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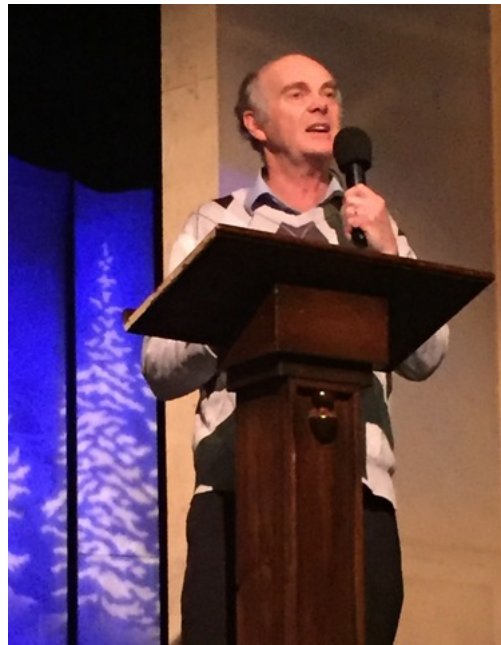
All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single action.
~ James Russell Lowell, 1819-1891, American Poet



Little Women Funds Future Programs

We packed the house for ***Little Women***, P4P's Civic Theater benefit on March 16, and raised nearly \$10,000. A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who attended the musical. We know life is busy and calendars are full and you could

have done something else on Wednesday night or you could have attended the play on another evening, but you chose to come out and support P4P's programs. Thank you!



Your support is very much appreciated and your backing helps us save lives and contribute to economic development in Kenya through our Power of Milk program, scholarships for high school students, clean water initiatives, Days for Girls and agricultural programs.

We also wish to thank the following sponsors for underwriting the cost of *Little Women*. Their generosity makes it possible for P4P to use nearly 100% of the benefit proceeds on programs in Kenya. **Asante Sana!**

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A special thank you to Kathy Minnerly of **Blacktie Northwest** for attending P4P's Civic Theatre benefit. Kathy wrote a wonderful article about Partnering for Progress and shared photos of our **Little Women** event on the "Blacktie Presents" website.

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Report from the Field

By Seth Okumu

Health - All the enrollees in the Power of Milk program are doing well, we still have adequate stock of formula, and the cooking classes are progressing well. The guardians have restarted their weekly donations of KES 50 (~\$.50) and the purchase of goats will resume when matching funds are in place.



Education and Scholarships - All 27 scholarship students are currently in school and doing well. I visited the seven students at St. Michaels Nyarongi Secondary School, and the school administration told me how much they appreciate the work P4P is doing to promote education.



Water and Sanitation - The Mubachi well pump top is up and running. The water tank for Nyamanga has been delivered and is in place waiting for rains to fall so the pupils and teachers can have clean and safe drinking water at school. The digging is complete on the Kopanga latrine project and the work on the superstructure will start this month. The total cost is capped at \$450.

Economic Development - The initial ten farmers in the program have finished harvesting and nine of them have returned the 90kg each of maize (~200 lbs.), as was agreed upon. The tenth farmer plans to bring his portion at the end of March. Because they have not finished shelling the maize, we do not yet know how many bags each farmer got as compared to previous seasons and other farmers from the same region. But generally all farmers are reporting better harvest compared to other neighboring farms as well as previous seasons.

The Community Health Volunteers had their meeting and are eager to participate in cost-sharing for goat purchase for members. With \$10 contribution, members are saving to chip in equal or more for goat purchase.



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Is Kenya Calling YOU?

If you have been thinking....thinking...thinking... about volunteering, ***now is the time***.

Our next trip is July 7-17 and we need volunteers to provide medical and dental care and training, help implement clean water projects, meet with potential scholarship recipients, teach villagers about health and sanitation, and work with local leaders. Trips are approximately nine days long and are self-funded.

Need some inspiration? Read what some of our past Kenya volunteers have said about their Kenya trip with Partnering for Progress.

