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Dehli, India. Photo by
Amy Bakke

Afghanistan: Are We at Last on the Right Path?

Wednesday, April 28, 2010
Dr. Thomas Gouttierre
Dean of International Studies
University of Nebraska at Omaha

Canada and the US: World's Largest Trade, Energy and Security Partnership

Wednesday, May 19, 2010
Georges Rioux, Consul General
of Canada

Rising Global Powers: The New Reality

Tuesday, February 23, 2010
Vlad Sambaiew, President of the Stanley Foundation, will discuss India, China and other rising world powers.

The True Colombia

Tuesday, March 23, 2010
Elsa Romero-Bolet, Colombian native

Program Information

Free programs are at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd floor of the Bettendorf Library.

The programs are sponsored by the World Community Institute and the World Affairs Council of the Quad-Cities. The series is supported by a grant from Riverboat Development Authority and individual contributions.

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Palmer Reaches Out to the World through Its Clinic Abroad Program

By Lisa Killinger

Since 1996, Palmer College of Chiropractic's Clinic Abroad Program has sent groups of student interns, faculty clinicians and alumni to areas of the world that are underserved by healthcare providers. Twelve to 15 trips are coordinated each year and vary in length from 10 to 20 days. The trips are conducted during trimester breaks in February, June and October. They are organized with the permission of ministries of health in each country, and clinics often are held at hospitals, schools or orphanages, many in rural areas.

During the most recent trips in October 2009, students, faculty clinicians and alumni traveled to Vietnam, India and Fiji. The 102 total participants saw a grand total of 11,141 patients during the three trips. The largest number of patients was in India, where 47 students saw 6,259 patients.



Palmer's outreach to Fiji through its Clinic Abroad Program has come full circle. The program changed the life of Anjlene Prasad—not because she participated as a Palmer student, but because she was a patient at a clinic while living in her native Fiji. Anjlene was only 16 years old when the

Clinic Abroad Program visited her hometown of Labasa in Fiji. She was one of the many people who went to the clinic without having any prior knowledge of chiropractic. Growing up in a third-world country did not allow for much experience with medical care, let alone chiropractic. "I wonder whether the doctors and students thought I was crazy asking so many questions!" she said. "I watched the interns from Palmer render the chiropractic care to kids with health problems and saw the kids

giggle and smile with gratitude after the adjustment. It made me smile to think how amazing and wonderful chiropractic is and gave me the reason to pursue a passion such as this."

Dr. Anjlene Prasad graduated from Palmer in October 2008 and is practicing in Australia with a Palmer College of Chiropractic (and Clinic Abroad Program) alumnus, Dr. Roberto D'Souza. She plans to save money over the next year in order to open a clinic in Fiji. In an ironic twist of fate, Dr. D'Souza is the alumnus who asked his church to sponsor Anjlene as a new student at Palmer, though they did not meet until after she graduated.



The origination of the trip to Madagascar is an example of how the trips result from different individuals and organizations working together. A few years ago, a faculty clinician at Palmer, Dr. David Hannah, learned through a patient that Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Davenport had a sister church in Madagascar. Through contacts at the church and eventually Catholic Relief Services, Dr. Hannah and Clinic Abroad Program organizers visited Madagascar and worked with the ministry of health to have a trip approved. The first trip to Madagascar, a country with no chiropractors and a population that is the second most malnourished in the world, was in June 2006.

Two years later, a recent Palmer graduate (October 2008) was inspired during a Clinic

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On the Ground in Paraguay

By Dr. Monica Banks-Gunzenhauser

Paraguay is a small South America Country that not many people have heard of. This landlocked country is bordered by Brazil, Argentina, and Bolivia. For many years Paraguay, known as the “empty quarter” of South America, was closed to tourism for political reasons. Now open to tourism, Paraguay offers a scenic variety of terrains on either side of the Río Paraguay.



