

KOLUNGA VILLAGE

FOUNDATION

President Peter's Note

I am pleased to report 2009 turned out to be a colossal year for the Foundation. Similar to, "the little engine that could", we completed many worthwhile projects at Kolunga Village. These accomplishments far exceeded our expectations especially during the current state of the economy and would have not been possible if not for our dedicated group of donors and a few noble volunteers. With your generous donations and a dedicated Board we were able to contribute 25 additional dairy goats to the goat rearing program during 2009, bringing the total goats delivered to 35 since inception of the program in 2008. In April of 2010, we funded 20 more, bringing the grand total to 55 plus 29 kids which have been gifted to the next tier of recipients.

Our Colorado connection consisting of Howard, Marcia and Brandon Potter were sensational in their efforts by planning a very successful October fundraiser in Aspen, collecting 1,300 teddy bears, arranging their shipment, gathering thousands of dollars in donations and medical equipment. Then in December, Brandon joined Tina, Mark Ross and myself on a working trip to Kolunga Village to assist in completing a 1,330 square foot clinic addition. Working along side local fundis (builders) we did whatever was asked of us, including pulling nails, hauling lumber, mixing mortar, pounding a few



*The completed
Kolunga Community Clinic*



Brandon Potter helps out

The steel for the lentel



The fundis



Peter and Lucas

nails, sweating and getting dirty. During our two week visit we saw the clinic become a reality. The Kolunga Community Clinic is now up and running providing additional health care services and relieving the strain on smaller neighboring clinics. While on the ground Brandon provided several first training classes to key community individuals. Unfortunately, the teddy bears did not arrive in time for us to distribute them. They are safely in Nairobi awaiting transport to the deserving children, or as chief Michael put it our "little angels" of Rusinga Island.

Tina and I attended several planning sessions with Michael Japala, Alphonse Okuku, and Mark Ross to set our course for 2010. At the request of these community leaders we will continue with the dairy goat program, fund additional

latrines, trash barrels, wash stands, and purchase a donkey and cart for trash removal and water delivery. Also on their wish list, is a small propane refrigerator for the clinic. This will allow more children to be vaccinated and reduce having to travel back and forth to the public health department in Mbita.

We were all sad to leave Kolunga but overwhelmed with the outpouring of gratitude expressed by the community. It is wonderful to see all the positive changes made since our first visit in 2005. Changes that have improved the quality of life and health of this community of 8,000. A big thank you to everyone who contributed in 2009. **You** made it happen!



Goat Giving Goes On

Saturday December 5th was a great day. The sun was shining on us in Kolunga Village, a little breeze was blowing in off the lake and 20 goats were ready to go. Joseph had collected them all in 2 small pickups the evening before and now we were loading ten: 8 females and 2 billies into the remaining mini truck for our first round of Goat Giving.

Off we went - a line of vehicles following the goat truck, so many people wanted to participate and share the happiness. House after house, we carried the goat and handed it over to an overwhelmed, proud new owner. In the process we got to meet all the family members, inspect the enclosures and share the tears of joy.

One of the really memorable families was the Owino Sarara family that had a mentally challenged daughter.

The little girl had a beautiful smile on her face and her arms up to be held. After we all hugged the little angel we left, knowing what a difference one simple gift of a goat will make in her family's life.

We took a break after the first 10 goats for mundazi and chai, chatting about the next ten. Back in the vehicles, we set off for more goats and more adventure.

Family after family, goat after goat, we could see a better future for the children of Kolunga. The afternoon session brought more stories and tears of joy. Solomon Gowa named his goat Tina, Shem named his billy goat Peter and Eleazar thought Charity would be a perfect name for his beautiful nanny.

We had an added adventure a couple of days later when we had to deliver the last remaining goat to Grace, Peter carried the goat on the back of a motorcycle taxi!

Receiving a goat from the foundation is a special process, the recipient must build a perfect enclosure, plant the proper amount of fodder and attend many meetings about raising goats. The goats go to pre-qualified, prepared families. By the time the families get their goats, we're confident that the match is good. Peter and I had the pleasure of meeting many of the previous years recipients too. We saw kids, moms being milked and repairs being made to the pens. It was great to see the process really working.

