

GPN Summer News!



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“Contributing to a hopeful and progressive future through sustainable health care and higher education”

Working with Africa School Assistance Project (ASAP)



During his recent visit to Tanzania this July, Dr. Brian Budgell, a Director of GPN, continued discussions with Zach Swett of the Africa School Assistance Project (ASAP). ASAP concentrates on helping students stay in school, with a particular emphasis on helping girls complete their last two years of high school, an important step in securing a better standard of living as an adult in Tanzania.

Following up on the educational support work that began with Sarah Phillips, Director of Children's and Youth's Programs, ASAP and GPN agreed to work towards a memorandum of understanding, a document outlining how the two organizations will cooperate to support GPN students presently completing school. The agreement which we envision will allow ASAP to pay school fees on behalf of GPN, thereby lightening our administrative burden and allowing for potential GPN scholarships for students already enrolled in the ASAP project – an outcome that will benefit both in their work in helping more students to flourish.

The Tanzania Rehabilitation Initiative



Mr. George Lutengano, Magu District Executive Director, signs memorandum of understanding for the establishment of the Tanzania Rehabilitation Initiative.

GPN is pleased to announce that a memorandum of understanding has been signed between ourselves, The Village of Hope and our longstanding friends, the Magu District Council and the Tanzania Home Economics Association (TAHEA). The agreement will form the basis for discussions supporting GPN's focus on rehabilitation of Tanzanian children currently staying at the Village of Hope, and families utilizing our services at the Kanyama Village Dispensary and Magu District Hospital. Disability imposes a disproportionate burden on children and families in developing countries: the WHO estimates that 98% of disabled children in developing countries receive no formal education, leading to a lifetime of dependency. Remarkably, however, the same research shows that approximately two thirds of chronic disabilities in children can be prevented by appropriate treatments.

Kanyama Village Clinic



Our Kanyama Village clinic was founded as a 'dispensary', which in the Tanzanian health care system means an outpatient clinic. However, just this year, the clinic has also taken on the role of a birthing centre, and saw 20 healthy deliveries in June. The District Council is now planning to upgrade our

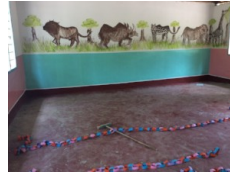
clinic to a 'health centre' which will provide limited in-patient care and more advanced diagnostic capacity. These are significant advances for a village of about 3,000 people who had no government funded health care facilities just a few short years ago.

Dr. Clara White's work in Tanzania



Dr. Clara White has arrived in Tanzania and is dividing her time between the Kanyama Village Dispensary and Magu District Hospital. A graduate of Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Clara is eager to combine her passion for foreign travel with her ability to help others. Clara says she felt fortunate to have participated in her first mission trip to Honduras in 2011, an experience that gave her an appreciation of the needs of people living in less developed countries, and confirmed her desire to provide chiropractic to disadvantaged communities around the globe. Since her initial overseas experience, she has taken part in two chiropractic outreach trips, to Haiti and to the Dominican Republic. Her mission with Global Peace Network is to care for communities that would otherwise have no access to quality health care. She is excited to spend three months offering her expertise through our clinics in Tanzania where she will work under the supervision of the District Medical Officer

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News on Rebranding!

In light of GPN's refined focus on health and education initiatives in Tanzania, we have begun a rebranding exercise to create a more concise and transparent identity for the organization. Our aim is to create an identity that conveys a sense of hope, health and a positive future made possible through our work in health care and education for the most vulnerable children and their families.

Stay tuned!



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