

SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER

**MEDICAL TRANSPORT
AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR WORK**

**FOOD SUPPLEMENTS TO PREVENT
CHILD MALNUTRITION**

Whether it is the rapid transport to a hospital of a pregnant woman who is bleeding, a critically ill child with pneumonia, or the transport of essential medicines and supplies from Nairobi, transportation capability is crucial to the provision of quality health care for the poor in Kenya. In addition to these vital functions, GHP uses its vehicle to transport HIV+ patients for essential lab tests and medications, and to carry food supplements for prevention and treatment of child malnutrition. GHP is planning to increase the care and survival of pregnant women and newborns, which will require even more transport capability.

Another GHP team was on the ground in Kenya this March to continue the efforts to prevent and treat child hunger and undernutrition in the villages of the Kisesini Project. Child malnutrition is a leading cause of death for young African children. The problem has recently worsened following a prolonged drought and crop failures in Kenya. GHP distributes food for young children and monitors the malnutrition rate. As always, GHP volunteers paid all of their own travel, lodging, and meal expenses.



GHP volunteer Dr. Vanessa Jacobsohn with twins who delivered in Kisesini during a GHP visit

Medical transport is among the most critical tools in our ability to serve our community. It is also among the most expensive. In order to meet these needs, GHP has established a transportation fund for the Kenya Kisesini Community Health Project. We hope that all GHP supporters will consider a generous donation to support this vital component of our mission.



Left: Medical student Kate McCalmont and community health workers Alice and Mutinda weighing a child in Syokisinga. Below: Women collecting the GHP food supplements for their children.



ARUA UGANDA LIFE STITCHES

The Uganda Life Stitches Project empowers HIV/AIDS women with children to become financially self-sufficient via entrepreneurial skill building. The women have been busy this spring with several projects, but it is completion of the workshop that remains our highest priority. We are happy to announce that final work on the roof will begin in May, and completion of the workspace is expected by the end of Summer. The GHP team will travel to Uganda in September 2010 to celebrate the successful completion of this major undertaking and to assist the mothers as they move into their newly completed workshop. Completion of the workshop cannot come soon enough as the workshop currently has more orders for napkin products than they can fill!

We are happy to announce that two new products are being developed from the wonderful Kitenge fabrics and will be ready for sale in the Fall. These include fringed designer style shoulder scarves and fringed beach wrap skirts. We will bring these and other products back to the US in September just in time for the pre-Christmas season and will partner again with PeaceCraft in Albuquerque to display and sell our products. Our wonderful quilt raffle fundraiser is planned for the Fall, and quilters are busy producing four baby quilts featuring African fabrics to offer in the raffle. Watch this spot for details of ticket sales in the Fall newsletter.

Business classes began last Fall to prepare mothers to run their own businesses via a planned co-op run microcredit program using napkin profits. Furthermore, initial planning has begun for a training event which will focus on building entrepreneurial skills and utilizing microcredit to start their own village-based sewing enterprises.

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



The mothers received training in a Life Stitches sewing workshop

RUN WITH KENYANS FOR GLOBAL HEALTH!

Join us for a Global Health Partnerships event:
The 1st Inaugural Fundraising
“Run With Kenyans For Global Health”

Sunday, June 06, 2010 @ 7:00 am local time
Sports and Wellness HighPoint
4300 Landau Street, off Montgomery Blvd, NE
Albuquerque, NM

People of all ages, walkers and runners are welcome at this run. A premier Run sponsor is still being sought for a \$5K donation. Donations of other amounts are welcome.

Kenyan baskets will be on sale at the event!



Kenyan athletes (TONY KARUMBA/AFP/Getty Images)

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