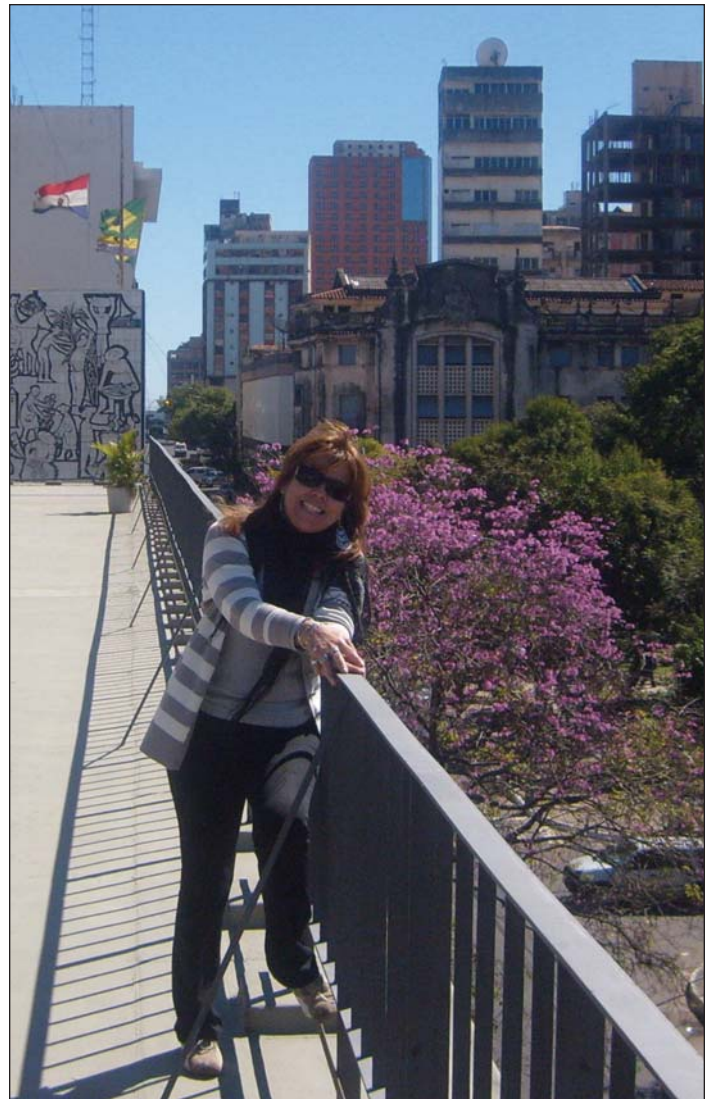
While there are many interesting Paraguayan facts, perhaps the most interesting current fact is that a former Roman Catholic Bishop who wears sandals broke the ruling party’s 62 year grip on

power in Paraguay to become the president in 2005. Fernando Lugo vowed to serve as the defender of the poor, and is trying his best to rule a country that used to be under the rule of only one party and a prior dictatorship for at least 60 years.

Paraguay owes its diverse culture to the mixture of traditional Spanish and Guarani (native dominant ethnicity) groups.

Tourism in Paraguay provides many options—from grand views of natural landscape, unique animals and plants to a beautiful night life in the capital city Asuncion—especially during the summer time.

Paraguay has two official languages since the adoption of the Constitution of 1992. All citizens enrolled in educational settings are required to be exposed to and taught both Spanish and Guarani. This initiative was enacted to ensure that the native culture and language will continue to exist.



Dr. Monica Banks-Gunzenhauser downtown Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay. In the back a beautiful Lapacho, the national tree in my country with beautiful pink flowers.

As a Paraguayan living in the Quad cities for 14 years, I see my country far and near at the same time—always remembering the beauty of, culture of an historical context of my birth place. I feel confident to invite you to visit a nice and secure place that will welcome you with open arms. You will taste amazing dishes, see wonderful shows with beautiful native dancing (with bottles on their head) and souvenirs that will be so inexpensive to you that you simply will not believe your luck. So, please, take some time to travel to Paraguay!

From Zanzibar to Gilgit: Exchange Programs Bring the World to Iowa

By Lisa Killinger

This year my home has become more international! I have two foreign exchange students living with me. In August, Aisha M. Haji, from Zanzibar, Tanzania arrived, and then in December, we were both joined by Anila Shaheen from a village near Gilgit, Pakistan. They are both studying at Central High School; both with hopes of a future in either healthcare or international studies. They were both brought through the YES program (Youth Exchange and Study), a state department sponsored effort that brings students from a variety of countries including countries in Africa, the Middle East, Mexico, South America, Europe and Asia. There are about 20 YES stu-

dents in the Quad Cities and 7 of them happen to be Muslims like Anila and Aisha.

