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international teams

From the desk of the Director of International Teams, Kellie Allen

Summer Team Update

Our summer teams have worked hard during the recent lazy, hazy and rainy days both abroad and here at home. In June, dedicated volunteer Della Redwood spent 2 weeks in **Aroland** assisting in running an 8 day kayak trip on Lake Superior for 4 First Nations youth. In addition, she organized John and Janet Reynolds' wilderness camping gear for ease of use on future trips. Della is a member of our Aroland Interest Group and has participated on two other Careforce teams. We truly value her continued resourcefulness and commitment to our projects.



In July, a diverse group of participants spent 1-2 weeks at the **Lighthouse School in the Dominican Republic**. 6 Canadian teachers, who normally take some time to rest in the summer, put on an incredible series of Professional Development workshops for teachers at the Lighthouse School in Los Alcarrizos and the Lucille Rupp school in San Juan. Over 50 teachers were in attendance at these combined events and were impressed and motivated by what they learned. We hope this will be the start of an annual training conference in order to continue to build on the solid foundation of Christian teaching by the 36 dedicated staff there. If you are interested in participating in this



in 2009, reserve your place now! In addition, the team put on clinics in 2 communities and Dr. David Fernandez saw over 500 patients and treated for a variety of illnesses such as parasites, minor wounds and infections and high blood pressure. The remainder of the team worked on the water purification system that will provide clean drinking water at an affordable cost to 2000 local families. For many it was a time of bonding in service that will never be forgotten.



upcoming teams

If you would like to join a fall team, there are still spaces available on the following trips:

Burkina Faso

3 groups will be assisting in the ongoing care and maintenance of the Village of Hope as we enter the 7th season of our involvement there. There are a few spots left on the October 31—November 14th team.

