



PARTNERING FOR ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND RENEWAL – TRANSFORMING LIVES



YOUR IMPACT

Meet Our Newest Partner!

For many years, PEER Servants adopted a partnership model of one Global Partner per country. We did that for many reasons, primary of which is that we are a small organization and we couldn't effectively support more than one organization in each country. As our focus has transitioned from our own limitations to the lack of God's limitations and our utter dependence on Him, we have adopted a "palpable kingdom presence" vision in the regions in which our Global Partners operate. Such a vision is bigger than any one organization – be it PEER Servants or any of our Global Partners – and requires multiple partners who collaborate well together for it to become reality. We are entering a new partnership phase at PEER Servants where we will work with multiple Partners in each country.

First Ugandan Partner: CAF ECC

Since 2005, PEER Servants has partnered closely with Christian Action for Empowering Church and Community (CAF ECC), a Ugandan organization extending the kingdom in the West Nile region, under the leadership of their Executive Director, Patrick Obiga. CAF ECC started as a microfinance organization and they have done it well, operating at or near operational sustainability while lending over \$1.5 million through over 10,000 micro-loans. They have helped create their share of Lydia Award winners, including Monica, a farmer who has overcome tremendous challenges and is our current Lydia Award recipient. CAF ECC was also the "birth parent" to PEER Teens, the youth empowerment arm of PEER Servants. Eventually they would add programs in education and food security in their passionate efforts to extend the kingdom to the people of Northern Uganda.

Second Ugandan Partner: PAD

Uganda is the youngest country on the planet – 77% of its population are age 25 or younger! That demographic led to the rapid growth of PEER Teens Uganda under the capable leadership of their President, Gift Agani. Gift was so sharp he was selected as one of three pioneering young "Ambassadors" in PEER Servants' new "Emerging Leaders Initiative" program. Gift's "kingdom dream" was to establish PEER Teens Uganda as its own organization called PAD (PEERs in Action for Development) to fully support the potential these young people had to transform their communities. The leadership of CAF ECC sent PAD off with its blessings and PAD was officially launched in January 2023 and became PEER Servants' second Ugandan partner, focusing initially on youth empowerment and education programs.

A Very Bright Future

PAD is committed to developing the creative programs Ugandan youth need to extend more and more of the kingdom of heaven to the Ugandan people. Over time, they are committed to creating sustainable programs that are not dependent on foreign funding to allow them to continue. Anyone who has spent any time with these Ugandan youth (some of them pictured above!) cannot help but see their huge potential. They are dreaming kingdom dreams, and we are super excited at PEER Servants to welcome PAD as our newest member in our Global Partner Network!

Thank you, PEER Servants family, for enabling PEER Servants to grow and transition to this multiple partner per country model.

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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It's Walk Season!



What event has God used more than any other to provide the resources PEER Servants needs? It's our annual Walk for Global Empowerment! This event has raised over \$1.25 million for the materially poor. Our 2023 Walk will be the afternoon of Sunday, June 4 around Lake Quannapowitt in Wakefield, MA, but you can walk anywhere that previous week! Our crowdfunding goal: \$200,000. Check out peerservants.org/walk for more information.

WHAT TRANSFORMATION LOOKS LIKE

**Another University Graduate!**

That's Sandra Gacuti (center) at her graduation from Summit International Institute in Burundi with a Diploma in Economics. Sandra is one of 50 PEER Teens Scholars – promising servant leaders active in one of the PEER Teens affiliates in Africa who receive a university scholarship. To sponsor, email education@peerservants.org.

**A New Bus for Tribal Students**

Through the generosity of the PEER family, the teachers and staff can now get to this remote tribal school in Palawan, Philippines –avoiding wading through seven rivers! The mini-bus also transports people to the hospital in cases of emergencies. It's one more step our Filipino partner, CCT, is taking to extend the kingdom!

THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEERS



That's Sandy Smith and Jim Gulinello, PEER Servants volunteers who recently visited our Indian partner, CSS, on the outskirts of Kolkata. CSS serves over 30,000 micro-entrepreneurs like this cauliflower farmer. Interested in traveling to a PEER Servants Global Partner in 2023? Email us at travel@peerservants.org.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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That's Vivian Su, Co-Director of Resource Teams, celebrating the chicken biscuits given to us by Chick-fil-A Woburn (thank you, Mike Rose!) for our recent quarterly gathering of PEER Servants volunteers. The culinary delights didn't stop there! Asian members from our supporting church, Grace Chapel, came and taught us to make Chinese Dumplings for lunch!

There's a Place for You!

PEER Servants is a diverse, global family of over 250 volunteers on 50+ volunteer teams. Amidst their diversity by nationality, race, age, denomination, political party, and socioeconomic status, they have two overriding things in common – a desire to follow Jesus, and a desire to extend the kingdom of heaven to earth (which is what following Jesus ultimately means!). What would make PEER Servants even better? You! With 50+ Teams to choose from, there's a place for you in PEER Servants!

Choose Your Country!

Are you passionate about a given country in the world? How about Guatemala, India, Moldova, Peru, the Philippines, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Uganda, or Zambia? Country Teams meet virtually monthly for one hour. They include 5-20 people who walk together to support the work of our Global Partners in that country. This support includes completing projects identified by the Global Partner, raising financial resources, praying, networking, encouraging, and much more.

Choose Your Program!

PEER Servants started with a focus on microfinance. As powerful as effective microfinance can be, our Global Partners came back to PEER and told us it wasn't enough with a mission as big as extending the kingdom of heaven to earth! God was calling them to other programs as well, and they wanted PEER Servants to continue to walk with them. So now PEER Servants partners in education, youth empowerment, healthcare, and food/water security programs. Are you a teacher, doctor, nurse, youth worker, farmer, or passionate about any of these areas? There's a place for you on one of our Program Teams to help strengthen these programs offered by our Global Partners.

Choose Your Event!

We have some volunteers within PEER Servants who state, "I will never go to Timbuktu, but I am passionate about what you do and want to help right where I am – what can I do?" Many of these folks join one of our Event Teams. Do you love music or the arts? Join our Concert Team! Do you love a beautiful Banquet and telling inspirational stories? Join our Lydia Celebration Team! Do you love creating a fun family event that will change the lives of thousands? Join our Walk Team! We even have a Movie Festival Team for those who love movies! If God has gifted you with hospitality or just the desire to create a good time, you'll find your home on one of our Event Teams.

And So Much More!

We've barely scratched the surface of the opportunities to get involved at PEER Servants. Are you passionate about discipleship or prayer? Join one of a dozen Discipleship or Prayer Teams. Do you appreciate the need to raise the financial resources? Join one of the Resource Teams focused on churches, foundations, major donors, and more. Do you want to put your experience to work for kingdom service? Join one of our Service Teams – like the Graphic Arts Team, the Social Media Team, the Technology Team, and many, many more. And if you are just looking for close community with a local family of people passionate about the kingdom, we call those our Chapter Teams and they are currently in Boston and Nairobi, with more on the way.

You get the picture. There's a place for you within the Global PEER Servants family. Email serve@peerservants.org to explore the next step. **Remember – what will make PEER Servants even better? You!**