Having these two girls in my home has taught me so much about Zanzibar and Pakistan, their people and their respective cultures. I am determined some day to visit Zanzibar, a beautiful tropical island, and to return to Pakistan, which I visited in the mid 1980's. I thought I might share with you the girls' answers to some simple questions I asked them about their homelands and their experience as foreign exchange students here in Iowa.

Enjoy!

Anila Shaheen



Tell us a little bit about your home country:

I am from Pakistan. It is a Muslim country but there are many other religions too like Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, Sikhism etc. The people of my country are hard working and very hospitable.

My country is a very beautiful country with many places that attract tourists for hiking and mountain climbing.

What do you miss most about your home?

My Mom and Dad.

What has been your favorite or most fun experience here in America so far?

I think my best experience so far was a Key Club activity for my school. On January 17th we went door-to-door to raise money for Dance Marathon. It was freezing cold outside but even though we froze for three hours I still enjoyed it because it was for a very good cause!!!

My other favorite experience was a Valentine's Party with our exchange student friends. We stayed at a hotel and went to Micheal's Fun

World to play laser tag and other games. I had an awesome time with my coordinator who is very loving, caring and supportive. During our last activity at the party, I received a teddy bear as a welcome present since I was the newest student here. I just love it; it's soooo cute!!!!

How is your experience at school different than your experience in schools back home?

I love both of the schools back home and here. The big difference is that back home my school is a small (around 200 students) and it's very hard to get into that school. (You have to pass tests to get in.) Also, we wear uniforms at school, and have a set curriculum. Here, my high school (Davenport Central) has over 1600 students, no uniforms, and lots of classes to choose from. Back home we really respect our teachers but I can hardly see that here.

What would you like people in America to know about people from Pakistan?

Americans have many misconceptions about my people. They think that since I am Pakistani I am a terrorist, which is absolutely wrong. One day when I told a student I was from Pakistan, his first question was if I had a bomb in my boots! I want to say that we as Pakistanis are also suffering from terror-

ism, and that doesn't mean that we are terrorists. Terrorism doesn't have a any country or a religion; they are extremists who are trying to destroy the peace in the world, and are our enemies. Another thing most people ask me is whether we have McDonalds or airplanes. Yes, we do; we have every necessity of life.

What's one thing you'll tell people back home about America that would surprise them?

I will tell them how nice and hard working

Americans are. Most people back home think that Americans don't care about their families and so I also want to tell them that Americans care and love each other in their families. I have learned they even accept strangers (foreign exchange students) who are totally different from them as family members and take care of them for the whole year, make sacrifices for them, give them love and never let them feel that it is not their own home.

Aisha M. Haji



Tell us a little bit about your home country:

My country's name is Zanzibar. It's an island in East Africa. It is always warm in Zanzibar since it is a tropical island. Also there are so many Muslims in Zanzibar.

What do you miss most about your home?

I miss my family, food and friends, especially when I'm at school.

What has been your favorite or most fun experience here in America so far?

Being in Davenport Central High School's Key Club is my favorite experience here in America. I meet new people through Key Club, and I also like helping people and being in key club made me help people more than just being on my own.

How is your experience at school different than your experience in schools back home?

School here is very different compare to my school back home .The most different thing is that back home in Zanzibar we wear uniform when we go to school you can't just wear any dress .But here people wear their casual clothes at school. And also we don't have special counselors at school; any teacher can be a counselor.

What would you like people in America to know about people from Zanzibar?

I would like them to know that there are so many Muslims in Zanzibar. But they are nothing like what we hear about on the news about Muslims. We are peaceful people with strong family ties and sound moral values.

What's one thing you'll tell people back home about America that would surprise them?

Some Americans hate rain because they don't want to get wet. This is in contrast to my home where the cool rain is appreciated (our climate is very hot) and rain brings all children out in the streets to play. I also will tell them that in America, some high school students have jobs and work after school. That is not done in Zanzibar.

