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**ONE EVENT WILL CHANGE
A THOUSAND LIVES.**
A dinner and auction to benefit
Partnering for Progress.

Don't Wait Another Day to Get Your Into Africa Tickets

Hope to see you at **Into Africa, October 10**, at the **Mirabeau Park Hotel** in the **Spokane Valley**. Doors open at 5:30 PM.

This is P4P's annual dinner and auction and is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Your support is needed and much appreciated. Learn about our new programs, view our brand new video, and enjoy an African-themed menu (which was a big hit last year). Bid on some exciting auction items including Disneyland tickets, a Camp Reed scholarship, an Eastern Washington football package, a Gonzaga men's basketball package, a wine tasting class for twenty from Total Wine & More, a tailgate party catered by A Catered Affair and much more.



Don't have your tickets yet? Quick! Go to www.intoafricaauction.org or call 509-720-8408 and buy them now. Tickets are \$65 per person or \$500 for a table of eight.

CLICK TO BUY TICKETS

Mail checks to Partnering for Progress P.O. Box 28191 Spokane, WA 99228

Special Hotel Package -The Mirabeau Park Hotel is offering discounted rooms the night of the auction. Just mention you're with Partnering for Progress' Into Africa Auction when booking. For \$209 you will receive two tickets to our auction and a night in an executive room. If you have already purchased your tickets, just call the hotel and ask for the discounted P4P rate.

Already have plans on October 10 but want to support P4P? No problem – we would love to include your sponsor donation in our auction proceeds to support our programs! Just Click Donate Now and share your gift with our partners in Kenya.

DONATE NOW

Click to donate by Pay Pal or mail donation checks to
Partnering for Progress, P.O. Box 28191, Spokane, WA 99228. Thank You!



Got Miles?

If you belong to Alaska Airlines Mileage Plan and have extra miles you will not use, why not donate them to our Into of Africa Auction? Contact Patti Aspinwall at paspinwall@q.com or call 922-7434.

The Medical Dream Team Arrived Safely in Kenya

September trip organizer Beth Sheeran reports that this month's Kenya team includes herself, Fleur Coulter, a midwife with Community Health Association (CHAS), Lindsey Morris, a medical assistant who also works for CHAS and April Lalis, a registered nurse at Holy Family.

The team will train clinicians on management of post-partum hemorrhage. They will meet with Community Health Volunteers to discuss how to monitor women during pregnancy and after birth. They will problem-solve with mothers in the Power of Milk Program who are dealing with babies that struggle to breast feed. The team will be learning how to navigate cultural issues surrounding family planning and women's health care.

The focus of P4P's medical trips has shifted from providing medical care to hundreds of people to mutual teaching and learning, creating an exchange between clinicians and team members. By sharing and learning from clinicians, we believe lasting relationships will be formed and more sustainable changes will be brought to the community.



Meet Board Member Geoffrey Mwangi

A chance meeting with a doctor in Oregon opened the door for Dr. Geoffrey Mwangi, DNP, to become involved with Partnering for Progress. While studying for his doctorate degree in nursing in Oregon, Geoffrey met Teresa Gibson. When he told her he was moving to Spokane to work as a Doctor of Nursing Practice at the Native Project Clinic, she suggested he contact Stacey Mainer at P4P.

Geoffrey was invited to join the Board of Directors and he also serves as an advisor to the board and committees regarding Kenyan culture.

Geoffrey grew up near the town of Ol Ka'lou in Kenya's Central Province. He came to the United States in 2002 to attend the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Geoffrey returns to Kenya about every two years to visit family and do medical volunteer work.

"I like the fact that P4P is committed to the people of western Kenya -- raising their standard of living, improving their health, providing water and basic sanitation," Geoffrey says. "In addition, P4P invests in the education of young leaders for tomorrow. That is very respectable."

His wife, Courtney, a part time audiologist, also volunteers with P4P and is currently helping with our Into Africa Auction.

"I have a two-year-old son, Judah, who definitely keeps me on my toes! My family enjoys traveling, seeing new places and having adventures. We like camping and hiking. I like to play soccer and run and spend time with my family."

A new P4P video will debut at Into Africa. Andra Moye, Spokane resident and film student at Bard College, donated her time to produce the video. Sandy Ivers recorded several interviews during a recent trip to Kenya and we used photos in P4P's extensive photo library to supplement the film.



A big thanks goes to Andra as well as ComCom members Sandy Ivers, Pam Reilley, Eryn Brooks, Linda Hagen Miller and P4P staffers Dia Maurer and Lee Fowler who put hours of time and buckets of creativity into the project.

ComCom is successfully working with two "remote" volunteers. Eryn Brooks lives in Tri Cities and is usually able to phone into ComCom meetings. Her input is invaluable and she's the newsletter proofreader, a frequent editor for P4P publications and always has a wealth of ideas. Chrisdee Imthurn lives in Hauser Lake and works full time for the City of Coeur d'Alene, but that doesn't stop her from handling press release distribution. So when you see a P4P announcement that we have new board members or a promo for the auction or theater event, you can thank Chrisdee.

This year, P4P joined the ranks of non-profits highlighted in the annual **Inlander Giving Guide** which hit newsstands on August 27. Eighty organizations are listed. The Inlander is distributed to 1,000 locations from Sandpoint to Pullman, Cheney to Kellogg. This is the only paid advertising P4P does and we feel it is an important vehicle for us to promote our mission and recruit volunteers and supporters.

A flyer for Partnering for Progress (P4P). The top left contains the organization's name and address: "Partnering for Progress, PO Box 28191, Spokane, WA 99228". The top right has contact information: "509.720.8408, www.partneringforprogress.org, info@partneringforprogress.org". The middle left section is titled "What We Do:" and describes the organization's mission: "Partnering for Progress provides access to health care, education, sanitation, clean water and economic development to residents in developing countries." Below this is a quote: "The people of Kopanga, Kenya, say 'You bring us hope!'". The bottom left section is titled "What Can Your Donations Do?" and lists four donation options: "\$500 Fund one year of boarding school for a high school student", "\$100 Provides education, food and medical check-ups for 20 infants per week", "\$25 Purchases 80 bottles of chlorine drops to purify drinking water for a village", and "\$10 Supplies young girls with feminine hygiene kits to help them stay in school". The bottom right features the P4P logo and a photo of a woman holding a baby, with the caption "Vivian Ajiyo and her baby sister.".

Watch for it: P4P will be the **Volunteer Spotlight** in the October issue of **The Current**, distributed in Spokane Valley. The issue hits the newsstands September 29. In addition to highlighting P4P's work, the story will include information about our Into Africa Auction.



Just Smile

In just two short months, P4P raised \$30.59 through the AmazonSmile program. YOU can help us grow the donation by logging into smile.amazon.com whenever you purchase from Amazon. Just go to <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/26-1955805> and register your purchases. Once you're registered, donations are directed to P4P. All you do is log on to smile.amazon.com and your shopping will benefit P4P.

Volunteers Are Always Needed for Kenya Trips

Twice per year P4P sends teams to Kenya and we are always in need of volunteers. You can make a difference and have an important impact on the people we serve.

We need medical and dental professionals, educators, engineers and business people to work on our health, education, water/sanitation and economic development programs.

Trip duration is ten days and volunteers pay their own expenses (approximately \$2,800). A safari before or after is an option.

This is a chance for you to share your expertise and make a difference in the lives of many people. In return, you will learn a great deal from the generous and resilient community members we serve in western Kenya and travel to an amazing country.

Contact P4P at **509-720-8408** or fill out a volunteer application at <http://partneringforprogress.org/volunteer.html>



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