

Subject: A Way Out

Family, Friends and Colleagues,

I'm asking for help and assistance - this is a rare situation for me, as most of you know. :-)

The Solution Beacon Foundation (<http://www.solutionbeaconfoundation.org>) is working with Steve Peifer (who was a computer techie in a prior life :-)) to sponsor multiple programs in Kenya, Africa where he and his family are working as missionaries.

Steve's primary program provides a lunch meal for school, because it is hard to go to school and learn anything when you are hungry. The other major program gives the students a way out by teaching them how to expand their world and knowledge using computers via donated self-contained computer centers. We all know how computers have dramatically affected all of our lives. Imagine the unlimited opportunities in a place where they have never even seen a computer. This IS a life-changing program that we have the opportunity to be a part of thanks to Steve and his family.

Because of Steve's efforts, approximately 6000 children did not starve today and throughout the past year. Many of them also began the path to learning that there is hope for them. We want to make sure that they and others will still be here tomorrow to continue to work on the way out of the vicious cycle the people in Africa are due to AIDS, starvation, war, famine and disease. We have a chance here to save lives by feeding others AND a chance to save multiple generations by providing them with the means and knowledge to save themselves. It's the classic "feed a man for a day or teach him how to fish - and feed him for a lifetime". It's up to us - this is a potentially culturally transforming event - the impact from computer centers in Kenya, Africa could impact many, many lives in a positive and substantial way far beyond the actual money donated and far beyond the borders of Africa.

We are all very fortunate to be where we are and to have what we have. Unfortunately, there are many that are hard-pressed to even find a meal for the day much less expand their horizons and introduce hope into their world. Please take a moment of your valuable time and review the programs offered by the Foundation and YourPal-Steve and see if there is something, anything that you would like to be a part of.

The difference between Steve's efforts and the constant barrage of requests for money or donations that we all receive, is that he is personally known to many of us. We know that everything we can give to him will, in some way, be put to use in the best manner. We can also see the personal, immediate and dramatic changes that we make in a peoples' lives through Steve's letters and pictures. Feeding people is critical - giving them a way out is hope for all of humanity.

We've helped Steve with his website and tried to convey his message. He's a fantastic person with an amazing ability to get to the heart of what really matters. Please review the sample of his letters (his website is listed under the Foundation Support Programs section) and see what we mean about his integrity along with his and his family's personal sacrifices and commitment to make a difference in their little part of the world.

The other programs the Foundation sponsors are the scholarship and work study programs. All of us, at one time or another, have lost a loved one that we truly would like to memorialize for all time.

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The Foundation provides you with that opportunity with named scholarships and memorials. Additionally, Solution Beacon has agreed to sponsor a work-study program for the graduates of the Steve's computer program. (Several political and logistical issues still need to be resolved but it's a start. :-))

I will only send this to my general mail distributions this one time. Starting in January, those of you who respond will be put on the Solution Beacon Foundation list server and will receive a periodic newsletter reviewing the status of all of the Foundation and YourPal-Steve programs and the tremendous progress made during the previous period. You will have the option of opting out of the list at any time. Those who do not respond will not be added to the list and will not be solicited in the future.

All of you know me in some way or another. Please know that this Foundation has been set up to create a legacy that will last long after all of us are gone. We CAN make a difference in this world. We've all seen what a group of individuals can accomplish when they come together for personal reasons. Think about what we can do as a group helping others less fortunate than ourselves. Please be a part of this - together we are much, much stronger than our individual efforts.

Please feel free to forward this note and information to any individual or organization you feel would like to contribute to these efforts. Thanks in advance for your help and support.

John Stouffer

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