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Subject: Center on Philanthropy Activities

At the end of the year we were reminded of the risk involved in some of our international work. The protests and disturbances in Kenya impacted directly on the work we have started with Moi University in Eldoret.

I reported to you earlier that the Center on Philanthropy has become part of a campuswide effort to build programmatic relationships with Moi University in Eldoret based on the long-standing IU-Kenya Partnership developed by the IU School of Medicine and the School of Medicine in Eldoret. The IU-Kenya Partnership has developed into a model AIDS treatment program. AMPATH (Academic Model for Prevention and Treatment of HIV/AIDS) now treats 50,000 AIDS patients a month with a holistic approach including medication, counseling, family evaluation, nutrition, and job placement. The program and its founder were recently nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize, and the program received a five-year grant for \$60 million from the U.S. Federal Government.

The IU-Kenya Partnership has been hit hard by the recent post-election violence in western Kenya. We received daily reports about the impact of the disturbances on the AMPATH clinics. Dozens of the program's staff and hundreds of its patients have been displaced from their homes by arson or other tragic forms of attack. However, the medical care for the patients has been restored, the nutrition program that feeds 30,000 per week is back on track, and all of the other holistic care and empowerment programming is ramping up again. As the program's field director and IU School of Medicine professor Dr. Joe Mamlin wrote from Kenya, "Despite all that has been going on, the HIV/AIDS crisis is not going anywhere, and neither are we."

Our relationship with Moi University began when Bill Plater, Josh Sprunger, and I travelled to Eldoret in August 2006 to offer a seminar on fundraising and philanthropy with the Eldoret University leadership. As I reported to you, most recently David Some, former Vice Chancellor (our equivalent of president) spent a sabbatical here during the fall semester to define a relationship with the Center on Philanthropy and outline a program that might be offered by Moi University. He settled on two initiatives. First, to establish a foundation that would undertake fundraising activities for Moi University including the partnerships being developed between Moi University and IUPUI as well as support for the IU-Kenya Partnership. And second, to develop an institute (to be called the Harambee Institute after a Kenyan philanthropic tradition) that would begin to study

and document the philanthropic culture, philanthropic behaviors, and the dynamics of philanthropy in Kenya as well as offer and adapt The Fund Raising School courses to be offered through the institute.

Paula Parker-Sawyers, Executive Director of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives for the Governor's office here in Indiana and a trainer for The Fund Raising School, travelled to Kenya in late December as part of a larger volunteer force from Central Indiana to aid orphanages in Kenya. As part of her volunteer activity, Paula had promised to offer a two-day seminar pro bono for the Harambee Institute at Moi University. But after her arrival, Paula never made it to Eldoret. We received updates from Paula's daughter about Paula and her son, Patrick Sawyers, who had travelled with her. They were kept out of harms way at Lake Navaisha, the Masai Mara, and at Lake Nakuru in a National Park Reserve.

David Some reported that some of his property was damaged in the clashes. He and others reported that the scenes in Eldoret were unlike anything they had ever witnessed. But David and his family are well. The clinics in the IU-Kenya Partnership are up and running again. And Paula and her colleagues from Central Indiana are safely back home. We are grateful for everyone's safety. And we are grateful for the courage of those who continue their work in Kenya. When Paula was asked by a reporter if she would return to Kenya, her response was yes. She explained: "So our plans to develop the partnership with Moi University continue." I have attached a copy of Paula's letter so you can see a first-hand report on the activities in Kenya.

Much else has happened here at the Center. We opened the spring semester with the return of our graduate students. The Fund Raising School offered its first course of the year last week and had a full enrollment. The Lake Institute gathered the authors for an upcoming book on religion and philanthropy entitled, Giving: For the Love of God. It will be edited by David Smith and published by IU Press in 2009. We continued our Strategic Planning process at a staff retreat last Friday. We are writing thank-you letters to donors for hundreds of gifts that came in at year's end in support of our work. All of our successes here remind us how difficult work can be elsewhere. So I will end my letter here and ask you to think of all our colleagues who are trying to make a difference in Kenya.

Many thanks for your involvement and support of our work. As always, your comments and suggestions are welcomed.

Best wishes.

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