

FALL 2010 NEWSLETTER

GHP & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE: ARUA UGANDA LIFE STITCHES

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Social marginalization, gender, and income inequality have been identified as critical issues in developing countries grappling with health access, nutrition and education problems. Since 2007, GHP's Uganda Life Stitches project has focused on support for pregnant women and mothers with HIV/AIDS. Thanks to your donations, this project has now reached a major milestone with the completion of the sewing workshop built on land donated by the Arua Regional Hospital.

In March 2010, GHP and University of New Mexico medical students extended our social enterprise efforts to help increase marketing support to a women's basket weaving group. The group was founded by several women in Kisesini village area as a means to earn income. This has taken on particular importance in the setting of significant loss of livestock and farmland to the recent drought. The group has grown to about 600 women and strives to maintain fair trade for their baskets in an attempt to improve the quality of life of their families.



The mothers gathered in front of their new building

We will now focus on program expansion and development. We plan to build on last year's success with our US Napkin sales which are slated to begin again this Fall. We also aim to begin a new quilting project before the end of the year. Our goals for the coming year will include expansion of the Life Stitches training workshop as well as initiation of a new micro credit program. Visit our website for more details.

For more information, and to donate to Life Stitches, see the web site: www.LifeStitches.org



Kisesini basket weavers display their products



Basket weavers dyeing the sisal fibers for baskets

GHP VOLUNTEERS IN KISESINI

A GHP medical team spent the month of July working alongside their Kenyan colleagues in the clinic. Thanks to your generous donations, the clinic was well stocked with enough essential medicine and supplies to provide care for the many patients who were seen, many of whom walked a long distance to seek treatment. The team included two Emergency Medicine physicians, Drs. Andrew Elsberg and Charles Washington, geologist Shannon Brockman (wife of Dr. Elsberg), MPH student Jacque Garcia, and Dr. Angelo Tomedi (GHP President). As usual, the medical team paid its own travel expenses, and spent long hours providing volunteer work for the Kisesini project.



Dr. Washington working in Kisesini clinic

The number of patients seen in the Kisesini clinic has been steadily increasing. From September 2009 until February 2010, an average of 715 patients per month were seen. In March-June 2010 the number had increased to 1,228 per month.



The number of patients arriving for care at Kisesini clinic has been steadily increasing

OUTREACH AND PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE

Immunization of children is an effective way to prevent serious illness, and family planning services improve the health and well-being of their mothers. Both of these interventions can help achieve the important goal of preventing many tragic deaths of women and young children. The GHP outreach program brings these vital services to the poorest in the most isolated villages. GHP volunteer Dr. Washington worked with the two Kisesini nurses during an outreach project, where 200 women and children were seen for immunizations, malnutrition screening, family planning services, and prenatal care. At a cost of only \$50, this is a highly efficient use of GHP funds. Your continued support will allow us to continue this valuable program.



Women and children waiting for preventive health care at a GHP-funded outreach clinic

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