

# Center for the Church and Global AIDS Action Newsletter

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## REMEMBERING FORGOTTEN CHILDREN OVERLOOKED IN AIDS CRISIS

“Children often are overlooked or discounted by AIDS activists, scientists and even the church,” says medical professor **N. M. Samuel, M.D.**, of Chennai, India. “In Asia and Africa too few children get treatment, 700 children are born daily with HIV, and AIDS orphans are forgotten.” Dr. Samuel headlines this year’s **“Spring is a Time for HOPE”** brunch at the University of Denver on **Saturday, May 2** at 11:00 a.m. A world-renowned AIDS researcher & former president of AIDS Society of Asia & Pacific Islands, Samuel devotes his life in rural India caring for women & children living with HIV.



**Bill Graf**, Denver lawyer and humanitarian, will be honored as “Hero of the Year” for his voluntary service in Kenya, Rwanda, and the USA. Emcee will be **Theresa Marchetta**, Denver 7 News Anchor. Money raised helps 230 AIDS orphans in Kenya. **Support an orphan for \$150** & an anonymous donor will provide you two free tickets to brunch. Register now by sending a check!



## BLIND CAN SEE! CATARACT SURGERY IN INDIA



“God has a way of touching your heart when you are most vulnerable,” says Center Director Donald Messer. “I was celebrating my recent successful cataract surgery, when I met an impoverished grandmother in India, who pointed to her eyes.” Due to cataracts, she couldn't see her lovely granddaughter, an orphan since her parents died of AIDS. For \$200 she could have surgery! “So I promised \$2,000 to help her & others.” A success! She now can see & has started a business caring for goats to earn money to help her family.



*Earnings from a \$50,000 endowment supports 16 AIDS orphans*

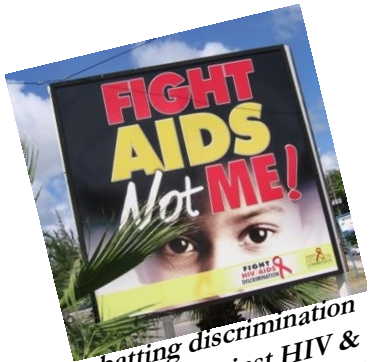
## LOOK TO FUTURE: ESTATE PLANNING & ENDOWMENT

The Center’s Board of Directors affirms Cesar Chavez’s vision that “If you only have as your goal to do good in your lifetime, then you have your sights set too low.” Thus a permanent endowment was created, thanks to gifts from all the directors, Senator Bob Dole, Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, and other cherished friends (see donor list). A \$10,000 grant from the Community First Foundation was matched by over \$26,000 in gifts, over and above donations to regular on-going needs and programs. Join the Charter Friends of the Endowment as we seek to start our endowment with at least \$50,000.

# CENTER CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Donald E. Messer, Executive Director

In January 2006 the Center for the Church and Global AIDS officially was recognized as a 501c3 charity. Our mission is to support and advocate for persons infected & affected by HIV & AIDS throughout the world through programs of education, prevention, care & treatment. In the past ten years we have raised and distributed \$1,632,081 from 1,282 donors. Thank you for your generous help in this awesome achievement! Below are photos of projects & people supported in 2014. These programs need our continued support in 2015.



*Combating discrimination and stigma against HIV & LGBT persons globally. India conference highlighted AIDS stigma, homophobia, & violence against women*



*Supporting 230 AIDS orphans in Kenya plus providing programs of care and prevention.*



*Tutoring 90 poor girls from HIV positive homes; 10 now in college*



*Feeding HIV positive people as food is imperative with medicine. The Center provides a free clinic in India for women and children, helping to stop mother-child HIV transmission*



*Caring for AIDS patients. including remodeling a public AIDS ward in India*



*Working with local Native American leaders & National Native American AIDS Prevention Center*



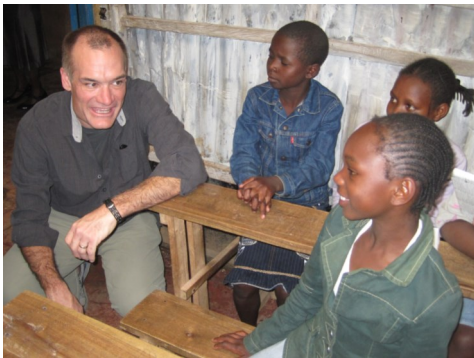
*Teaching & feeding HIV positive students in Nairobi, Kenya, school*



*Funding economic empowerment programs (e.g., pedicures & hair styling in Rwanda)*

# JOIN SUMMER TRIP TO KENYA IN 2015

Participate in a Kenya immersion experience this summer, arriving in Nairobi on July 14 and leaving July 24. Learn first-hand how the Center is involved with its Kenya partners in combating HIV and AIDS. Meet the children and staff at the school in the slums, visit with the orphans supported in Meru, attend an African LGBT seminar, & spend some time on a short safari! Contact Donald Messer via [globalaids@gmail.com](mailto:globalaids@gmail.com)



*Help bridge the differences between people in this world*



## CENTER RECEIVES MAJOR GRANTS

In recent months the Center has received major gifts from the Bacon Family Foundation, the Armstrong Family Foundation, the Moody Foundation, and the Community First Foundation to support various programs of the Center.



*(Photo montage by Jason Nagel)*

## KENYA EDUCATOR VISITED DENVER IN DECEMBER

In the heart of Nairobi's slums, Ann Baraza and her husband, John, seek to provide a safe, inclusive, and caring school and church. 157 young children arrive daily for an education & two meals. Their church welcomes everyone, including LGBT persons who are often persecuted in Africa.

In Denver, Ann Baraza noted that "Finding financial support for a school serving the poorest and most marginalized proves difficult, since bias & bigotry often prevails against persons & families living with HIV and AIDS." She reported that sometimes her teachers have "to hide their medicine at school because their violent husbands are afraid to let people know they are HIV positive."



**HONORING ALICE**  
The **Swinging@AIDS** golf event in Denver will honor Alice Washington, a loyal Center volunteer activist, whose untimely death we mourn. Alice helped create "Women Advocating for African-American Women Against AIDS." Page 3



*Meeting U of Denver Social Work Dept.*



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“SWINGING@AIDS”**

**9th Annual “Best Ball” Benefit  
Denver City Park Course**

**\$125**

**Covers fees, lunch, cart, & helps  
AIDS programs  
in India and Colorado**

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