- by Tina Walter

Honor Roll

We are so proud to have so many great volunteers! As Peter spoke of our trip to Kolunga this past November, it would not have been possible without the help of some wonderful people. Ultimate Thanks go to our hosts on the island, the management and staff of Rusinga Island Lodge welcomed us with open arms and helped us at every turn. Thank you Kristy, Susie, Charles and Phillip.

Another great helper that made our trip special was Luke Davids from Shipping Solutions. He coordinated and donated the shipping of 58 boxes of stuffed animals and medical supplies to Nairobi.

Part of the fun we had in the village was due to some great fundraising efforts by a company in Australia - APTouring. Thanks to Craig James and Shelley Zohs we were able to deliver an extra 10 goats while we were there!

And we have a never ending list of Thank Yous for our web designer/master Nikol Antonio. She meets all of our silly requests with a smile and a gracious "can do".

And we can never say thank you enough to all of you who have helped so much over the years.

Richman Aaron	Daniel & Diana Garlow	Fran T Paige
Jennifer Andert	Russell & Leah Garron	Arthur Petronella Strijbos
AP Touring	Bill Gawthrop & Diane Taylor	Kelly Philbin
Aspen Volunteer FD	Margaretta Gentschein	Diane Pisanos
W. Samuel Bailey	Albert Gordon	Gary Plotner
Daphne Baker	Margaret Gordon	Dorothy Polash
Jeffrey Ballantine	Peter Gordon	Brandon Potter
Jim & Judy Banman/Coover	Rick Grant	Marcia & Howard Potter
Ron & Adele Banner	Gray Family Clinic	David & Diane Rae
Sean Barr	Paul & Suzanne Grudnitski	Bryant Rankin
Tom Bartlett	Carrell Halley	James Richardson
Lindsey Bauhofer	Lois Halley	Margaret Romero
Margaret Baumgratz	Anne Halley Kel-Artinian	Mary Ryerson
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Joe Dresch	Stephen McConahey	Linda Vieira
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Kim Edwards	Dan Nail	Tina Walter
Randall Eis	David & Mary Narayan	Stephen Weiner
Matthew & Kristine Ferguson	Tina Nicomedes	Karen Winchell
Stephen & Frances Fischer	Larry & Sally Olsen	Your Best Friend's Closet
Flossey Lewis Center	Marit Olsen	Shelley Zohs
Thomas Fulcomer	Gary & Elisa Pagonis	

Joseph the Goat Group Manager



I am Joseph Odiri Ogwela and I am the Kolunga dairy goat program manager. I help KVF to identify willing and interested farmers in the program. Among other things that I do is teach farmers about basic dairy goat knowledge and care and fodder establishment. I help Kolunga develop and keep records of recipients. I also write correspondence to the donors updating them on the ongoings of the program. To sum it all up, the program is designed to help this community come out of the many challenges it faces.

What is a Mundazi?

In Kolunga tea time is a favorite for us. Along with a great cup of sweet chai we were given warm mundazi. A small ball of dough is fried in really hot oil. The dough puffs up, fills with air and becomes a fluffy doughnut-like treat. Mark and Peter dipped theirs into sugar, I preferred mine plain. Along with the delicacy of mundazi, tea was our social time with the fundis and village kids. What a really special place!

