

2013 AllPeopleBeHappy Fellows

Micah Gregory, will be working for **Amizade** in Santarém, Brazil. Micah is an American citizen who has been living and studying in Brazil for the last 9 years. He is a graduate of the *Instituto Esperança do Ensino Superior* where he completed a 4-year Bachelors of Science for Nursing. He currently serves as a part time Amizade Site Director for Brazil. Because of the financial support of the Fellowship, Amizade will be able to build on Micah's experience in healthcare and extensive background in rural health. The nature of his job will expand to include establishing a coalition engaged in using a medical clinic on a



ship to serve the needs of the residents of the rural Pará region. Several years ago the Dutch NGO, Terres des Hommes (TDH) donated an advanced medical fluvial clinic called the Abaré Boat to the City of Santarém. It is a complete basic level clinical station with exam rooms, dental chairs and living spaces as well as X-rays and laboratories. This vessel is capable of long range health trips for up to 20 days. Because of Amizade's longstanding relationship with the City of Santarém, TDH reached out to them to manage an inter-institutional healthcare program that would better utilize the potential capabilities of the boat. In addition to working with this coalition, Micah will be tasked with building a network of international universities interested in collaboration. Through this network, Micah will create the groundwork for the world's first floating tropical medical institute focused on training international and national health science students in the front lines of tropical medicine, as well as engaging public health in communities with little access to healthcare.



Michael Austin was a 2012 *AllPeopleBeHappy* Volunteer Service Award grant recipient volunteering with **Kossoye Development Program** (KDP) in Gondar, Ethiopia. On a subsequent trip he assisted with research on the health and social status of rural women and children. He was inspired to look specifically at how to improve the health and growth of children who are malnourished and stunted at alarming levels. To this end he will be returning to Ethiopia for 9 months to work for KDP in the capacity of a nutrition education supervisor, expanding school seed distribution and garden education. He will design an eight week curriculum for primary school aged children based on the modules and handouts of the Great Gardener Workshops so that instruction can be given directly to those who are most affected by food insecurity. As an example, the curriculum will include lessons on the importance of vegetables in one's diet, and how to weigh yourself and track personal growth. Students will be taught the concepts of gardening using school demonstration gardens as laboratories for learning. Height/weight measurements and surveys will occur twice a year for two years to track program effectiveness.



As a **Global Emergency Care Collaborative (GECC)** Research Assistant (RA) in Uganda, **Ryan Brandt**'s job is to ensure that all research protocols are performed on a consistent basis. In doing so, he will promote the story of the Emergency Care Practitioners (ECPs) at Nyakibale Hospital Emergency Department and the sustainable educational system of GECC in order to provide quantifiable support for this expandable healthcare system. The primary goal of the RA is to ensure the thorough follow-up of all patients seen at the Nyakibale Emergency Department. This requires careful documentation of all current patient charts as well as follow-up calls with all patients who have been seen in the Emergency Department. A tremendous number of outcomes and other information are being analyzed from this data, such as general morbidity and mortality, HIV screening, pediatric infectious disease, domestic violence, emergency malaria care, and epidemiology of disease. In addition to this primary responsibility, the RA is also responsible for carrying out all other GECC research initiatives. Similarly, as the RA, it is his responsibility to continually strive to improve research and data collection procedures. Ryan is spending 9 months in Uganda, and we are looking forward to receiving an update on his efforts.

Amizade has been working in Karagwe, Tanzania since 2003, carrying out volunteer learning programs with the community based partner organizations. In March this year, **Sam Kayongo**



was hired as the local site director to manage the programs including coordinating volunteer programs, establishing a viable structure for Amizade, enhancing collaboration with community partners, and promoting community based poverty reduction programs. The *AllPeopleBeHappy* Fellowship will enable the site director's role to be expanded to better meet the needs of the community. It will also afford the Tanzanian site director the opportunity to work directly with Amizade's US based staff in Pittsburgh for part of the year. The overall goal for this

Fellowship is to establish a viable system for supporting and promoting quality education in the Karagwe District of Tanzania with specific objectives:

- Explore the work mechanisms of the civil society and non-governmental organizations in Tanzania.
- Increase knowledge about Amizade and its operations within the local community.
- Coordinate educational camps for 75 young learners in Karagwe in collaboration with Amizade volunteers.
- Build educational related contacts, networks and put in place an information system on the education sector in Tanzania.