



World Wide Village Update

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Run, Tara, Run!!!

In our last issue, you read about the Medika Mamba program World Wide Village is supporting to treat severe malnourishment in Haitian children (For previous article, see:

<http://www.worldwidevillage.org/wp-content/uploads/newsletters/May%202009%20newsletter.pdf>)



In June, Tara Livesay (who with her husband, Troy, are Country Directors for World Wide Village in Haiti) spent time at the Real Hope for Haiti Rescue Center (www.realhopeforhaiti.org) and saw first hand the Medika Mamba program being administered. Tara also met Renald, a 3-1/2 year old boy who weighed about 13 pounds. Renald has captured the hearts of Tara and her family, as well as anyone who meets him.

Renald and many children like him inspired Tara to set a goal to raise \$5,200 for the Medika Mamba program. Tara, who has been running marathons since only 2004, has entered the **Twin Cities Marathon** being held on October 4, 2009. She asked several donors to offer a \$2,600 matching pledge (\$100 per mile of the run) which would leave \$2,600 to raise in individual donations.



(Renald: Left: June 3rd, 13 lbs; Right: July 14th, 18 lbs)

God had a bigger goal in mind and three generous individuals stepped up with a total of \$7,800 in matching pledges which meant that if all three pledges were matched, she would raise \$15,600.

Again God trusted her with more. To date, the total pledged is over \$21,000. With more than two months until the Marathon, Tara has

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Accountant/Bookkeeper
familiar with
QuickBooks Pro and
non-profit accounting.

Creative Writer
to help prepare
E-Newsletters,
brochures, etc.

Volunteer Coordinator
a person who loves
volunteers and is gifted
in making them feel
appreciated. Duties
include maintaining
contact with
volunteers, keeping
track of volunteer hours
and planning events
and special programs
for appreciation.

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raised her goal to a whopping \$26,000 - \$1,000 per mile - 260 children's lives saved!

Anyone who has run a marathon knows the rigorous training involved. Anyone who has been to Haiti can imagine what training is like in the heat, high humidity and chaos. (Read Tara's complete story of her journey:

<http://livesayhaiti.blogspot.com/2009/05/marathoning-for-haiti.html>)

Tara is sacrificing her time, stamina and physical and psychological well being to help as many of Haiti's starving children as possible.



Will you join the team? Contribute using the "Chip In" widget on Tara's blog shown above or click below and pay securely on our website indicating your donation is for the Medika Mamba program. **Then join us at the Festival for Haiti the evening of October 4th to celebrate Tara's triumphant success!**

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to bring medical care to the communities they work within, while we hope that they'll assist with infrastructure to ours. This is a relatively critical partnership, as penicillin is of little use to a starving child."

World Wide Village is thrilled about the partnership with Dr. Josh and Dr. Chris. Their involvement along with other medical providers, many who have already served in the field in Haiti, complements the strategic model of ministering to the needs of entire communities in Haiti. Look for announcements of future medical trips led by the Community Health Initiative and be a part of this life changing journey.

Teachers Become the Students

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

World Wide Village has become the fiscal sponsor for the Ebenezer Discipleship Training Center, located in Petit Goave, Haiti. This exciting new ministry is the initiative of Nate Yonker and Troy Livesay with support from a Haitian church in Grand Rapids, Michigan.



The Ebenezer Center's two-step approach to training is to first teach basic literacy, preparing pastors to read and understand God's word. After completing the literacy course, pastors will be enrolled in training sessions learning the fundamentals of Christian faith and discipleship training.

Global statistics show that effective evangelism is achieved by transferring knowledge from peer to peer. Phase II of the Ebenezer Center will be for newly trained pastors to identify leaders in their churches who are "on fire" for Christ and His Kingdom. The selected leaders will receive community based discipleship training. The resulting army of native missionaries will be sent out to win and build up the people of Haiti for



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