

Catalyst

FRONT & CENTRE

- From the desk of Dr. Dennis Willms

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Dear Friends,

Every once in a while, if fortunate, you meet extraordinary persons who are "surprised by joy!"

Secular culture might call these simply volunteers. Yet what I have seen appears to come from another place. And then one asks: "what is it that really motivates these individuals to step outside of their comfort zone and participate in something of moral beauty?" I have been humbled to witness this deeper imperative expressed in love for others - in Canada and Uganda. As such, it has been an honour to experience first hand the hand-work of individuals whose hearts are gold, driven by a moral compass and purpose.

Dr. Les Neufeld, together with his family conducted an eye clinic in Lyantonde at the Salama SHIELD Foundation (SSF) Community Development Centre. Hundreds of persons showed up to be examined; many walked away with glasses and the opportunity to see.

Doug Fregin and Kelly Gluck have invested countless hours in the

visioning and development of the vocational school; Jess and Brin Krueger raised thousands of dollars through their school to assist vulnerable youth; Paul and Marlene Atkinson, Paul and Beth Gilbert, and Dennis and Lori Roth assisted our team in Uganda in the library and with the micro-credit revolving loan programme; Paul and Ingrid Fehderau (and their children) conducted a music workshop that brought two cultures together in a shared understanding of life, joy and love; and my own sons (Luke and Mark) and wife Rita join me in supporting our programmes in creative ways.

What motivates them comes from a deeper place - of faith and love and care for others. We are in this together; and in the process, edging towards a clearer vision of each other, our faith, and what is possible.

Thank you for joining us in this work: for your prayers, and for your commitment to "doing development differently!"

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Feature Volunteers

(“surprised by joy”)



Dr. Les and Mrs. Lori Neufeld, and family

Dr. Les and Lori Neufeld and their children, Paul and Carianne Peters are motivated by that “deeper place”. Though never before in Africa, they organized and conducted an Eye Clinic at the Community Development Centre in Lyantonde, July 11-13, 2012. We thank ALCON PHARMACEUTICALS, for supplying drugs and drops allowing Les to offer free medication to patients diagnosed with eye conditions requiring medical treatment. The need was overwhelming as hundreds lined up for 2 days to be seen by one doctor, and with help from National medical staff, Dr. Neufeld saw an astounding 120 patients in just 2 days!



Lori commented on that day on her blog:

“It seemed that so many needed the same prescription. Carianne and I would scan our glasses wondering if we could find a suitable pair. We started to joke about “loaves and fishes” since it seemed like we were miraculously able to find a pair for each patient. Les would be working with someone and instead of calling out “plus 2s” he would just say “Loaves and Fishes”.



Brin & Jessica Krueger

“You can do a little bit .. and a little bit helps”

[Jessica Krueger]

Brin (14) and Jessica (12) Krueger live on a farm outside of Fergus, ON. They understand farming. They also know how dependent these animals are on them for food and shelter. Supported by loving parents (Greg and Joanne), they came to understand how many young persons in Uganda suffer: “they do not have a goat, let alone a cow to help feed their families”. Driven by a sense of righting wrongs in this world, these two young women raised CAD \$3,500 through friends and students at their school. “Everybody deserves as much as we have”, they say together. When purchasing the goats from this money, and distributing them to the most economically vulnerable of families (through Salama SHIELD), they were “surprised by joy” and are presently determined to do more. “What we did was not enough - there will never be enough unless everyone helps!”



THE SALAMA SHIELD FOUNDATION INVITES YOU TO

Doing Development Differently

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, at 6:30 p.m.

