



Notes from the Field

By Seth Okumu

Recently Seth Okumu, P4P's Program Coordinator, invited schools to complete a survey created by Helen Biggs, volunteer Education Committee chair. Four schools in our catchment area submitted a wide variety of projects they feel would promote better education for students.

Topping the list were projects to provide clean water and latrines – basic sanitation is sorely lacking. Plus, there were numerous larger and more expensive projects requested by the schools, but they are beyond P4P's reach financially at this time.

P4P will meet with school officials on our next trip to discuss their requests. One key goal is to explore a potential grant for construction projects which the schools could coordinate as a group application. Other requests from the schools include raising poultry and establishing vegetable gardens. Set up to function as small businesses, these agriculture projects would give the students practical experience as well as provide food for the villages.

If you are interested in helping with these projects through sponsorship, please contact Dia Maurer at diamaurer@gmail.com.

Into Africa Funds the Future

This year's auction was a fantastic success! Generous sponsors and auction attendees provided over \$34,000 to help fund Partnering for Progress' work in Kenya.

Our seventh annual auction was filled with excitement and education. The Health, Education and Water committees' information tables and presentations demonstrated their projects in tangible ways. They not only explained their focus of work, but also provided vivid examples of the impact we are having in Kopanga/Giribe. At the Health Committee table, dolls depicted the weight difference of an American baby compared to a malnourished child in Kenya. The Water Committee used an array of photographs from the field and water testing results to demonstrate contaminants. The Education Committee displayed a feminine hygiene kit, which allows girls to continue to attend school during their monthly cycle.

Bidders delighted in the variety of items offered with the highest bids in the live auction going toward a Burgundy Dinner and a Seahawks package. A gorgeous, African-themed quilt made by a talented donor brought the highest silent auction bid.

Thanks to the talents of Mirabeau Chef, Mickey Rooney, the dinner included a fabulous African-themed buffet. As always, the dessert auction was a resounding success. Many thanks to all the in-kind donors who provided outstanding auction items to promote our work this year. Our successful event was organized, orchestrated and coordinated by the tireless Auction Committee. They deserve a huge amount of gratitude and appreciation for all of their work and efforts throughout the year.

And it's only the giving that makes you what you are.

---Jethro Tull, Wond'ring Aloud

The Burton Family Foundation – A Legacy of Hope

Partnering for Progress (P4P) has once more received a very generous gift from the Frances W. Burton Foundation.

Frances Watis Burton was born in 1925 and died in 2001. Before her death she and her husband, Archie Burton, established the Frances W. Burton foundation to serve children in need and support organization that save lives in rescue operations. The charity also provides an avenue for the Burton children and grandchildren to be involved in charitable work. Several members of the Burton family have traveled the globe to provide hands-on service to those in need.

Their mission focuses on their dedication to aid at-risk populations.

The Frances W. Burton Foundation seeks to make a meaningful impact, worldwide, by donating to organizations that provide charitable services to those in need and that most effectively utilize their resources. We will continue the legacy established by Frances Watis Burton by supporting charities whose mission is to serve children and the underprivileged.

Children in Kopanga overcome malnutrition and stunted development, drink clean water and hope for an educated future

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Meet Annie Luu

Into Africa Co-Chair and Board Member

You've heard the saying, "What you see is what you get." With P4P board member and committee volunteer Annie Luu, what you see just scratches the surface of what you get. Annie works tirelessly for P4P as Vice President of the Board of Directors, auction committee co-chair for the past two years and as a volunteer on the Water and Executive Committees.

She learned about P4P from DCI Engineers co-worker Thomas Holman and was immediately interested. Annie is no stranger to Africa. As an engineering student at Gonzaga University (GU), her senior project was to design a water filtration system for a village in Benin, West Africa. She traveled to Benin the summer she graduated from GU and was able to implement the system.

"It's amazing how happy the people in Africa can be with so little," Annie says. She hasn't been to Kenya yet but hopes to travel to Kopanga/Giribe to work on P4P's water projects in the future.

"I appreciate and respect P4P's mission—health, education and water," she says. "I like that we make sure that our projects are requested by the locals, rather than imposing or forcing projects on them that we think are important."

When Annie has free time, she likes to play tennis, hike, eat and fish. Apparently, she's a pretty good angler. This photo of Annie and her husband Jake Gokey holding rooster fish they'd just caught was taken earlier this year on their honeymoon in Zihuatanejo, Mexico.

P4P in the News

P4P Executive Director, Dia Maurer, was a guest speaker on KJRB 790AM Community Talks in September. Show host Susan Nielsen asked Dia about the organization's history and mission, the upcoming auction and how people can become involved. Dia did her usual stellar job of explaining P4P and invited listeners to attend the auction or volunteer to work on a committee. Listen the podcast at <https://soundcloud.com/kjrb790am/community-talks-9-23-14>. Many thanks to KJRB for supporting our efforts!

You Can Make a Difference Now

Volunteers Needed

P4P is recruiting health care professionals, educators, communicators, engineers, fund raisers and visionaries to work as volunteers here in the Spokane/Coeur d'Alene area; volunteers to travel with our medical groups to Kenya; and people willing to serve on the Board of Directors. Volunteer applications are at <http://partneringforprogress.org/volunteer.html>.

- **Fundraising.** Spokane-based volunteers work on the Into Africa Auction in the fall and a Spokane Civic

- **Committees.** Health, Water, Education, Finance and Communications committees all need additional volunteers to work on projects that support P4P's programs. Volunteer duties and time commitments vary.
- **Board of Directors.** Our Board members guide P4P's efforts, help keep us true to our mission, act as community spokespersons, serve on at least one committee, oversee expenditures and much more. For a list of Board duties and responsibilities, contact Dia Maurer at diamaurer@gmail.com
- **Travel to Kenya with a P4P Team.** Twice a year our service teams travel to Kenya to provide medical and dental care and training, help design and implement fresh water projects, meet with educators and potential scholarship recipients, teach villagers about health and sanitation, and work with local leaders. Trips are approximately nine days long and are self-funded. If you'd like to add a safari or Kenyan excursion onto your volunteer adventure, P4P can assist with your planning. Your commitment: 10-days (travel time and on-the-ground) and approximately \$2,200 for airfare, lodging and meals.

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