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Dear Friends,

During the month of June, I was happy to be invited to speak at three wonderful events. On June 3rd, I participated in a panel on Dialogue & Culture in a Globalizing World at the Loyola University of Chicago conference, “Globalization for the Common Good.” Then on June 19th, I addressed The Business of Good Forum at Ohio State University, which provides an opportunity for corporate and non-profit professionals to come together for discussion and collaboration. And finally, on June 27th and 28th, I was asked to speak at the weekend masses at St. Noel Church in Willoughby Hills, Ohio, one of IPM’s strongest congregational supporters, which partners directly with our Project Partner, *Mujer y Comunidad* in Zaragoza, EL SALVADOR.

In preparation for these events, I was particularly struck by the message and challenge of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures that served as the readings for mass at St. Noel: “*As a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance may also supply your needs, that there may be equality.*” (2 Corinthians 8:9, 13-14). Despite the economic crisis facing the United States and our world right now, we continue to approach partnership with the same spirit of abundance that has been a hallmark of IPM since our founding some 35 years ago. We are inspired to give of what we have, and as we are reminded by our Project Partners around the world and each time we participate in each Immersion Experience with them, it is through such humble partnership that we gain much more than we could ever hope to give.

It is in this spirit of sharing our abundance, and entering into new partnerships, that we send this issue of *E-Connections* with opportunities to join with IPM as we answer a call to partnership and shared abundance. Whether by donating as part of our match campaign, participating in one of our upcoming Immersion Experiences, or exploring corporate partnership through our Global Citizens Program, we hope you find new ways of partnering with IPM and our brothers and sisters across the globe.

We are also happy to express our deep gratitude for answered prayers as Ilze Fender, our Director of Resource Development, returns home from a successful surgery on July 2. We thank you all for your well-wishes leading up to the surgery and ask for your continued

support during her rest and recuperation. Please join us in wishing her the best of luck for a full and speedy recovery!

Peace,

Joseph Cistone
Executive Director
Nairobi, KENYA, July 6, 2009

Donate by July 31 to be part of \$100,000 Match Campaign!

As evidence of the extraordinary commitment of our donors to IPM's mission and work around the world, we received a \$100,000 pledge by an anonymous donor to be used as a challenge match for new or expedited gifts received through July 1. In response to our progress to-date, our anonymous Matching Gift has presented IPM with a \$50,000 contribution, and is challenging us to keep the Match Campaign open through July. **Help us reach our campaign goal by making a new gift to IPM by July 31, or promoting this incredible matching gift opportunity among your circle of friends, family, and colleagues.**

Recent Immersion Experiences to Tanzania, El Salvador, and Nicaragua

We were thrilled to partner for the first time with St. Joseph University for an Immersion Experience to Tanzania. The students spent time in Dar es Salaam and Morogoro, as well as the island of Zanzibar, learning about the history of the country, as well as the current situation from community organizations. It was a challenging but impactful experience for the students, and we look forward to partnering with St. Joseph University in the future!

The College of the Holy Cross also sent two delegations of students on Immersion Experiences to El Salvador and Nicaragua. Both groups had the opportunity to visit with the Project Partners in their host country. Students traveling in El Salvador spent one night doing homestays with families of *Mujer y Comunidad-Maria del Pilar* in the community of Zaragoza, learning about the women's day-to-day lives. The delegation in Nicaragua spent two full days with IPM Project Partner, *CEPROSI*, also spending the night with families in the town of Nindirí.



To organize a group of your own for an Immersion Experience with IPM, contact Laurie Rodney at lrodney@ipmconnect.org or +1.216.702.2514.

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Consider joining us for the journey of a lifetime on one of our upcoming Immersion Experiences. Contact Laurie Rodney for more information at lrodney@ipmconnect.org or +1.216.702.2514.

EL SALVADOR "Educate the Educators": July 18-25
with Laurie Rodney and Julieta Borja

WYOMING: August 7-11
with IPM Board Members, Chris Henry and Caroline Mills

INDIA: November 12-22
with IPM Executive Director, Joe Cistone, and Mahesh Updadhya

ITALY: December 28-January 5, 2010
with IPM Executive Director, Joe Cistone

IPM Launches "Global Citizens Program" for Corporate Partnership

In partnership with The Business of Good, IPM was pleased to launch a new initiative to facilitate partnerships between corporations and our Project Partners. Corporations that commit to full or partial sponsorship of an IPM Project Partner will receive regular updates about the Project, a visit from a local Staff or Board member, and an annual meeting with Joe Cistone on how their investment is changing lives around the world. This Program also encourages corporate partners to become directly involved in the Project, whether by participating in an Immersion Experience Program, offering technical assistance or training to our Project Partners, or sponsoring a local child to participate in an Immersion Experience through IPM's Immersion Experience Scholars Fund.

For more information on this program, or to find out how your company can get involved, contact the IPM office at +1.216.932.4082 or Joe Cistone at jfcistone@ipmconnect.org.