



Building a world where all people can be happy

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Hi Everybody. Hard to believe it is already October and our annual fundraising campaign is underway. With your help, we hope to expand the network of **AllPeopleBeHappy** funded reading rooms in **Room to Read** schools in Sri Lanka. Pictured here is the plaque for one of the libraries that was built by the partnership last year in the elementary school Siyambalagaswewa Vidula, village of Seppukulama, Sri Lanka. Each reading room / library costs \$4000 to build, and we are asking each one of you to go to our www.AllPeopleBeHappy.org website and make a contribution. The campaign is again called the **Build A Library** project.



New Grant:

We met one of the young founders of **Comunidad Connect** at our Vail Education Event last



summer and discussions grew from that meeting. The organization is involved in community development activities in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua. The \$10,000 *AllPeopleBeHappy* grant will be used to expand Comunidad Connect's municipal recycling program to three rural communities in the San Juan del Sur municipality. The plan is to work with three rural schools to develop recycling/composting centers and school gardens. By integrating composting into their subsistence farming industry, they will be able to improve the nutrient content of their soil without

resorting to borrowing money to purchase expensive chemical fertilizers. In addition, vegetables from the school gardens will improve the students' diet and generate savings for their families.

Grant Renewals:

Support for International Change (SIC) has been working in northern Tanzania since 2002 to limit the impact of HIV/AIDS in rural communities. Last year our funds helped support their community based treatment service programs. This year's \$10,000 renewal grant will be used to strengthen the reproductive health education and HIV prevention training for this program. It is hoped that the long term impact of this training will result in a reduction in the number of HIV infections, and improving the lives of many families.



During the dry season in Karagwe, Tanzania women and girls spend hours walking miles to and from the nearest water source to collect water for their families. **Amizade**, working with community leaders found a simple, effective, sustainable solution – construct rooftop water-harvesting systems. **Amizade** proposed a 3-year program to install a minimum of 36 water harvesting systems, with labor and materials provided by local and global volunteers. Six systems have been completed to date and for the 2nd year the \$10,000 *AllPeopleBeHappy* foundation grant will be used to fund operational logistics of construction and organizing volunteers.



Meet Our Directors – Yogi and Usha Soni



Yogi received his B.S. from India and M.S. and Ph.D. from University of Idaho, all in chemical engineering. He started his career in India as a Process Engineer, did post-doctoral work and taught at Purdue University, then joined Conoco (now ConocoPhillips) where he recently retired as a Reservoir Engineering Fellow. Since then he is active in his field as a consultant providing worldwide support in upstream oil business. Usha received her B.Sc. and M.Sc. from India and M.S. from University of Idaho, all in organic

chemistry. She worked at Purdue University before joining Conoco as a Research Chemist. She joined Shell in 1988 in Houston and served as Extramural Research Manager for Shell in India just prior to her recent retirement.

Yogi and Usha have been married for 39 years and have raised two sons, an ER doctor and an attorney. They plan to divide their time between their residence in Houston and a second home in Boise where both their sons and two grand-daughters reside.

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