What's on the horizon

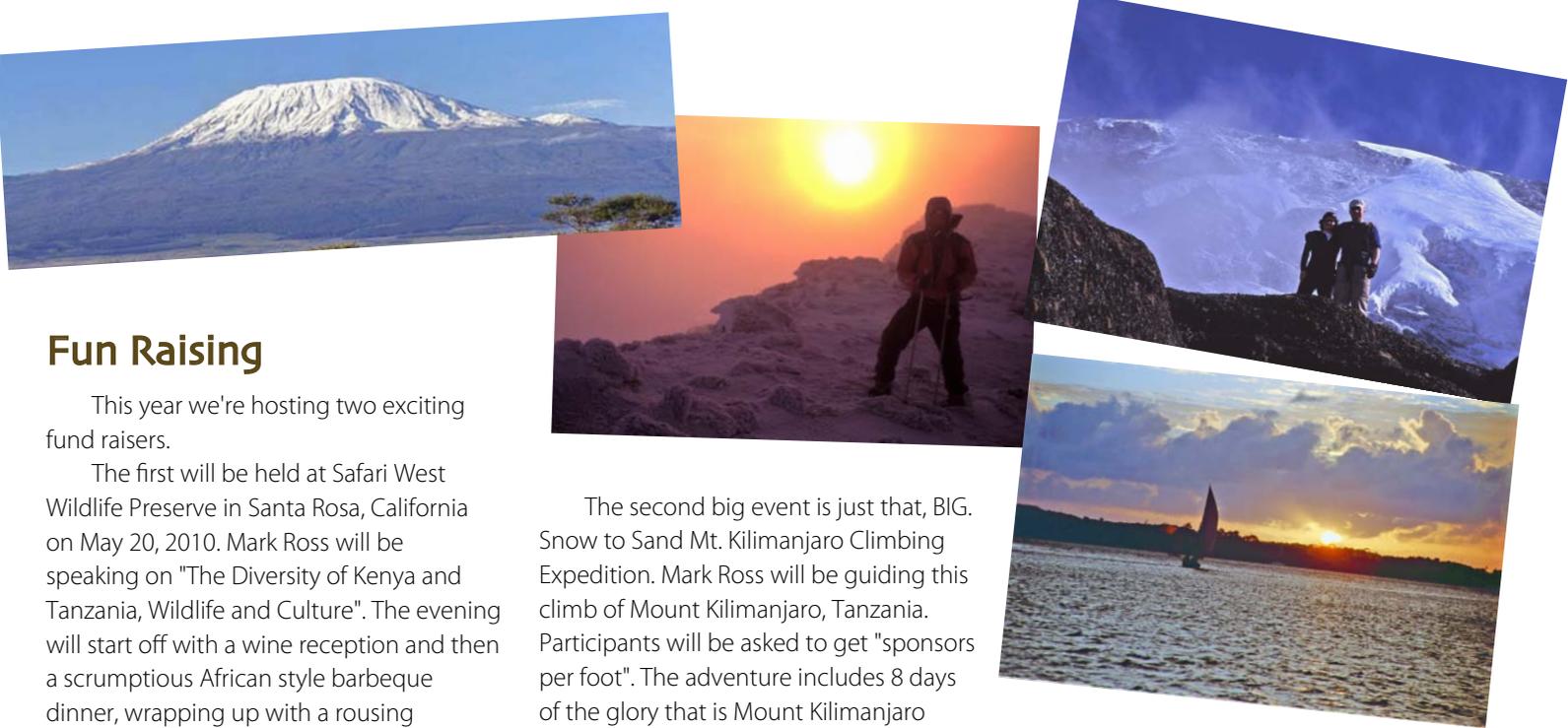
We are currently researching a few new projects as identified by the village:

- Propane or solar refridgerator
- Hand washing stations
- Trash collection and disposal
 - Water purification
- Disease prevention and education
 - Malaria nets for prevention
- Sustainable student lunch program
 - Curriculum books and student workbooks
 - Water pumps for irrigation

You can help make this happen!

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Fun Raising

This year we're hosting two exciting fund raisers.

The first will be held at Safari West Wildlife Preserve in Santa Rosa, California on May 20, 2010. Mark Ross will be speaking on "The Diversity of Kenya and Tanzania, Wildlife and Culture". The evening will start off with a wine reception and then a scrumptious African style barbeque dinner, wrapping up with a rousing presentation by Mark. We're pleased with the great response we've already received; please share the date with any of your California friends.

The second big event is just that, BIG. Snow to Sand Mt. Kilimanjaro Climbing Expedition. Mark Ross will be guiding this climb of Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. Participants will be asked to get "sponsors per foot". The adventure includes 8 days of the glory that is Mount Kilimanjaro followed by a warming and relaxing reward of 3 fabulous nights on the equatorial Indian Ocean island of Lamu, Kenya.

Please go to our website www.kolungavillage.org to see all the details for each of these great events.

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