



Holiday Wishes

It's the season of gratitude and giving, and our partners in Kenya are giving thanks for your caring hearts. We, too, have many reasons to be grateful. Thanks to your generosity, we have made great strides in Kopanga.

Projects underway include:

- Expanding our scholarship program for secondary school children.
- Completing a project that protects the community's spring water by preventing livestock from passing through the drinking water source.
- Offering cooking classes for caregivers of malnourished infants.
- Providing nutrition supplements to malnourished children.
- And we hope to provide supplemental food for as many as 40 infants this year.

2014 will be a year of education – for us and for our partners in Kenya. We intend to form a Community Based Organization in Kopanga, a sort of Board of Directors in country, to help implement our programs. We plan to develop even more collaborative relationships with health providers, schools and local water committees. Even more ambitious, during the next year we will design an economic development project to address poverty, the root cause of so many challenges in this part of the world.

Please join us as we move forward. There are many volunteer opportunities available. Work on the auction or a theater event by joining the Fundraising Committee, the group that creates and sees these important events through. If you are a writer, photographer, editor, videographer or creative thinker, the Communications Committee needs you. In spite of being a very small group, the Education Committee has interviewed and evaluated ten worthy students and awarded them scholarships to enable them to continue secondary education. Their work is ongoing. And if your heart is in the field and you want to experience Kopanga yourself, join one of our bi-annual trips. Get involved. It will change your life. Please call 509-720-8408 or email info@partneringforprogress.org and tell us where your interests lie.

Your partnership in all these endeavors brings us hope for a brighter future for our brothers and sisters in Kopanga, Kenya. Bless you for walking beside us on this journey and may your holiday season be filled with joy and hope!

Sandy Ivers and Stacey Mainer

Executive Director

So Many Things to be Thankful For...

As we celebrate Christmas and the coming New Year, it's my privilege to bring you holiday greetings from the Partnering for Progress Board of Directors. Thanks to our many supporters, it has been a year of many accomplishments for P4P.

As Stacey and Sandy outlined, we have been busy and successful in our work to benefit the people of Kopanga. On behalf of the board, thank you for your ongoing support!

It's not too late to help us make a difference. Please think of P4P as you consider your year-end donations and gifts. Your tax deductible donation will help support sustainable, life-giving practices and ensure that children get the education they deserve. Click on the picture above and then click Donate to make a donation using PayPal **or** send your check to:

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Your gift is very important to us and our partners in Kenya!

Pat Lynass, Board Chair

Gypsy!

How's this for a theatrical trailer? A beautiful brunette wearing a clingy satin gown whispers, "Men aren't attracted to me by my mind. They're attracted by what I don't mind." Don't miss the acclaimed musical about the life of Gypsy Rose Lee at the Civic Theater in June 2014.

Gypsy tickets are on sale now and make great stocking stuffers! Remember, all proceeds from ticket sales for the June 4th P4P fundraising event go directly to help support P4P's mission of providing access to health care, education, sanitation and clean water to residents in developing countries.

A little more about the production. Gypsy Rose Lee's name is synonymous with strip tease and her story has been told and retold in several musicals and movies, but if you've never seen the show, you have missed a fascinating piece of theatrical history. Born Rose Louise Hovick in Seattle in 1911, Gypsy and her younger sister June were pushed into showbiz at young ages by a mother who may have been the original backstage mom. She shepherded Gypsy and June into a moderately successful song and dance team at the height of vaudeville in the 1920's. By the time baby sister June (only 13 at the time) ran off and married a chorus boy, most of vaudeville was in its demise. Except for burlesque, and that's where the erudite, witty and oh-so-shapely Gypsy found her calling. She emphasized the "tease" with innovative routines that were a more casual strip style compared to the herky-jerky movements of most strippers. Gypsy went on to become a Broadway actress, playwright, book author and legend.

Don't miss this fun, entertaining show. Adult tickets are on sale now for \$30 but prices will go up to \$35 on January 1, 2014. Student tickets and group discounts (ten tickets or more) are \$30 per ticket. Click on the picture which will take you to our website and purchase tickets through PayPal. Or can call (509) 720-8408 and buy tickets over the phone using your credit card.

What a Great Idea!

Do you belong to a book club? Why not read about Gypsy Rose Lee and combine your discussion with a night at the theater, benefitting P4P? Ticket information above.

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A few tidbits about this unique woman: Gypsy started dancing and stripping at burlesque houses at the age of 15 as a co-performer with fellow dancer, Tessie The Tassel Twirler. She retired from burlesque eight years later to appear in films. Gypsy wrote about her adventurous, volatile relationship with her mother and when Gypsy was diagnosed with cancer in 1969, she called it, "A present from mother." Married three times, Gypsy had a chimpanzee as a ring bearer at one wedding. She loved pets and at various times in her life had cats, turtles, guinea pigs and Chinese crested dogs. It is said that although she was a stripper, she never actually completely undressed. Fans included artists Pablo Picasso, Marc Chagall, Max Ernst and Dorothea Tanning, whose work adorned Gypsy's house. Toward the end of her career she quipped, "I have everything I had twenty years ago--except now it's all lower."

These books are all available at Amazon.com or can be ordered through Aunties or Barnes and Noble.
Gypsy: Memoirs of America's Most Celebrated Stripper by Gypsy Rose Lee and Erik Preminger.
Mama Rose's Turn: The True Story of America's Most Notorious Stage Mother by Carolyn Quinn.
Stripping Gypsy: The Life of Gypsy Rose Lee by Noralee Frankel.

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