



Summer Newsletter

July 2013

Summer Greetings to all of our dear friends and supporters of children in Africa! We hope you are enjoying the heat (hotter here than in Kenya!!) and are having a wonderful summer.

Here is what we have been working on since we last communicated:

Kongasis Water Project Completed!!

We are so proud of the dynamite little group of justice seekers at **Western Presbyterian Church in Palmyra**. Over the past year they have raised all of the funds to start and complete this water project in Kenya. Villagers once had to walk miles to polluted streams for their daily water with the risk of multiple health problems. Today, the school at Kongasis and the surrounding community have access to clean water at a very accessible location. Water is life and Western Presbyterian has greatly improved the quality of life of scores of people in Kenya! Bravo!



Stage three of the project. Water Purification via a two-stage Filtering process

Fourth Classroom Building Project Near Completion in Tanzania

We are proud to announce that we are putting the finishing touches on the fourth classroom building project in Korogwe, Tanzania. These classrooms will be for Form V students. In Tanzania, high school consists of four (4) Forms (grades), Forms I,II,III,IV. Then there are two upper high school grades, Forms V and VI. This project is completing the Form V classrooms. This is a three-classroom unit at Usambara Girls' School. Joining Hearts and Hands has built the classrooms for Forms II, III, IV and V. The first graduating class (from Form IV) was this past September. This school is educating nearly 500 girls. **GIRL POWER to Tanzania!!**



A worker puts finishing touches on Joining Hearts and Hands' Form V Classrooms at Usambara Girls School in Korogwe, Tanzania

Hannah's Hope Grows and Celebrates Hannah's 25th Birthday!

Hannah would have been 25 on September 13 and her parents have a Facebook Challenge. Check out this link: <https://smore.com/mg3e>. There may be some tweaking of the site, but the basics are solid. The challenge is to donate \$25 for Hannah's 25th birthday in honor of Hannah and the Fairport Angels to continue with the building and support of Hannah's Hope in Katito, Kenya! Let's make Hannah's 25th a real boost to her lovely children in Kenya!



Hannah Louise Congdon-The smile that electrified the world!

Hats off to **Oakton Elementary students in Oakton Virginia**. Through the leadership of their teachers **Miss Price, Mrs. Palchah and Mrs. Caggianelli**, the 2nd grade classes raised over \$1000 for Hannah's Hope!

Cudos to **Linda Lawrence** of **Bella Beads** who has once again raised funds for Hannah's Hope by making and selling the gorgeous **Hearts for Hannah** this past June. Linda, you are amazing!!! Find her stunning work here:

<http://www.lindasbellabeads.com/>

Community Champions

Joanne and I were honored to be the keynote speakers at the first annual Rochester Community Champions event. Community Champions honors key groups and individuals who make Rochester a better place to live. After giving our talk on Africa, Community Champions surprised us with a \$2500 check for Joining Hearts and Hands. We can't thank **Maria Scalise** and the rest of the organizers including Bryant and Stratton enough.



Bill and Joanne receiving a check from Community Champions for Joining Hearts and Hands

New Projects This Fall of 2013

Eye Clinic

One of the most successful projects we have organized was last year's eye clinic where we provided eye glasses for 600 people and 110 cataract operations for villagers in Butere, Kenya. Due to the wonderful success of this clinic, we will organize another this fall. This project is supported in part by the wonderful parishioners of Assumption Church in Fairport through the good works of their Health Ministry.

Homa Bay Health Clinic

In October we will run a community health clinic in the area of Homa Bay, Kenya. Currently we are sending a large number of children to school from that area. The Notre Dame Sisters are helping us organize this huge event. It is expected to draw thousands of people. We will be providing medical exams, antibiotics, vaccines and various medical procedures to this community. This health clinic is being sponsored by **Erica Bryant** and her husband **Rajesh Barnabas**. We all know what a fantastic journalist Erica is, but she and her husband are even greater humanitarians. **Two thumbs up for two great individuals!!**

Upcoming Events

Musical

Stageworks is doing another **musical production** benefiting Joining Hearts and Hands. Hope to see you there. Bring the entire family! Here's the link: <http://www.stageworksroc.org/Broadway.html> Many thanks to **Catherine Yaeger** for making this happen!! Gotta love those Fairport grads!!

Third Annual Rooftop Fundraiser with the Yellow Jackets!

If you have not been to this one, you HAVE to be at the next one!! A bunch of the greatest people we know have organized an annual fundraiser held on the rooftop of a fabulous apartment complex on the corner of Park and Oxford in the city. Thanks to Jamie Miller (it is his apartment that is adjoined to the rooftop), Patty Cooke, Jim Barilla and his wife Maria, and Ty Lambert for making the wonderful event happen. The event will be held again in May. So why am I telling you now??? It will be sold out and you don't want to miss the fabulous entertainment of the Yellow Jackets and the great food and drinks (There may even be some Kenyan beer on hand!).

For more information, contact Ty Lambert at the address below!

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Thanks so much for your continued support!

1. On line.....it's easy! Go to this link:



2. Or you can send a check to: **Joining Hearts and Hands**
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Peace!

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