



“Training will be the foundation of our success.”
- Peter Ngyoung, Public Health Department, Migori County

Our February trip to Kopanga/Giribe was packed with an ambitious agenda of appointments, meetings, site visits, a ribbon cutting ceremony and conferences with community leaders. We discussed current projects and needs and formed valuable partnerships that will help us move forward.

Each day started and ended with an hour-long drive to and from the Maranatha Guest House to Kopanga/Giribe over axel-crushing roads strewn with rocks the size of basketballs and ruts that could swallow a small child.

We met our delightful scholarship students and their parents. Effie dreams of being a teacher and Japheth hopes to be college science professor. Erick wants to become an engineer and Vidar sees herself as a nurse. Thanks to scholarships from P4P that will enable all of them to attend secondary school, these eager young Kenyans might see their dreams come true. We were reminded, however, by various stakeholders involved in education that many barriers affect the quality of education in the region.

We met members of the Kopanga/Giribe Community Based Organization (CBO) who represent various interests such as water, education, economic development and health. Our relationship with this group will provide a comprehensive community approach to project development.

We passed out P4P t-shirts to the Community Health Workers (CHWs), who were thrilled to receive our gifts of appreciation. The CHWs are government volunteers who travel to rural villages in our service area and are the first-line of health care. Both the CHWs and the Migori Department of Health Medical Teams stressed the need for additional training to improve health care in the community.

After meeting with the Migori Department of Health Medical Teams (DHMT), we were assured that the Power of Milk has the support of the local government. We will be following the new guidelines on malnutrition set forth by the Ministry of Health, and the Power of Milk program will be housed in the Ogada Health Center, a nonprofit clinic located in Giribe. The Power of Milk program is our nutrition program for malnourished infants.

P4P's holistic approach to improving health is embraced by the community as an effective means toward long-lasting transformation. We recognize the CHW's and the CBO members as the agents of

Our last day in Kopanga was memorable as we toured two of the water projects funded by P4P. The Nyanganira water committee took great pride in showing us the newly replaced pump that serves 30 homes, or about 150 people. Since the repair, the community has experienced significantly less water borne illnesses. And in gratitude for P4P's partnership, two chickens were given to us as a gift. We passed them on to Seth Okumu, our Kenya Project Administrator.

The finale of the trip was the ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the completion of the Kopanga Spring Water Project, also funded by P4P. This year-round source of spring water serves over a 1,000 people during the dry season. Peter Ngyoung, a representative of the Migori Department of Public Health, attended the ceremony and echoed one of P4P's guiding principles, "Training will be the foundation of our success."

Stacey Mainer and Sandy Ivers
Co-Founders P4P

Cheer the Chiefs

Come early to the Spokane Chiefs hockey game on Saturday, February 22. From 4:00pm to 6:00pm, P4P will be one of several non-profits showcased for fans, thanks to Thrivent Financial. The organization frequently treats members to discounted sporting events with the theme of 'giving back to the community' and supporting the values of faith, family, stewardship and service. Thrivent gives back to the community in many ways, and P4P is grateful for the opportunity to share our mission with this group. The faith-based, not-for-profit membership organization has nearly 2.5 million members nationally.

On Thin Air

On March 22, P4P Executive Director, Dia Maurer and founders Stacey Mainer and Sandy Ivers will represent P4P on KYRS-Thin Air Community Radio station's program Nonprofit Spokane. The volunteer-powered, non-commercial radio station dedicates an hour every Saturday morning to highlight community organizations and keep area residents informed of the volunteer outreach accomplishments of our citizens. Tune in March 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., on 92.3 or 88.1 FM.

Gypsy!

Support P4P by attending this fun, entertaining musical at the Civic Theater on June 4. Famous for putting the "tease" in to strip tease, Gypsy Rose Lee was also a Broadway actress, playwright and book author. Let her story entertain you, too!

Adult tickets \$35, student tickets and group discounts (ten tickets or more) are \$30 per ticket. For more information, click on the picture.

INTO AFRICA Auction

Please save the date! Friday October 3 will mark the seventh annual *Into Africa Auction*. We're moving to a new location this year - the Mirabeau Park Hotel in the Spokane Valley. Watch for more details in the months to come - new committee members and sponsors are welcome to sign up for a committee now to help make this year's auction and dinner a success. Contact our Executive Director at diamaurer@gmail.com.



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