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and for leaving your community and world better
than you found it. ~ Marian Wright Edelman



Notes from the Field

By Seth Okumu, Program Coordinator

Rose Amenya is the second born in a family of three and the only one who has managed to go through secondary school education. Her parents are peasant farmers who are not able to afford the cost of secondary education.

Rose's teacher recognized her intelligence and knowing her parents would not be able to pay school fees, he introduced her to the P4P scholarship program. A door was opened and as she says, *"God made a way for me with the P4P scholarship."*

Rose has gone through secondary school without missing a day and always scores between B+ and A- ever since she joined Magongo Ribe Secondary School.

"P4P has made my journey through secondary school very easy, as they pay my school fee in full and on time, I am therefore able to be in school all the time and have no reason not to perform well. I am confident that I will be able to bring hope to P4P when I get a grade that will earn me direct entry into the university to pursue my dream of becoming a nurse."

Rose also acknowledges the support that P4P has given to her parents through the agriculture/economic empowerment program which has given them training and seed.

Rose has advice for future scholarship recipients. *"You should work smart and hard because this will determine your future, respect everyone in the society, choose the best careers, and to the girls, abstain from the boys for this will lead you into unwanted pregnancies."*



Alex Julius Okeyo is one of three orphaned children who are being raised by their stepmother, a peasant farmer. The mother has four children of her own, so she has a total of seven children to feed, clothe and raise. Thanks to P4P, Alex has been able to complete secondary school.



Alex says P4P's scholarship program has completely changed his life. Coming from a very poor background, no one thought that anyone from the family would ever go through secondary education.

"I am so pleased with P4P," Alex says "which has actually helped me be a future bread winner to the entire family and even to relatives."

Alex wants to go on to higher education and either become a teacher or pursue a diploma course in disaster management or science and technology.

His advice for his friends and fellow classmates: *"Remain disciplined, focused, determined, hardworking and aggressive so that you can receive quality grades and achieve your dreams. Remember, opportunity knocks once."*

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Congratulations!

After serving for five years as P4P's Program Coordinator, Seth has been elected as a member of the County Assembly for Kisumu. He represents the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) party and constituents in his home town. We are so proud of this accomplishment, but sad that this full time position means less time for P4P. He will journey with the September group of travelers before his political duties take effect.



His passion for the people of Kopana/Giribe continues to motivate him, this position will allow him to serve even more of his people.



Meet P4P's First High School Graduates

By Gordon Jackson, P4P Education Committee Volunteer and Trip Leader

In her first year of high school, **Faith Anyang** was sent home because her family couldn't afford her school fees. But her Mom had heard of P4P's scholarship program and she contacted Seth Okumu, our Kenya Program Coordinator. Because of her academic record and her family's financial situation, she qualified for the funding needed to return to the classroom. In late 2016, Faith became one of P4P's first scholarship recipients to graduate from high school.

Faith has been taking computer classes while working on her goal to go on to college and study public health.

"I tried to be disciplined," Faith said, explaining one of the things that led to her success.

That was a common theme among the four graduates we spoke to. (The fifth graduate, **Esther Odongo**, was not available during our P4P May team visit.)



Alex Julius Okeyo also emphasized the need for discipline as a key to success. Like Faith, he's well aware how indebted he is to the scholarship program.

"I could not have made it if I'd been on my own," Alex said. Alex plans to attend a teachers' college and hopes to graduate with a degree that will enable him to teach Kiswahili, Kenya's official language.

Daniel Masaga wants to work in community social health and development and **Malath Ofiro** plans to teach in high school.

Like the rest of the group, Malath says one reason for their success is the support and encouragement that Seth has given them these past four years.

“Thank you for the good person you’ve given to guide us,” Malath said.

Cam Flynn, P4P’s Education Committee chair, quotes Marian Wright Edelman: *Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.*

“And this is exactly what we’ve been able to accomplish through these five bright students and their hard work,” Cam adds.



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When Someone Believes in You, the Real Magic Starts

By Cameryn Flynn, Education Committee

This month we honor the 27 students currently enrolled in P4P's scholarship program and the 16 donors who have generously provided over \$12,600 in support. Every year Partnering for Progress gives scholarships to promising students who would not be able to attend secondary school.



Thousands of young people dream of the opportunities that education can bring, but for so many, school is out of reach. Families living at or below the poverty level simply cannot afford tuition, books and uniforms.

Children the world over need someone to believe in them and P4P's scholarship program proves that we have their backs. Beyond the opportunity to learn, access to secondary school means an opportunity for these boys and girls to move their entire community forward.

Wonder Woman has her cape, Harry Potter has a magic wand. Those items are symbols of their strength and potential. Likewise, a school uniform symbolizes that someone believes in a student's ability to succeed in school, and it shows the entire community how much a young person wants to learn. It's their magic cape.



Donors who provide funds to support our deserving students receive quarterly reports and letters of appreciation from both students and the P4P Board of Directors for their generosity.

Donors also receive an intrinsic benefit of knowing they are encouraging and empowering young people by providing an opportunity for deserving students to grow through education, build healthy social networks and communicate hope and potential of their community and country.