at the HACIENDA SARRIA

1254 Union Street, Kitchener, ON, N2H 6K4

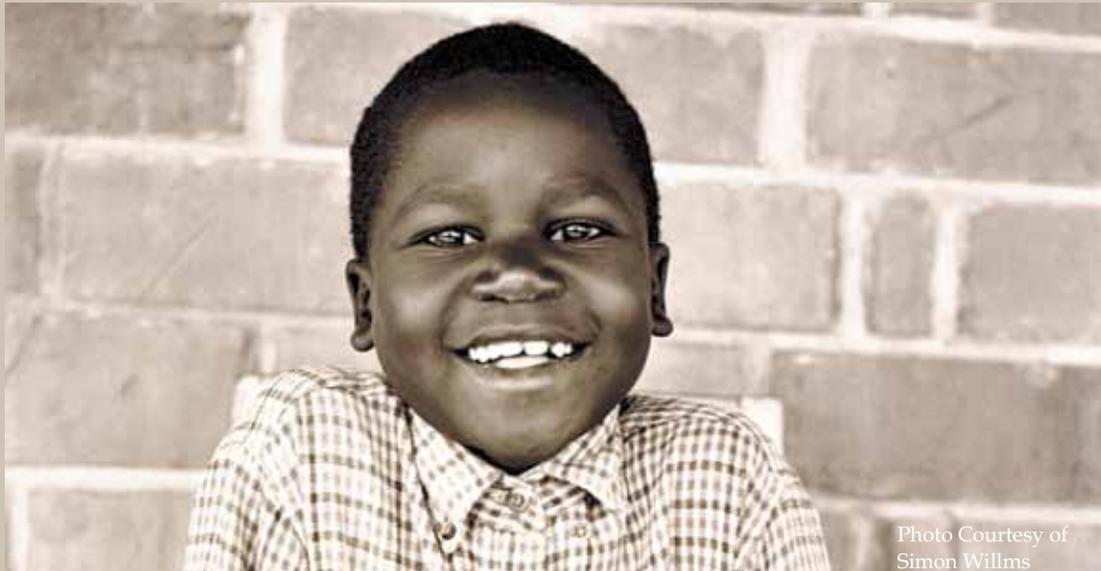


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Simon Willms

Join us for an African cultural event
and learn how you can positively impact the lives of vulnerable youth.

Our honoured guests



Dr. James J. Orbinski is a Canadian physician, writer and humanitarian with an amazing list of accomplishments. Presently he is the Chair in Global Health at The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), and Director of the African Initiative.



Paul Fehderau has been astounding audiences for years with the easy sounds of jazz. On his trumpet and surrounded by other talented musician friends, he is a welcome addition to the flavour of the evening.

ALSO FEATURING *Guest Artist from Uganda – David Kigozi
*African drum music *African market
*5 course plated Gourmet Dinner

FOR TICKETS, CONTACT US AT:

info@salamashield.org

519-696-3686

OR PURCHASE ON LINE AT:

www.salamashield.org/event

TICKET PRICES:

\$150 / individual

\$250 / couple

\$1000 / table of 8

(a portion of this ticket is tax receiptable)

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Our Development Model



A STORY FROM THE FIELD:

At 10 years old, Dennis had already survived the loss of his mother, malnutrition and neglect. But his life was changed by a simple gift of 2 goats through the generosity of a donor to Salama SHIELD.

Dennis Assimwe is 15 years old, and his goats have multiplied enough that four goats have been sold over the past two years. The goats were sold by his father to provide school fees and supplies for him and his brother; a dowry for a new wife; and bedding for each of his sons so they no longer had to share blankets with their father. The goats have all since been replaced by new offspring.

Dennis and his family now have collateral, enough money for food, school fees, clothing and a brighter future.

A gift of \$75 will provide one goat to a needy family.



Visit our website and sign up to receive our communications by e-mail to continue learning more about *Salama for Life* programmes and our community initiatives in Uganda and Malawi.

We would love to hear from you!

www.salamashield.org



Blog at salamashield.tumblr.com

Salama SHIELD is creating a scholarship fund for AIDS orphans and economically vulnerable youth who will attend the school starting in February 2013.

Your generous contributions to this scholarship fund will change the lives of youth who will be given a chance for vocational training.



To contribute, please visit our website listed above or contact our office.



Highlights

- **SEPTEMBER 21**
WORLD DAY OF PEACE
- **OCTOBER 16**
WORLD FOOD DAY
- **OCTOBER 17**
WORLD DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY
- **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2**
'Doing Development Differently'
Gala Fundraiser
at the Hacienda Sarria,
Kitchener, ON.
www.salamashield.org/event
- **DECEMBER 2012**
CATALYST Winter Issue
- **FEBRUARY 2013**
Opening of the
SALAMA VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION CENTRE – Lyantonde

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