



PARTNERING FOR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND RENEWAL – TRANSFORMING LIVES



YOUR IMPACT

Look What Unity Brings!

Very little brings a wider smile to God’s face than seeing His children act in unity – especially if such behavior extends a bit more of His kingdom from heaven to earth! That was definitely the case with our 2021 Walk for Global Empowerment. Don’t think for a second that this was just a fundraising event – it was much more! While it was certainly an event through which we will extend God’s kingdom, it was just as much an event in which we experienced God’s kingdom.

A Record Walk

Our 2021 Walk for Global Empowerment set out with a very ambitious crowdfunding goal of \$150,000, our largest goal we’ve ever had for the event. More than once, a few of the Walk organizers questioned whether we’d reach the goal, especially as donor fatigue affected the countries where the COVID impact was lessening (while COVID got much worse among our partners). Step by step, donor by donor, God worked through many people to not only allow us to reach the goal but surpass it. The funds are still coming in, and the 2021 Walk will raise more funds than any of the previous fifteen Walks!

Global and Generational Inclusivity

How did a record Walk result in times like these? We call it “Global and Generational Inclusivity”. Every corner of the world and every age group did what they do best. That seems to bring God great pleasure, and He often pours out His provision when He sees that taking place.

The North American adults, especially the Bostonians, took the lead on crowdfunding. Given the material blessings God has provided North Americans, this was what they could do best, and they did a great job with it! They simply

followed the strategy Jesus gave us – “go and tell what you have seen and heard”. They told the stories of the last becoming first through the work of our global partners. The response – inspiring generosity.

A Global Dance Contest and a Children’s Art Contest provided creative ways to raise funds. The youth embraced the dance contest and PEER Teens Uganda took the top prize with their amazing talent, raising \$500 for the Uganda Walk Team. (The picture above is some of the young Ugandan walkers taking a break during their Walk to enjoy a local waterfall.) Young people from Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Zambia, Burundi, South Sudan, Guatemala, and the US also got in on the action, and some not-so-young people from other parts of the world as well! Those dance steps led to thousands of dollars for the materially poor.

The very young got in on the action through our Children’s Art Contest. Children from the Philippines raised hundreds of dollars through their artwork, and the top piece was submitted by two young Boston artists working together. They are children of our volunteers from two different PEER families working in unity.

A Million Steps to a Million Dollars

This year’s record together with the funds raised since the first Walk steps back in 2006 allowed us to cross a significant milestone in the history of the event. More than \$1 million has now been raised through our Annual Walk! That has transformed the lives of thousands of families around the world, and the PEER global family has had lots of fun while doing it. **Thank you for your generosity that has made it possible!**

Celebrating 30 Years of Partnership!

How we thank God for 30 amazing years of extending more of the kingdom of heaven to earth! Through your prayers and financial support, God is at work enabling tens of thousands of the materially poor and non-poor to experience economic, social, and spiritual transformation. Thank you!

If you would like to send a tax-deductible donation to PEER Servants, you can direct 100% of your gift to any of our Global Partner Funds. See the back side of the newsletter for contact info. Thank you for your generosity. **God bless you!**

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30th Anniversary Lydia Celebration

We’re turning 30! It seems like just yesterday Claudio, a Mexican fruit seller, was taking out the first micro-loan given through our global partner network. Now, hundreds of thousands of micro-loans later and programs that have extended beyond microfinance into education, youth empowerment, healthcare, and food security, it’s time to celebrate! **Will you join us? Go to peerservants.org/celebration for all the details!**

WHAT TRANSFORMATION LOOKS LIKE

**A Guatemalan Med Lab for the Poor**

The materially poor rarely get good access to affordable healthcare. Potter's House, our Guatemalan partner, is changing that! Through support from PEER Servants, Potter's House opened a medical lab that is accessible, affordable, and even sustainable as the fees charged for the lab tests are low enough for the materially poor to pay and high enough to cover the operating costs.

**Better South Sudan Girls' Education**

When SALT, our South Sudan partner, reported that less than 10% of girls in South Sudan complete primary school, our collective response was "Not on our watch!" We teamed up to create the SALT Scholars program and God led a donor to provide \$10,000 for five young women to attend a two-year certified teachers program. The future of girls' education in South Sudan is getting better!

THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERS

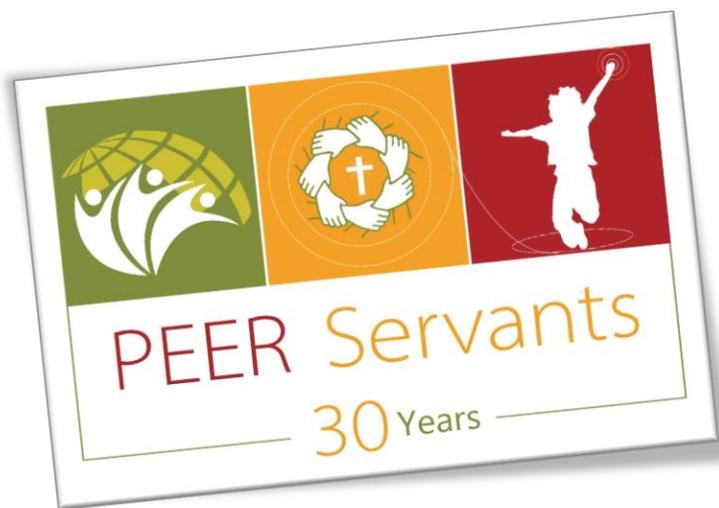


Meredith Mays did a fantastic job creating the 2020 Annual Report for Invest Credit, our Moldovan partner. Go to peerservants.org/moldova to check it out!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Check out PEER Servants' 30th Anniversary logo! We'll use this from July 2021 through June 2022 as we celebrate 30 years of God working in and through us to extend more of the kingdom of heaven to earth. The logo itself has quite a story! Read more below.

Celebrating 30 Years!

We've started our year-long celebration of 30 years of extending a bit more of heaven to earth. From July 2021 through June 2022, we will thank God for what He has done through PEER Servants and our global partners. The big event will be our 30th Anniversary Lydia Celebration in late September and early October through House/Virtual Celebrations. Please go to peerservants.org/celebration for the details.

We commissioned a new logo to celebrate these 30 years. There's a story captured in it.

Transformed Families

The green panel captures the transformation that thousands of families around the world have experienced. Microfinance has been our core program as an efficient and effective means to multiply your donations for significant kingdom impact. Three factors have led to positive outcomes...

- Micro-entrepreneurs pursued their own dreams, not ours.
- Micro-loans were repaid at generally high repayment rates, allowing many to benefit.
- PEER's volunteers allowed us to direct 100% of your donation to your Cause.

What started with microfinance programs now includes programs in education, youth empowerment, healthcare, and food security that have contributed to families being able to experience true transformation.

Global Partnership

The orange panel captures partnership. These partnerships are centered on Christ and His call to extend the kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven". Three key factors in our partnership model have led to such positive outcomes...

- Global partners have much lower operating costs than a North American organization.
- Affordable interest rates also cover the operating costs of local partners.
- Global partners transform the lives of the PEER volunteers working with them.

Healthy partnerships go the long term as we embrace our interdependence and value what God has given us for the other.

Blessed Children

Ultimately, PEER's programs transform the lives of children around the world, and the red panel captures this. While most of our programs are focused more on empowering the family unit and enabling the parents to provide for their children, ultimately it's the children who will experience more of the kingdom. This panel captures how the halo of sacred partnership creates the jump rope for the children's joy, and the halo around the children's outstretched arm reveals how sacred a child's joy is in the kingdom.

The Artists

Who created this beautiful 30 years logo? Two of our Ugandan volunteers – Denis Aguta and Gift Agani. How we thank God for their talent! Gift was actually one of the founding members of PEER Teens and the first PEER Teens Scholar. What an amazing kingdom return God has brought through his life.

On to 2030

Our Celebration of 30 Years will be much more about looking ahead than looking back. The year 2030 looms closer than you think, and PEER is already preparing to have much greater kingdom impact by then with new leadership and expanded programs. Our best years are ahead of us as God blesses us. **Thank you for making it possible!**