



Western Montana RPCV News

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Upcoming Events

**SAT. OCTOBER 25,
Potluck and Halloween
Party at Mary Younger's
100 Erika Ct. 6 PM**

**SAT. NOVEMBER 22,
Potluck at Reggie and
Scott Spaulding's, 635
W. Artemos 6 PM**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY,
POTLUCK, JIM AND
MELISSA'S. DATE TBA**

**JUNE 12, 13 & 14 2009
Goat Chase Retreat**



Jeanne and Mary Younger entertain Jim Burchfield at Heidi and Steve's Rum Shack

From the President

Dennis C. Bangs, Ecuador 70-72..

Thanks to numerous gracious hosts and good participation by everyone, we have had a fun summer of potlucks and activities. In July Tony Hoyt (Liberia 67-69/Guatemala 74-75) and Michelle hosted a great Saturday afternoon on the Jocko. In August Heidi Halverson and Steve Torcoletti (Jamaica 84-86) brought back the Jamaican Rum Shack for a great time in their back yard. And in September Julie Brown (Benin 91-93) welcomed us back to her home for wonderful food and camaraderie. Thanks to you all.

At Julie's we talked about the movement from NPCA to increase the Peace Corps in the upcoming years. A whole movement called MorePeaceCorpsNow has been started and you can check out the details on page 4.

A new and enthusiastic recruiter has been hired at the U of M. His name is Michael Bradbury and he introduces himself on the following page. Don't hesitate to call him if you would like to help with any of the events.

And finally, don't forget that our major fundraiser of the year is selling the international calendars from the Wisconsin group. If you haven't gotten yours or want to sell more you can contact me or Mary Younger or use the order form on page 3.

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All newly returned volunteers will receive two free copies before they are requested to join.

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WMRPCV WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

Christine Burkey from Missoula who was in Nepal.
Pamela Bishop from Missoula who was in Cameroon

New recruiter at U of M.

My name is Michael Bradbury and I am the new Peace Corps campus recruiter at the University of Montana . I served as an environmental education volunteer in Gabon from 2003-2005. During that time I designed curriculum, taught classes, and worked with teachers in the primary schools to integrate environmental education into their classrooms. I also worked in the high schools with two HIV awareness clubs. In addition I have spent a number of years working seasonally for the National Park Service and most recently as a Special Education Teacher in Missoula .

I have returned to the University to add my French and History teaching endorsements, so that I may one day bring my enthusiasm for Francophone Africa and Culture into a high school foreign language classroom. I look forward to working closely with all the great RPCV's in the area.

We will have a number of opportunities for RPCV's to share their experiences with potential recruits this year so don't hesitate to call me at 243-2839 or email me at peacecorps@umontana.edu if you would be interested in helping staff a Peace Corps information table at the UC and/or presenting during one of our Peace Corps General Information meetings. Thanks,

Mike

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Engineers Without Borders at the November Potluck

Reggie and Scott have invited this group to do a presentation of their work during the November potluck.

Engineers Without Borders at MSU is a self-supporting interdisciplinary volunteer student organization working to bring potable water to school children in rural, western Kenya. EWB also empowers MSU students to take on real life leadership on opportunities while still in school. We are student-run but engage in real work with our Kenyan partners in the Khwisero community. We agree to pilot ideas and projects then adjust, abandon or replicate what does/doesn't work. In every aspect of this project, we learn that flexibility is a key to development—grass roots or systemic. Our partnership with the people of Khwisero is long-term: to provide the students and surrounding communities of the 58 primary schools in the district with a source of clean water and improved sanitation. Sources of water are inconsistent and unclean with Typhoid outbreaks and fecal contamination commonplace. Also, students (usually girls) must miss class to collect water from the nearest source, sometimes over two kilometers away. The wells at the schools are meant to provide a clean water source, but also allow the students more time in class. We also work with the schools to build composting latrines, the product of which is immediately useful for the agricultural region.