Author's Note:

One of my foreign exchange students confided in my earlier this year that it was a bit scary coming here. The impression of Americans they get back home is based on movies and news stories, in which it seems that Americans are very violent and do not have very strong moral values. Fortunately, the stereotypical American in movies or on the news is not a good portrayal of Americans as a whole. A lesson in this might be that the view we get of people from other lands may develop out of seeing news stories or movies. This may not resemble at all what people are like in those countries "over there!"

I was also quite intrigued that a peak experience for both of these students was volunteering. The volunteer spirit is something that we should be very proud of as a nation, and when we get to share this spirit with our visiting students, I think the impact is profound.

I encourage others with an interest in world affairs to get to know some foreign exchange students, or better yet, consider hosting a student in the years to come.

Information about the YES program can be found at: www.yesprograms.org.

Note from the President



Dr. Lisa Zaynab Killinger

The year 2010 started off with a bang with our January World Affairs Council program entitled “Russia: Its Culture and People.” Our presenter was quite at home with our January weather and wowed us with beautiful slides showing the snowy streets and cities of Russia. I think that by the end of the program, Bettendorf’s cold winter didn’t seem quite so bad after all! It was clear that our audience enjoyed this program and everyone learned something about the people, culture, customs and foods of Russia.

In February, we are very much looking forward to our Stanley Foundation presentation on “Rising Global Powers”. Our members are anxious to hear more about this topic, and we have had good feedback from our members about the timeliness of this upcoming program. The Stanley Foundation usually does at least one presentation per year for our World Affairs Council and it has historically been one of our stronger monthly programs.

This will be the last newsletter of the 2009-2010 program year, so allow me to share a bit about our action-packed Spring program line up. First, we will travel to Columbia in March, and then will get a tour of Afghanistan in April, just as the snows begin to melt in the foothills of the Himalayas.

Note: Our speaker in April is a nationally renowned expert on Afghan culture, and this will be a “must see” program. In May, we usually don’t offer a program, but we had an opportunity to bring the Canadian Consul General in for a presentation entitled “The US and Canada: The World’s Largest Trade, Security and Energy Partnership.” We are very fortunate to have a speaker of this caliber here in the Quad Cities, and this will be an outstandingly strong end to a great year of World Affairs programs.

I would be remiss if I didn’t encourage all who are reading this to “go on record” so-to-speak as a supporter of World Affairs programs in the Quad Cities area. For your convenience, a support form is included in this newsletter. We are the only World Affairs Council in Iowa and offer a unique opportunity for Quad Citians to benefit from our monthly program offerings. We rely on and welcome your support. If you know a student, you can support their membership in World Affairs Council of the Quad Cities for only \$5. For the rest of us, \$15 will help provide funding for the excellent programs you have come to expect. We are enriched and strengthened by supporters like you!

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World Community Institute Marks 15 Years in the Q-C

By Judy Betts

The World Community Institute, or WCI, was founded in 1994 by a small group of individuals who wanted to make a contribution to global understanding in the Quad-City community.

The group met for the first time in the spring of 1994 at the former Marycrest College in Davenport. Those in attendance included Tom Betts, current president of the World Community Institute; his wife, Judy, a reporter with the Quad-City Times; Sister Kathleen Eberdt, a history professor at Marycrest College and member of Sisters of Humility; Tom Kalshoven, head of Churches United of the Quad-Cities; Dr. Robin Hall, a local dentist; and Jenni Criswell, a Scott County court employee.

At the initial meetings, a purpose statement was agreed upon: “to promote communication and understanding on international, national and local levels.”

One of the first items of business was to obtain a 501 (C) 3 non-profit designation, making the organization eligible for community funds and grants. This was done with the help of local attorney Henry Neuman.

The first program was held in November 1994 at the Bettendorf Library. Sr. Kathleen Eberdt spoke on Russia, sharing her observations of politics, economics, geography and the people—gained through study and nine trips to the country. Ninety people attended, including a class from Bettendorf High School. Beginning with the first program, attendees were asked to sign in with their name and address, so an up-to-date mailing list of participants could be maintained.

