The Kopanga spring, a permanent water source, serves a large population that reaches all the way into Tanzania during the dry season. The Nyanganira borehole, which was sunk through donor support in the 1980s, once provided an alternative water source, but community resources have not been able to keep up with frequent pump breakdowns. In an effort to meet the water needs, community members have dug a number of wells, but many communities lack the funds to purchase hand pumps and most of the wells are not sanitary. Consequently, many of the wells transmit disease and infection.



Even though roof catchment is an option for safe water, some homes still have grass thatched roof, an inefficient and unclean transmission device. Iron or tin roof houses require installation of proper roof catchment systems. The Kopanga area also has the worst sanitation in Migori County. Most homes do not have proper means to dispose human and other waste. Since most people depend on open water sources like rivers and unprotected springs for domestic water consumption, the poor health conditions are compounded.

All these challenges create a very high prevalence of water borne diseases like typhoid, dysentery, diarrhea, eye infections and many others. The need to help the community protect its water sources can not be emphasized enough, and this can only be done through community participation and good will from all stakeholders. Protecting water sources will not only provide safe water to the households but also reduce disease burden among families.

P4P can help in three ways: focus on protecting permanent water sources like the Kopanga spring, provide hand pumps to permanent wells or boreholes like Nyanganira, and/or provide roof catchment systems.



by Annie Luu, P4P Board Member

In keeping with P4P's mission statement to "help provide access to health care education, sanitation, and clean water to residents in developing countries," we are very happy to announce that with the support of an anonymous donor, P4P will be moving forward with two urgently needed projects requested by the Kopanga community.

First, the existing pump at the Nyanganera Well will be replaced. This water source currently serves many residents of the Kopanga Community and has been repaired over and over again. It was obvious we needed to replace the entire pump and well system. Once the new pump is installed, each household will be charged a monthly usage fee and the funds that are collected will be used for future repair and maintenance.

The second project is upgrading the Kopanga Spring, a permanent water source for local residents and others who must travel as much as three kilometers daily to get water from the year-round spring. To allow use of the spring without contaminating the primary water collection source, we will install a cement water collection chamber, a cement washing area and a cement animal drinking trough as well as new latrines that will be built a safe distance from the spring to provide proper treatment and disposal of human waste.

These two projects will develop cleaner, more reliable water sources for local residents. None of this would be possible without a substantial donation from an anonymous source. We are immensely grateful for this individual's generous support.

### Dental Team in Action

by Paige Biggs, P4P Kenya Volunteer

One mid-week afternoon, a team of us headed out to a local orphanage to apply dental sealants to as many children as possible. About 100 kids gathered in the gymnasium. One at a time, they sat in a plastic chair and our team filled in their 6- and 12-year molars. Meanwhile Seth, P4P's project administrator, and Nelson, our driver, did a great job of entertaining the waiting children with songs, stories and games.



Working as a team with Andy Biggs, Aimee Breitfelder, Paul Biggs and our translator/dental assistant, Dorothy, we saw dozens of kids in two hours!



**Dateline NAIROBI, Kenya** — As this newsletter goes to press, Uhuru Kenyatta, the 51-year-old son of Kenya's founding father, has been declared Kenya's new president by a narrow margin. Kenyatta is a divisive politician who has been charged with crimes against humanity and will eventually face trial before the International Criminal Court. Kenyatta narrowly beat the current Kenyan coalition government's Prime Minister Raila Odinga. Sixty-eight-year old Odinga said he will challenge the election

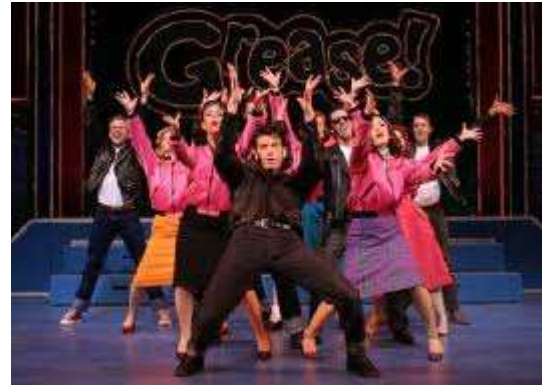
results in court, believes there was "rampant illegality" in the electoral process and that "democracy was on trial in Kenya."

ethnic clashes that killed over 1,000 people. Odinga cautioned, "Any violence now could destroy this nation forever, and it would not serve anyone's interests."

The election commission was plagued by technical problems that slowed the vote count and election results were not revealed for five days. International observers broadly said the vote and count had been transparent so far, and the electoral commission said it delivered a credible vote.

### Save the Date! June 5, 2013

Grease, one of Broadway's longest running shows and a popular movie, will be Partnering for Progress' annual theater benefit this year. Set in the 1950's at fictional Rydell High School, the rockin' and rollin' musical follows the greaser gang known as the Burger Palace Boys and their girlfriends, the Pink Ladies, through love, friendship, teen rebellion and class conflict.



Make sure to mark your calendar: Wed., June 5, 6:30 p.m. The Spokane Civic Theater will again host this event.

Tickets will be available soon to purchase online [www.partneringforprogress.org](http://www.partneringforprogress.org) under News & Events). All proceeds benefit P4P.



### How You Can Help

**Host a fundraising party or baby shower.** This is a great way to raise awareness and spread information about our work in Kenya.

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