EWB @ MSU has already funded wells at two schools, and this summer three more were drilled. We worked on the plans for biogas and composting latrines at the sites, community outreach and GPS mapping of every school and many water sources within the District. We also worked on demographic data collection. We trained 28 locals to survey randomly selected homesteads on their water use habits. First we trained 28 locals (teachers, teacher-aids and housewives) as homestead surveyors. They conducted over 750 homestead surveys on water use around the Khwisero division. The data will track project progress, and provide us with better background information. But the act of surveying spread our presence through the community, transferred a skill set, "empowered" (as the Kenyans love to say) community members and sparked discussion. This semester we will analyze the data, and [re]direct the project accordingly. Students are also preparing construction designs, and EWB @ MSU will put on numerous events for the community over the course of this academic year.



Western Montana Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

Help plant the seeds for peace 365 days a year...

The funds raised from the sale of the International Calendars developed by the Madison, Wisconsin RPCV group are directly donated to a variety of local and international humanitarian endeavors. If you have a project you would like considered, please contact us at wmrpcv.com.

Cost is \$12 per calendar - shipping and handling included. Please complete the order form below and send it with your check payable to "WMRPCVs" to:

Mary Younger, WMRPCV treasurer

100 Erika Court

Missoula, MT 59803

2009 International Calendar Order

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____

Please send me _____ calendar(s) @ \$12 each (shipping included)

Enclosed is my check for \$_____, payable to "WMRPCVs".



JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN FOR A BIGGER, BETTER AND BOLDER PEACE CORPS

What is MorePeaceCorps?

- A grassroots campaign launched in 2008 by the National Peace Corps Association and supported by M + R Strategic Services calling for a bigger, better and bolder Peace Corps – one that is doubled in size by 2011, the 50th anniversary of the founding of Peace Corps
- Our vision is a Peace Corps operating with renewed vigor and expanded opportunities for service.
- A campaign to move the Peace Corps one step closer to President John F. Kennedy's original vision of 100,000 volunteers working alongside host country nationals to create change and build goodwill
- A campaign to greatly enrich the U.S. by returning a significant constituency of men and women familiar with foreign cultures and dedicated to service

What has the Peace Corps accomplished to justify doubling its size?

- The contributions of more than 190,000 volunteers who have served in 139 countries since 1961 have changed the lives of millions of people around the world in immeasurable ways.
- Volunteers leave an indelible impression of courage and self sacrifice by working for 27 months to advance education, water access, health, agriculture, environmental conservation, business, community development, and information technology for millions in far corners of the world.
- Peace Corps volunteers collectively speak thousands of languages – many of which are not commonly spoken – greatly enhancing US capacity for engagement with other countries.
- Peace Corps volunteers typically remain committed to public service. They go on to become senators, members of Congress, governors, heads of U.N. agencies, ambassadors, university presidents, business leaders, religious and spiritual leaders, writers, teachers, doctors, and more.

Why MorePeaceCorps?

- The Peace Corps remains too small. The number of volunteers sent each year, 4,000, is half the total sent four decades ago, when the population of America was just 180 million.
- Demand for volunteers exceeds supply; more than 20 additional countries have requested Peace Corps volunteers, and some countries that currently have programs seek even greater numbers.
- With a budget of \$331 Million, the Peace Corps operates at approximately \$1 per capita - less than a tenth of one percent of the military budget.
- The Peace Corps remains a symbol of "America at its best" at a time when our global standing has declined in many regions of the world. Peace Corps is uniquely positioned to help boost America's image as a cooperative partner and trusted friend.

What has the MorePeaceCorps campaign achieved so far?

- Completed outreach to over a thousand former Peace Corps volunteers serving in 139 countries and spanning five decades
- Created a website, e-newsletter, and discussion forum and hosted a major conference bringing together past Peace Corps directors, service leaders, and entrepreneurs
- Obtained endorsements from dozens of prominent individuals including former President Jimmy Carter, Senator Christopher Dodd (Dominican Republic 66-68), Chicago Bears Board Chairman Mike McCaskey (Ethiopia 65-67), and writer Paul Theroux (Malawi 63-65).