The yearly program series continued. For two years, while remodeling was in progress at the Bettendorf Library, programs were held in the nursing auditorium at Marycrest College. The Board of Trustees gradually was expanded, with addition of members from a number of foreign countries, including Nigeria, Gaza, Brazil, Paraguay and Venezuela.

In 2006, the WCI began a successful collaboration with the World Affairs Council of the Quad-Cities, working together to present the yearly lecture series. In 2007, the Bettendorf Library joined the effort, helping to sponsor the first two programs in the series. This has resulted in a broadening of the program, making it available to a larger audience with a wider range of speakers.

The 2009-10 lecture series is now in progress, with programs scheduled on Germany, Russia, Colombia, Afghanistan and Canada, as well as on the role of religions in peace-making and the rising of new global powers.

January Lecture: Russia's Culture and People

On Tuesday, January 26, Ms. Anastassia Zvoryguina did an excellent presentation on Russian People and Culture. She brought art and literary pieces from her native Russia and gave a very interesting PowerPoint presentation about her homeland.

The presentation included photos of common foods, drinks people, historical sites and celebrations. Audience members learned about significant cultural differences between the US and Russia.



Ms. Anastassia Zvoryguina

During her presentation Anastassia commented “People in the US smile a lot more than Russian people, even at strangers on the street. In Russia, if someone smiled a lot while walking down the street we would think they were either drunk or crazy!” Participants enjoyed a lively question and answer session and visited about what they learned.

Our thanks to Ms. Zvoryguina for making the January World Affairs/World Community program a huge success!

Stanley Foundation Announces Release of New Event-in-a-Box Toolkit

For more information or to order a toolkit, go to www.stanleyfoundation.org/nowshowing.

There's enough nuclear material in the world for a Hiroshima every day for 328 years. This isn't science fiction.



The world's leaders say nuclear terrorism is the greatest threat we face—with good reason. Even if there's little chance of it, the explosion of one crude nuclear bomb in one major city would change the world forever. Not only could it cause death on a mass scale, but it could

also trigger global economic disruption, environmental degradation, and a wider conflict requiring a military response.

There has been a serious effort to scoop up and lock down the world's nuclear materials since the end of the Cold War. Yet nearly 20 years later, we

are far from having all of these radioactive materials secure. And we are at risk of them falling into the wrong hands. Only a global cooperative effort can prevent this.

This Now Showing event-in-a-box toolkit from the Stanley Foundation features a DVD that helps viewers examine the challenge of securing all vulnerable nuclear materials globally. It aims to encourage discussion of the complexities of the "world's greatest security challenge," keeping nuclear material out of the hands of terrorists.

The Now Showing toolkit contains everything needed to have a successful gathering. In the event planner's guide is a timeline for setting up the event and tips to get the word out to the community. The moderator's guide provides useful hints on facilitating a successful discussion and the discussion guide includes questions to get the audience thinking. The toolkit also includes materials that provide further background on the discussion topics.

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Abroad trip to create a non-profit organization that will include chiropractors and other health professionals, plus experts in fields such as agriculture, plumbing, building, etc., providing care and service to people in need in Madagascar and Africa. His non-profit organization, Journey to Solidarity, began in earnest when he left the U.S. to provide chiropractic care in Ghana after plans to go to Madagascar fell through.

To participate in Clinic Abroad Program trips, students must be in their final year of study at Palmer, in the clinic intern portion of the curriculum. The trips are voluntary, and students must go through educational sessions, including cultural orientation programs. Students from all three Palmer campuses—in Davenport, San Jose, Calif., and Port Orange, Fla., participate.

Clinic Abroad Program participants raise money to take to the locations to which they travel. As much as \$30,000 a year is raised through bake sales and other fund drives. These funds are raised a little at a time, as most donations range from \$5 to \$20. For the June 2008, trips, students raised a total of \$8,389. Every dollar raised is brought to the country being visited, and is most often donated to orphanages or schools to provide such essentials as food and books. Students on one trip to an orphanage in Brazil were saddened by the lack of toys the children had, so for the next trip to Brazil they raised money to purchase inflatable balls in the form of globes for the children. The students enjoyed pointing out the Quad Cities and showing the children how far they had come to help them.

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The World Affairs Council of the Quad Cities

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