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## A NOTE FROM ME TO YOU, WITH AN UPDATE -

It seems incredible that August is already here. It seems just yesterday that we were celebrating the New Year, doesn't it? Now, 8 months have rushed by and I am already wondering what 2018 will bring.

So far, this has been a great year, with projects growing and new things happening. Currently, I am researching if it makes sense to purchase a team of oxen for our sisal project in Kenya, as opposed to a tractor. This has opened up my eyes to the world of oxen—which I thought was a completely different animal, only to find out it is a trained, mature steer. Who knew?

Another container of medical supplies will be sent to Uganda and we need to work to get that ready. Coordinating various volunteers, sorting, packing, and shipping will all be part of this. Recruiting people for 2018's Volunteer with a Purpose trips is also on my mind, with teams going to Kenya, Haiti and Zimbabwe. The purchase and delivery of a solar fridge for Congo is also in the works.

I just returned from 6 weeks in Kenya, where 32 volunteers (including my kids!) worked on various projects to help a community—painting the school, orphanage and clinic; building a playground; training Community Health Workers; giving checkups to over 100 children; and so much more! It was a great summer and it was hard to leave when the time came to return home.

But, now that I am here, I am raising funds to purchase and deliver stethoscopes, BMI wheels, thermometers and other needed equipment to 155 trained Community Health Volunteers in Kenya. They are ready to work, but are lacking these basic items, so AFCA is ready to help as we can. If you have connections with companies who make these items, please let me know!

My next trip is to Zimbabwe in September, where I will be visiting the projects

we support. I will be checking out the greenhouse which is helping train young ladies, the chicken coops which feeds hundreds of children, and the goat project.

Look out for an update at the end of the year!



### AFCA has moved!

**Donations can be sent to our new address at:**

AFCA

1520 Greening Lane

Harrisburg, P 17110

Our phone number remains the same: 717.489.0206

### WALKING GLASSES

The grannies line up to have their eyes examined, even though they are not taking part in the tailoring classes being offered. We carefully explain that we can not offer them help with their cataracts, but they stand in line, waiting their turns.

While they wait, 8 year old Aiden offers them canes, and they each choose one to their liking. They cheer and sing their thanks, making Aiden smile. And, they wait. They wait until all the class participants are tested and receive their glasses.

The grannies don't do well with the long and short sight tests. They can't read anything put in front of them because their eyes are rimmed with the blue of cataracts. Instead, they shyly whisper that they want "walking glasses" that will make them look pretty.

We carefully select the glasses with the least magnification but with the most bling. Pink, blue, glittery, shiny glasses are found and the grannies rejoice when we help them put them on. Together we do slow, unsteady skips and dance our way down the road towards home – the grannies with bling and me.



is a continent with 54 countries and a population of 1.2 billion inhabitants that speaks over 2000 different languages



### 4 Countries and 13 cities, towns, villages

- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Kenya
- Uganda
- Zimbabwe



**1340 animals** donated in 2016 to children and their caregivers so they can become self-sufficient

2 staff and 8 board directors



### 6 Types of Programs

- Livestock
- Gardens
- Medicine
- Medical Supplies
- Sustainability
- Education



**5 40-ft containers** of medical supplies sent to partner hospitals per year



**10,574 Children** who received medicine and school fees in 2016



**2000 laying hens** feeding school children

Stars earned with Charity Navigator due to financial and programmatic excellence



Percentage of all donations that go directly to programs



Sometimes, someone will ask us about the organizations we support and we just don't have quick information to share at our fingertips. Well, now you do!

When someone asks you why you think AFCA is doing good work, you can refer to our "AFCA by the numbers—2016", to the left. Here you can see that where we work and how we helped children in 2016, as well as how we rate and what percentage of donations goes directly to support our programs.

Feel free to share this information with many friends!