Summer Newsletter

August 2014

Summer Greetings to all of our dear friends and supporters of children in Africa! We hope you are enjoying the summer and making the best of the rainy weather here in the eastern part of the country.

Here is what we have been working on since our last newsletter.

Lake View Boda

We are happy to announce a new community where we are helping to educate their children. Lake View Boda Academy is located in a very poor but beautiful area along the south east coast of Lake Victoria. New student and teacher latrines are now underway. A group of community members raised money to buy some metal sheeting and tree branches and created shelters that they are using as classrooms.

They have no permanent latrines or any other conveniences. We are in the process of working with the government to approve the school. In order to do so, we first must build appropriate latrines for the children. Below are pictures of Lake View children and the view of Lake Victoria from the school and the construction of the latrines that is happening at this moment. Thanks to JH&H board member Marty Cardona and her grandson Keenan who were on-site to take these photos.

Lake View Kids in their temporary classrooms

View of Lake Victoria from the School

Imagine this is a Lake View bathroom!

Construction of new JH&H permanent pit latrines

Please help us make the lives of Lake View Boda children a little bit better!

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Lufumbo Fencing Project

Making our schools in Kenya safe and secure is as much a priority as it is here in the United States. Our latest project in Lufumbo is installing a fencing system and gate. The community is helping and planting scrubs bushes and trees all along the fencing. In Kenya we call this a "live fence." Check out the progress below.

New fencing with pressure treated posts and barbed wire.

Community will be putting plantings along the fence. Aren't those kids cute?

Hannah's Hope 5 Years Later

Terry and Marilyn Congdon, Hannah's parents returned to Katito, Kenya with friends and family in June. It was a wonderful celebration of the 5th anniversary of Hannah's Hope. It is hard to believe that Hannah's Hope is already 5 years old. Hannah's Hope now has Pre-k through Grade 5. We are adding a grade each year until we reach grade 8. Below is a photo of Terry and Marilyn with our dear friend Father Alfred Atemo, pastor of Christ the King Church, Katito. We could not have built Hannah's Hope without Father Alfred.

Terry Congdon, Fr. Alfred Atemo and Marilyn Congdon

Bakhita Girls High School – Sanitary Napkin Project

Dr. Marcy Mulconry, a local Rochester, NY gynecologist and obstetrician joined us in Kenya last November. Marcy is board member Marty Cardona's daughter. Many young women often do not have basic necessities – the cost of purchasing sanitary napkins often provides real hardship. In July Marty traveled to Kenya to help us launch the pilot project of providing sanitary napkin kits for 50 young girls at Bakhita Girls HS located near Homa Bay.

Marty Cardona (center back row) with the girls and their new sanitary napkin kits.

Madiany School for the Handicapped

It was a long complicated project, but we finally finished this beautiful kitchen at Madiany School for the Handicapped.

Madiany kitchen BEFORE

Madiany kitchen AFTER

Eye Camp

Joining Hearts and Hands has run two Eye-Camps and is planning a third at the end of the year. To date we have been able to provide cataract surgery for over 170 people in Butere, Kenya, while provide nearly 1000 pairs of reading glasses to senior citizens.

Joining Hearts and Hands scholarship graduates volunteering at the 2nd annual Eye Camp

Scholarships

WE NEED SPONSORS FOR INCOMING 9TH GRADERS IN JANUARY

Joining Hearts and Hands, Ltd. student scholarships at $400 per year are due September 30, 2014 for the 2015 school year. We thank and appreciate so many of you who sponsor a child in Africa. If you would like to sponsor a student next year, just email us and we'll get started.

Coming Events:

Saturday August 24, 2014 (Tomorrow!!!!!!!)

Stop by our Joining Hearts and Hands table at the Fairport Music Fest and take a chance to win a bottle of wine or an African craft at our instant raffle.

Joanne at our Joining Hearts and Hands table last August with Karen Sommers a teacher with Generations Day Care. Children, teachers and staff at Generations have been saving pennies and collecting soda bottles to build a Generations/JHH preschool and kitchen in Kenya. Bill is reading to children in the Fairport location.

JHH Garage Sale on Saturday September 6, 2014

If you live near Williamsville, NY you must stop in and check out the 6th Annual Joining Hearts and Hands, Ltd. Garage Sale at 66 Brandywine Drive sponsored by the Small Family: Megan, Geoff, Hannah and Remy! Together they have raised over $2,000 all to be used to help children in Kenya!

TC Williams Fifth Annual Craft Fair – November 22, 2014

If you live near Alexandria, VA you must stop in and check out the 5th Annual juried show with wonderful artisans. TC Williams Engineering teacher Jen Moshier Ushe and her classes organize this wonderful event. It will be held at TC Williams HS in Alexandria, VA on Saturday November 22, 2014 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Thanks so much for your continued support!

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