Won't you join our 16 donors and contribute to our scholarship fund? Whatever amount your heart calls you to contribute will provide support toward a young person's school fees, books and uniform. ***You can surround a child with a cape of confidence.***

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Meet Amber Frohberg, P4P Board of Directors



P4P Volunteer Finds Comfort in Kenya's Hospitality

By Renée Sande, P4P Communications Committee Volunteer

"It was eye opening for me to see how simple Kenyans' lives are," said Amber Frohberg, P4P's spotlight volunteer for the month of August. In July, 2016, Amber had the chance to visit Kenya with P4P along with her colleagues from CHAS (Community Health Association of Spokane).

Amber has been with CHAS for just over seven years. She is manager of the women and children program working with obstetrics, pediatrics and First Steps Maternity, a program created to help meet the medical and social service needs of pregnant women.

"I was definitely nervous to go to Kopanga since I had never traveled outside of North America," said Amber. "However, once there, I quickly adapted. The people in Kenya were so welcoming."

After returning from Kenya, Amber joined P4P's Board of Directors. She is a long-time Spokane resident,

transplanted when she was young from her home state, Indiana. She lives with her husband, two dogs and horse. In her free time, Amber enjoys riding and competing in local equestrian events. She also enjoys contributing her time to such a worthy cause as P4P.

“I so appreciate the volunteers, donors and everyone who puts in their time and energy to help empower these Kenyan communities,” said Amber. “And I’m so glad I can be a part of it.”

Politics, Kenya Style

Nineteen million voters went to the polls earlier this month to elect Kenya’s president. Uhuru Kenyatta, who has held the position since 2013, garnered 54 percent of the final votes defeating candidate Raila Odinga.

Charges of a rigged election led to rioting in Nairobi's Kibera slum and in the western city of Kisumu. As this newsletter goes to press, the nation appears to be accepting the results of the election and cities and towns have quieted.

A few facts about the Kenyan government:

The three branches are similar to the United States' structure. The executive branch is led by the president who appoints cabinet members. The Kenyan Parliament creates legislation and is similar to our House and Senate. The judiciary rules on laws and is independent of Parliament.

The History of Democracy in Kenya

Kenya was a relatively stable country until the 2007 elections when widespread riots resulted in over 1,000 deaths. Claims of vote tampering during that election led to reforms and the passage of a new constitution in 2010.

Tribal affiliation is strong and since 1992, multi-party politics have increased persistent tribal conflicts. Today, voting in Kenya whether parliamentary, civic or presidential, is done almost entirely along tribal lines. Major tribes include the Kikuyu, Luo, Luhya and Kalenjin. The Kopanga/Giribe area where P4P works is predominantly Luo.

P4P puts the safety of our volunteers in Kenya at the forefront, and we stay in close touch with our man on the ground, Seth Okumu, for updates and to hear his assessment of what is actually happening. For the last 10 years, we have worked with a highly reputable company, Frate Tours, for all of our transportation and

hotel accommodations and other travel needs. Frate always has the safety of P4P's teams in mind with every mile they cover with us.

At this time, Seth and Frate both believe that our September travelers will have a safe and politically uneventful trip to Kenya. Additionally, we receive travel updates from the U.S. State Department and to date, travelers are not discouraged from visiting Kenya. Travelers are advised to stay away from political gatherings. If anything changes, we will know

immediately and the September trip will be cancelled. Keep in mind that media reports, even those that are fair and accurate, sometimes skew toward sensationalism and it is wise to collect information from many sources.



Help Us Celebrate
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INTO AFRICA AUCTION

Mirabeau Park Hotel
October 7, 2017
5:30 pm



Hot Auction Items!

Get ready to sizzle! One of the most unique auction items at this year's Into Africa Auction and Dinner is a Fire Station Dinner for Eight. Who'd-a-thunk that those brave firefighting men and women were also darn good cooks? Win this one in what's bound to be a competitive bidding war and you and seven of your best friends can visit the fire station, enjoy a fine meal and have a chance to personally thank the men and women in uniform.

That sizzling Fire Station Dinner just too darn hot? Then how about a beachfront stay at a Vidanta Luxury Resort in Mexico? Or a Priest Lake retreat in a cozy lakeside cabin at Hill's Resort? Two nights surrounded by forest along the shores of a pristine lake in North Idaho. There's something for everyone at this year's Into Africa Auction whether you're into sports, travel, adventure, socializing, décor, pampering, wining or dining.



With amazing auction items like these, you won't want to miss celebrating A Decade of Progress with us at P4P's 10th annual Into Africa Auction. It's just six weeks away, October 7, 5:30 pm, at the Mirabeau Park Hotel in Spokane Valley.

Individual tickets are \$65 and a table for eight is \$500. Click below to purchase tickets on our secure PayPal account or mail your check to Partnering for Progress, P.O. Box 28191, Spokane, WA 99228. (Please indicate that you are purchasing tickets for the event.) For more information or to make a credit card purchase call (509) 720-8408.

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The Mirabeau Park Hotel is offering rooms at a discounted rate of \$85 (taxes not included). This special offer expires September 14th, so if you're thinking of spending the night at the hotel after the auction festivities, don't wait to book your room. Call the Mirabeau Park Hotel direct at (509) 924-9000 and mention P4P to receive the discount.

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