I remember delivering babies by the light of a kerosene lamp where the nurse held a cell phone with a light in her mouth so she could get a better view of the delivery. ~ Beth Sheeran, Holy Family Hospital Nurse

Kenya was amazingly beautiful and my eyes and brain were exhausted from trying to take in every little visual detail. ~ Fleur Coulter, CHAS Certified Nurse-Midwife

The work P4P does in Kopanga is so amazing and you can see how it affects the entire community. ~ Lindsey Morris, CHAS Clinic Administrator

I enjoyed the Kenyans! They were kind, smiling, friendly people despite the difficult circumstances in their lives. ~ Richard Nehring, CHAS Dentist

What an experience! The connection with the patients, the staff, my interpreter was so rewarding and the patients were so appreciative of their care and the help from P4P. ~ Carol Miller, ARNP

I am so impressed that P4P does not undertake a project until they have fully engaged the local community. ~ Cameryn Flynn, SNAP Business Development Services Coordinator

First you are hit with seemingly overwhelming poverty. Later you gain an appreciation for the local people and their desire to improve their lives. ~ Jim Ivers, Engineer

I found Africa to be hauntingly beautiful....it was difficult to see so much suffering but the people we helped were welcoming and grateful. I would love to go back, and next time, I'll add a safari! ~ Julie Bunker, Davita Dialysis Center Registered Dietician



Our first trip to Kenya was the most rewarding travel I had ever done. ~ Wayne Krafft, Biologist

The Kraffts have traveled to Kenya several times with P4P and will be leading the July trip. If you have any questions or are interested, please call 509-720-8408 or go to www.partneringforprogress.org/volunteer.html. It is truly a life-changing and rewarding experience.

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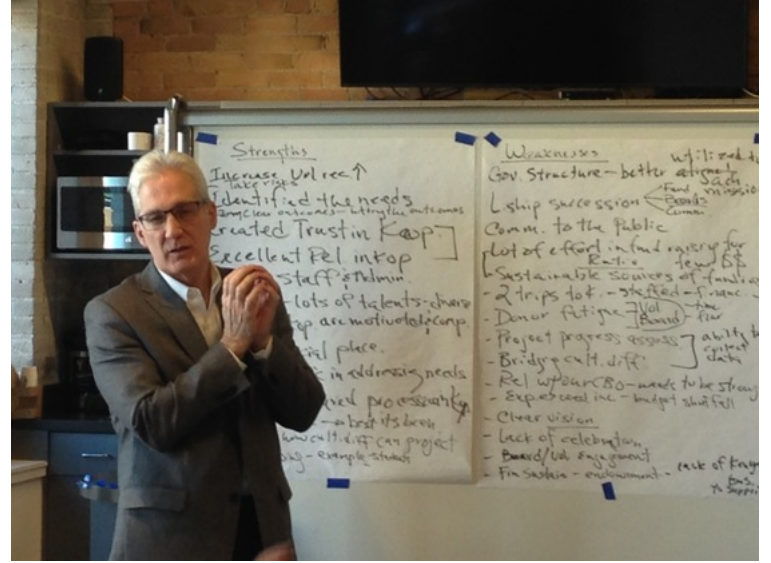
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Partnering For Progress Annual Retreat

On February 13, key volunteers came together to show their love for P4P and plan for the future of our organization. Thanks to volunteer facilitator Randy Michaelis, much progress was made while laughter and good food were shared.

Retreat members divided into teams to work on three key issues: (1) people resources, (2) financial resources and (3) integrating our programs (health, water, education and economic development).

We discussed P4P's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Attendees voted on ideas for growth and sustainability, plus prioritized efforts to continue our development into the future. Wonderful volunteers stepped forward to lead our important fundraising efforts for 2016 including Ashley Lenz who will chair our annual auction, *Into Africa*, and Sandy Ivers and Annie Luu Gokey who will chair the Fund Raising Committee. Other goals addressed increasing our volunteer base by recruiting additional people of passion, creating videos showcasing our programs at work and reaching a larger population.



Further plans are underway to strengthen each area of the organization – volunteers are welcome to join and shape the future of P4P!

At the retreat, a new mission statement was adopted that better highlights P4P's current direction and role (see below). We will be featuring this on our website and marketing materials moving forward.

P4P's new mission statement:

Partnering for Progress builds relationships with villages in Kenya's Kopanga region to help them create flourishing communities by improving their quality of life in the areas most important to them.

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