



Building a world where all people can be happy

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AllPeopleBeHappy Annual Meeting: We held our Annual Meeting on a gorgeous Spring Sunday, April 11, 2010, at the Houston Arboretum. Over 30 people were in attendance. The 2009 program and the 2010 new initiative were reviewed by Sunny and Barbara Tang. Matt Mitro, Co-Founder of Indego Africa, brought us up-to-date on work in Rwanda and showed us a great video. Amanda Liberatore, Development Officer for Read to Read, then updated us on the library building program in Sri Lanka. Cookies and coffee kept everyone happy and awake.



New Initiative – Volunteer Service Award:

We have initiated an *AllPeopleBeHappy* Volunteer Service Award. Dedicated overseas volunteers not only donate their time, but they have to pay their own expenses and often are expected to contribute to the cost of supplies and services. We will be offering matching grants to help offset these expenses. For the Summer 2010 awards, organizations currently receiving *AllPeopleBeHappy* foundation grants were invited to submit candidates, and 15 applications have been received. The 4 winners will be announced on May 1st so keep your eye on our website (www.allpeoplebehappy.org) or our Facebook page.

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Grant Renewal:

Indego Africa, in 2009, utilized our grant to 1) launched Adult Literacy Programs, 2) introduced an Entrepreneur Development Program, 3) improved and expanded training programs in business management, IT skills, nutrition, and repetitive stress injury prevention, and 4) expanded partnership with Orphans of Rwanda to obtain highly competent trainers and at the same time provides real-life experience for the trainers. In 2010, the renewal funding will be used to expand the Hand-Up program by offering additional training, upgrading cooperative workplaces.



Specifically, the funding will be used to pay the

expenses of Orphans of Rwanda interns, obtain training materials, supervise curriculum development and performance, supplement cooperative rent, and purchase much-needed equipment for the cooperatives (tables, chairs, blackboards, electricity). In addition, there are a number of infrastructure improvements that are needed immediately at the physical facility of their cooperative partners. A portion of the salary costs of the president relating to the time necessary to directly coordinate the in-country Hand-Up program will also be partially covered by this grant.



The Kossoye Project began in 2005, building on a 45-year relationship between the 7000 persons in this region of Ethiopia and Dr. Dennis Carlson, who was Dean of the Public Health College, Univ. of Gondar in the 1960's. In 2009, the \$10,000 grant launched the Ethiopian Household Vegetable Gardening Program throughout Kossoye. The funding was used for 1) support of the 12 Community Health Worker stipends, 2) purchase of seeds and tools for 1200 elementary school children, 3) printing of revised gardening manuals, and 4) prizes and awards for top gardeners.

Goals achieved in 2009, the first year of this project include:

- Strong community support for household gardening continues to spread, particularly among women and children. The elementary schools are actively involved.
- Two hundred seventy nine (279) family gardens were thriving at the end of December 2009.
- A Vegetable Seed Bank operation has been established in Kossoye with a significantly higher price schedule for purchase from local growers.
- Monthly Coffee and Health discussion sessions are attended in all hamlets by 250 to 300 women. The set curriculum emphasizes basic health issues such as family planning, household vegetable gardens, improved cooking stoves, latrine construction and diarrhea control.

2010 Renewal Funding Proposed Expenditures:

Vegetable Seed Purchase in the U.S. and Ethiopia	\$2,000
Community Health Worker support	\$3,000
Community supervisor support.	\$2,000
Publishing <u>The Kossoye Recipe Book</u>	\$1,000
Publishing 3rd edition of the Kossoye Gardening Manuals	\$1,500
Research Grant for Graduate student (Nutrition)	<u>\$ 500</u>
	\$10,000

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