Learn More and Get Involved

Sign up at www.MorePeaceCorps.org and contact National Coordinator, Rajeev Goyal, at rajeev@morepeacecorps.org.

Photo: Amber Davis-Collins (Honduras 02-04)



Garrett going back to Zambia!!!

Following is an e-mail I recently received from Garrett Olson (Zambia 2004-06). I have also included some information from the website of the organization which Garrett will be working for.

I'm heading back to Zambia. I found an organization working in Lusaka helping orphans, vulnerable children, and women with HIV. I saw the doc that spearheads the org. speak at MSU..... Turns out that they have 20 acres outside of Lusaka (capital) to grow weaning food and high energy protein supplements for malnourished children/mothers. Plus, they want to start an high-intensity poultry production operation for protein and income generation. Basically, it's doing everything that I did in the PC except on a larger scale. So I'll be leaving Oct 12 and returning April 2 in time to refresh for jumpin'. It's on my own time and dime, but I would rather spend my money on this than letting this administration throw my money in the toilet. Here's the link <www.tinytimandfriends.org>

About Us

In 2003, a woman with AIDS, seven months pregnant and living in a bus terminal in Lusaka, Zambia was found by the good sisters of Kasisi Children's Home. After delivering the baby, Tim Meade, M.D. and a team of volunteers took turns bringing warm formula to the child. Unable to care for her newborn son, the mother asked "Dr. Tim" to take care of the baby. As a sign of gratitude, she named the baby Tim.

It was Tiny Tim's story that inspired friends and family around the globe to get involved. As a result, Tiny Tim & Friends was created. To date, Tiny Tim & Friends has helped hundreds of HIV infected orphans and vulnerable children in Zambia receive essential medical care and educational support.

Dr. Tim Meade, M.D., has spent much of his career championing children's health and education. After graduating from the University of Minnesota Medical School, he served as a Medical Officer for the British Embassy in Russia and ran clinics in both Moscow and St. Petersburg, as well as serving with Doctors Without Borders (MSF) in the Ukraine. Through his team's efforts, the region's first Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV Project was created.

Today, Dr. Meade lives in Africa with his adopted son, (Tiny) Tim. He is currently the Medical Director of Corpmed Medical Centre in Lusaka, Zambia and a volunteer physician at several area orphanages and hospices.



Our Impact

How Tiny Tim and Friends Makes a Difference

- Provides comprehensive medical care to HIV+ orphans as well as pregnant women, including the provision of life-saving ARV medications.
- Provides support in the form of funds and/or work for food or shelter for the guardians of orphans and vulnerable children living with HIV.
- Pays tuition and uniform fees for HIV+ orphans who have been unable to afford schooling.
- Organizes volunteers from all over the world, medical, non-medical and dental, who want to assist with our activities in Zambia.
- Co-ordinates large donations from the private sector to orphanages, transit homes and day cares.
- Partners with other large and small NGO's to increase aid to orphans and vulnerable children in Zambia.

Donate Now

We deeply appreciate your support. No matter how big or small, your contribution will make an immense difference in the lives of the many Zambian children supported through Tiny Tim & Friends.

Please mail donations to:

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry
Tiny Tim & Friends
P.O. Box 50010
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Important Note: To ensure your donation is given to Tiny Tim & Friends, please write Tiny Tim & Friends on the check memo line. All donations are tax deductible in the United States. For information regarding overseas donations please e-mail tinytimandfriends@pclink.com.



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**Don't forget
To check your
EXP date**



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Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Peace Corps country of service _____ Years _____

Peace Corps job title _____

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL (CHECK YOUR LABEL!!!)

WMRPCV only, \$15.00 _____

National Peace Corps Association, includes WMRPCV \$50.00 _____

WMRPCV Student/Low Income \$7.50 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

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Mary Younger, 100 Erika Court, Missoula, MT 59803**