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Mini Newsletter - no glitz - just Project Updates and Other News!

### Project Updates

Community Health Care With great appreciation, the Nissi Orphanage and the Osopet HIV Support Community initiated a one-year health care program, where they will have the funds to cover community health care costs. Thanks to the participants and supporters of the Hair Campaign for fantastic fund-raising. Both Nissi and Osopet can now help people in their communities who are suffering from serious and life-threatening illnesses.

Pediatric Care for HIV+ Kids Both Nissi and Osopet are grappling with recent increases in hospital and clinic costs. Health care support and subsidies from the Kenyan government have been reduced significantly. At positively AFRICA we are trying our best to minimize the effects of these higher costs and to ensure that the HIV+ kids receive the care and treatment they deserve. It means that we need more supporters for these children.

Goats. Nissi orphanage received its first goats last year - much to the joy of the children. Do you see the baby goat in the picture below?



The Chickens Have Arrived. In Lesotho, Hilda has reported that the chickens arrived at Rachel's children's home. Pictures from Hilda confirm a henhouse full of layers and children collecting eggs. The children are also pleased to have a newly constructed sanitary outhouse. Thanks for both projects go to the hardworking participants of the Community Access Team at Garth Homer.

### Other News

Happy Wanderer Maery Kaplan-Hallam, our youngest Board member, has just arrived in Kenya. She will visit the Kibera Community Youth Project (KCYP) and two schools in Kibera, as well as our friends in and around Narok.

**CHANGED: 1 - 3pm December 5, 2010**

Annual General Meeting Our AGM will take place from ~~11:00am to 1:00pm~~ **1 - 3pm**, World AIDS Day. We hope that you can join us as we celebrate a year of achievements. Since our mission is to support people affected by HIV and AIDS, December 1<sup>st</sup> is a perfect day for our AGM. The meeting is open to everyone and will take place at Cardiff Place, **1246 Fairfield Rd...**Victoria..

Story from Peggy: Last year I met Maureen at the HIV clinic in Narok, Kenya. I asked what she planned to do when she finished school. There was no hesitation. She wants to be a neurosurgeon. I was flabbergasted. I knew no other child whose dreams go beyond 'doctor'! I later learned that Maureen, to the delight of Osopet, had won a scholarship to a private high school in Nairobi where her school fees and accommodation are paid. She is a very bright star, but needs our continued support due to her HIV infection.

**Thank you.....** for supporting orphans and HIV+ communities through positively AFRICA/VIDEA in past years. As we head towards 2011, it reminds us that our African partners need another year of support. If you are able, please take a moment and make a donation to positively AFRICA/VIDEA.

If you wish to support pA/VIDEA projects that are eligible for tax receipts, please make out cheques to VIDEA (with a clear note at the bottom left saying pA and the project you wish to support—e.g. pA Osopet child). Below we have suggested a few ways to provide assistance and receive a tax receipt. Also, please consider using one of these ideas to "give twice" - making a donation in the name of a loved one at Christmas, for a birthday or on an anniversary while, at the same time, supporting children and families in Africa. We'll send a gift card.

- *Sponsor An Osopet HIV+ Child: \$25/month or \$300/year*
- *Support Health Care for Nissi Orphans: \$25/month or \$300/year*
- *Provide a Milk Goat or Donkey for an HIV+ Family: \$130 or \$180*
- *Any amount that we can allocated to where the need is greatest.* If you do not require a tax receipt, simply make out your cheque to positively AFRICA.

**Questions** about monthly giving, "Giving Twice" or supporting other projects? Please call Peggy at 250.519 0040 or email her at [peggy@positivelyafrica.org](mailto:peggy@positivelyafrica.org)

Please send your support to: positively AFRICA, 2092 Byron Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1L9.  
Thank you.

Finally, as we approach the holiday gift-giving season, please think about the beautiful handicrafts that are made by our school partners in the Kibera slums and friends in Rwanda. Please see our website for details ([www.positivelyafrica.org](http://www.positivelyafrica.org)) or visit the Fair Trade Fairs listed on the next page.



Nissi Child

## Fair Trade Fairs

positively AFRICA will be at the following fair trade fairs. Please drop by our table and say hello.

**Nov 12** - Ten Thousand Villages - Oak Bay Store only - **positively AFRICA night**

Featuring beautiful jewelry suitable for both men and women and other curios from Kenya and Rwanda.

6 - 8 p.m.

1976 Oak Bay Avenue, Victoria (Oak Bay), BC V8R 1E2

**Nov 21** - St. Aidan's **Just Christmas** (Fair Trade) Fair

A wide variety of jewelry and handicrafts

3703 St. Aidan's St, Saanich, BC V8P 2V7

11 am - 3 pm

**Nov. 27** - VIDEA's Fair Trade Fair

First Metropolitan United Church, 932 Balmoral Rd, Victoria V8T 1A8

A wide variety of jewelry and handicrafts

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

At all of the trade fairs, we will have attractive greeting cards available. These are a wonderful way to remember friends and family on their special days. Each card features an African image and is available for a minimum donation of \$10 to positively AFRICA.

Wishing your families and friends the very best for 2011 and - certainly - Peace!

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