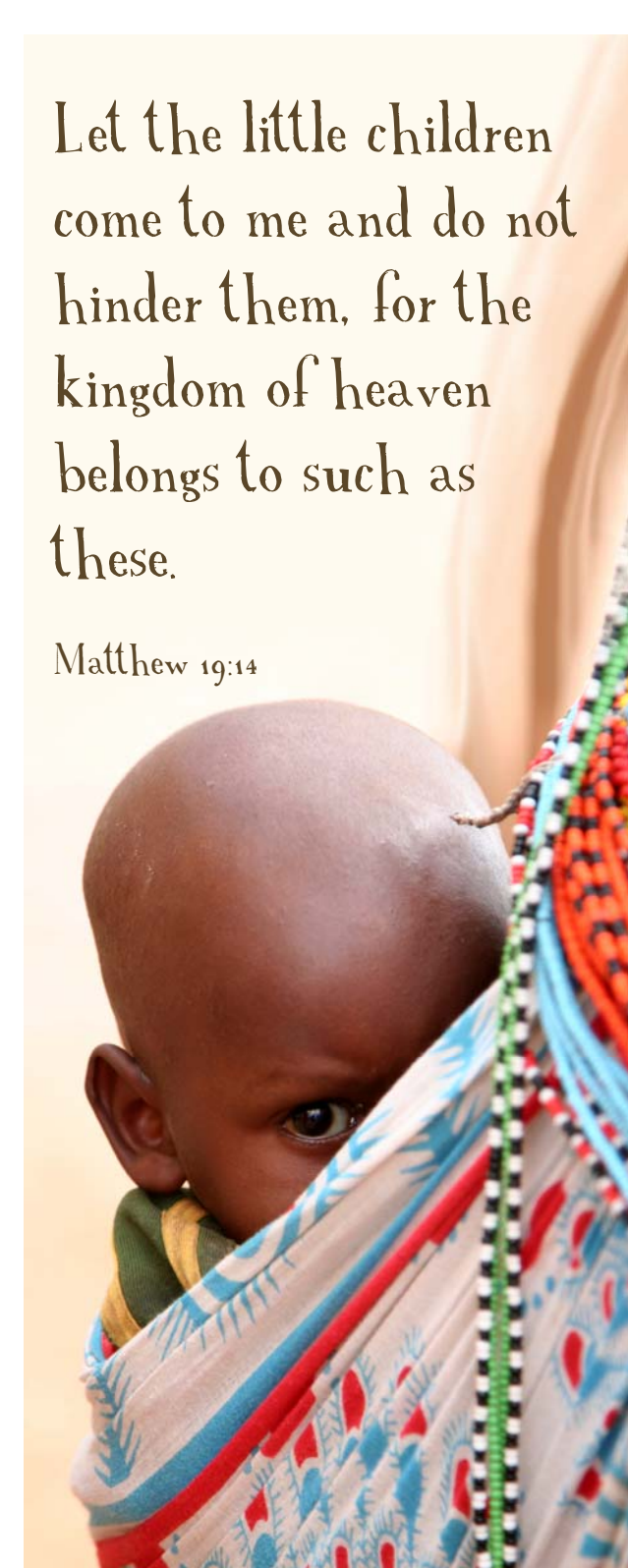
El Cercado, Dominican Republic

A small number of spaces are still available for the October 25—November 1st team. This mixed group of individuals will be providing relief and love for the world's forgotten and vulnerable children.

Email teams@careforceinternational.ca if you are interested!

Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.

Matthew 19:14



- I would like support the Careforce Run Squad in the amount of \$ _____
- I would like to join the Careforce Run Squad—please contact me
- I would like to give \$ _____ towards the Water Purification System in Los Alcarrazos
- I am interested in being on the 2009 Golf Committee—please contact me
- Please find enclosed my gift of \$ _____ to the ministry of Careforce International

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coming events

From the desk of the Director of Development and Sponsorship, Jayme Van Geest

2008 Toronto Waterfront Marathon

On Sunday, September 28th, Careforce friends, donors and staff members will be walking or running the 2008 Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront 5km, Half and Full Marathon in support of Careforce International. We are lucky to be one of this year's official charities with the combined goal of raising over \$1 million dollars. Participating in a race like this not only gives us a chance to share what Careforce is about with a large network of people, but we also get to stay active, healthy and strong all summer long! You can help in two different ways:

JOIN US!



Most of the people participating with us this year are first timers. You do not have to be an athlete to help represent Careforce on race day. Contact me to join the CAREFORCE RUN SQUAD! We are offering a free race registration to those who pledge to fundraise.

SUPPORT US!

Walking or running a race is no easy feat, regardless of the distance or personal skill level involved. Our participants are working hard at both training and fundraising—all to help us be better able to bring help, healing and hope to children in need. Whether you identify with the walker recovering from recent quintuple bypass surgery, the soccer player trying to

improve her cardiovascular fitness, the seasoned marathoners trying to beat their best times, or one of our other participant's stories, help the Careforce Run Squad stay motivated by giving us your support. **Use the response device attached to support the Careforce Run Squad.**

2008 Christmas Concert and Fundraiser

We are already in the planning stages of our 2nd Annual Christmas Concert and Fundraiser. We were privileged to hear an amazing collection of artists last year, and this year promises to be even better. Stay tuned for more information as we approach the holiday season.

2009 'Fore The Children" Golf Tournament

This past June we held yet another successful golf tournament. In a market saturated with charity golf tournaments however, it is becoming increasingly difficult for our small staff team to recruit players, sponsors, auction items, and volunteers. In order to ensure success for our tournament in 2009, we are currently recruiting a committee of individuals to help expand our network of resources next spring. We have a number of people in mind but need your help to find new, motivated, and passionate committee members. Please let me know if you or a colleague, family member, or neighbor may be interested. Committee meetings are not mandatory—we only ask that each member commit to recruit a small number of people and items. With your help we look forward to another great year in 2009!

Email events@careforceinternational.ca for more info!

project update

From the desk of the President, Dr. Jennifer Wilson-Bridgman

Water Purification System Update

In our last newsletter we shared with you that the Lighthouse School in Los Alcarrazos had plans to build a reverse osmosis water purification facility that would produce 10,000 gallons of clean drinking water for the community each day. The system would not only make clean water more affordable for the community, but would generate a small amount of income for the Lighthouse School, create 5 new jobs and provide an additional platform under which to train students in the vocational center. We are happy to report that of the \$48,000 required just a few months ago, the Lighthouse School has **only \$4,000 left to raise!** In addition, the funds were expedited in such a manner that the facility housing the system, as well as much of the system itself are very near completion.



The initial water purification system campaign was met with such positive feedback and generosity that the LHS has decided to now expand their plan to include the production of individual sized water bottles, as well as the original 5 gallon jugs. Adding this venture will further increase the breadth and depth of impact this project will have on the community, and will cost an additional **\$11,000 to set up and run.** If you would like to help us raise the remaining funds required to finish the water purification system, please complete the response device attached or designate your donation towards the "Water Purification Fund". Thank you very much for your support.