

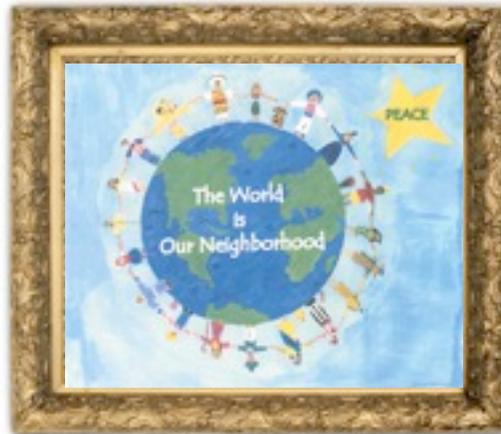
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IMAGINE IT

THE WORLD IS OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

❧ thank you, gracias, merci ❧

It has been an amazing year for The World is Our Neighborhood. A year of outstanding teamwork, commitment, friendship and wondrous accomplishments. We are grateful to all of those who gave of themselves to make our projects in the US, Peru and Africa so successful!



❧ about us ❧

The World is Our Neighborhood (TWION) is a 501 C3 charity dedicated to helping the poor, elderly, mentally & physically disabled. We specialize in the relocation of used medical equipment, supplies & furnishings from the USA to poor countries. TWION is fully non profit. We Are proud to say, that no one in our organization takes a salary.



Imagine It...

Imagine it...The World as you'd like to see it.

Imagine it...Close your eyes and make it real.

Imagine it and the closer it will be.

Imagine it...A world of Peace, Love, & Joy.

Imagine it... a World of an abundance of all good things for everyone.

Imagine It...The World as you'd like to see it.

Imagine it and Make it REAL!

Catherine A. Haala



LaQuebrada San Luis, Peru - School & Soup Kitchen

After a long day of waiting, the folks in the community of LaQuebrada San Luis , Peru finally saw our truck coming down the dusty road. The children were so excited to be getting school equipment, supplies and furnishings that would replace that which they had lost in an earthquake almost one year ago. At an assessment some months earlier there was little doubt that this community was the one that we wanted to team up with. A community with a determined loving spirit and will. Parents, children, teachers & community leaders were all working together to pick up any salvageable pieces of their lives. They already had little, now they had less but their spirits were not broken.



Parents and school children alike, began to carry the furnishings to the school, a different color and hand painted story for each class. In addition school supplies, backpacks, and soccer balls were welcomed. For the first time EVER, teachers had a desk! Ya Hoo!

Parents agreed to take turns working in the soup kitchen. When they saw their new supplies including a stove, pots, pans, utensils and service ware. it didn't take long for it all to be put into place. Now not only will the children have a place where they can go to learn, but somewhere that they can go to get a nourishing meal.

When the back door of our truck opened and a brightly colored pallet of new furnishings peaked out from within, the excitement was evident!





Hopital Gabriel Toure - Mali Africa

Ok, so I admit it, after my first trip to Mali over 2 years ago, I was not sure that I would ever return. I did not have very much time to do proper assessments and get the paperwork needed for another project. However, our Malian coordinators particularly Aissatta Traori encouraged me to continue. Along with our consignee team from Hopital Gabriel Toure, she agreed that it was the right thing to continue our efforts as an

IMPACT Project. We would work as a team to upgrade the level of healthcare at Hopital Gabriel Toure and they would in turn reach out to the smaller clinics and health centers with their surplus equipment. This would allow us to reach out to many more people. A strong team needed to be in place for customs clearance, the container of equipment had to be delivered directly to the hospital (not taken to a warehouse) and must arrive at the hospital

without having had the seal broken on the container. We agreed that the shipment would focus on the needs of maturity, critical care for children, beds for the children's malaria ward and supplies for the various departments in the hospital. As it turns out, we hit the nail on the head. With babies doubled and tripled up in emergency care incubators and warmers our shipment could not have come soon enough. Our stretcher units were

among the few if not the only ones in the whole hospital.

Thanks to the efforts of the US Government Programs and the Gates Foundation with regard to malaria & aids in Africa, our beds were no longer needed in the children's malaria ward but just what the doctor ordered for the emergency room!

Of course our supplies were welcomed too!





Hospital Santa Rosa - Lima, Peru

Hospital Santa Rosa in Lima, Peru has come a long way since my first visit there approximately 11 years ago. Hopeful patients used to crowd into the hospital waiting areas, hallways & lobby areas early in the morning until evening hoping to be able to see a doctor. Now patients can make an appointment. They have even started a program for cancer treatment.

It wasn't long after unloading the 40 ft. container that beds were placed in rooms, 3 examination rooms were installed, furnishings were put into the laboratory and other much needed equipment, supplies and furnishings were made available to a very happy staff!



You are Magic

*You are Magic,
You are Light,
You are a Star Shining
Bright
You are Beauty
You are Treasure
For You, there is
No measure!*

Catherine A. Haala



Brooklyn Federal Judge & former Columbia Professor Judge Jack Weinstein has a well earned reputation for the way in which he approaches his hearings, sentencing and even the way that he approaches the children who often come into the courtroom with their parents who are on trial. While serious about upholding the rule of law, he is also compassionate. Teaming up with TWION

allowed us to work together to put, books, workbooks, crayons etc into the hands of some of these children.

Many of the books were donated by the family of Mrs. Berkson, a teacher who encouraged the love of reading! After her death, sons Kenneth and James Berkson donated her books to TWION. Her teaching lives on!

**Judge
Weinstein
& his staff**
make books available
to children in his
courtroom.





TWION Introduces “Learning IMPACT” & “Soc it to Em!”

This year, TWION is proud to introduce two new programs “Learning Impact” & “Soc it to Em!” Because of the success of Medical Impact, we have decided to add “Learning Impact”. We feel that in order for a child to learn they need to have the basics of a desk and chair too. “Soc It to Em” evolved into a project after seeing the results of giving away donated soccer balls. This project teaches teamwork, keeps children healthy & of course brings lots and lots of smiles, smiles, smiles!

Blankets for Babies

Blankets for Babies provides not only a warm blanket for a baby, child or family but in many cases, also a kind message from someone who is donating it!

Gifts of Love

The Gifts of Love Program allows a small gesture to makes a big difference in building relationships! Stuffed animals, toys & clothing bring smiles to the faces of many!

I Want to Learn

I Want to Learn allows us to build a bridge between US project sponsors and in country schools, students, communities and teachers to bring school back packs, supplies and good will.

Precious Lives

The Precious Lives Program has done everything from giving a child necessary testing to saving a life.





TWION International Teams

The World is Our Neighborhood would like to say “Thank You” to our “In Country Teams”. One of the key elements to a successful project is getting our containers of equipment through customs and safely to the rightful destinations. I used to think that acquiring the funds to obtain and ship the equipment was the key element. Little did I know! Now, I feel that the first thing that

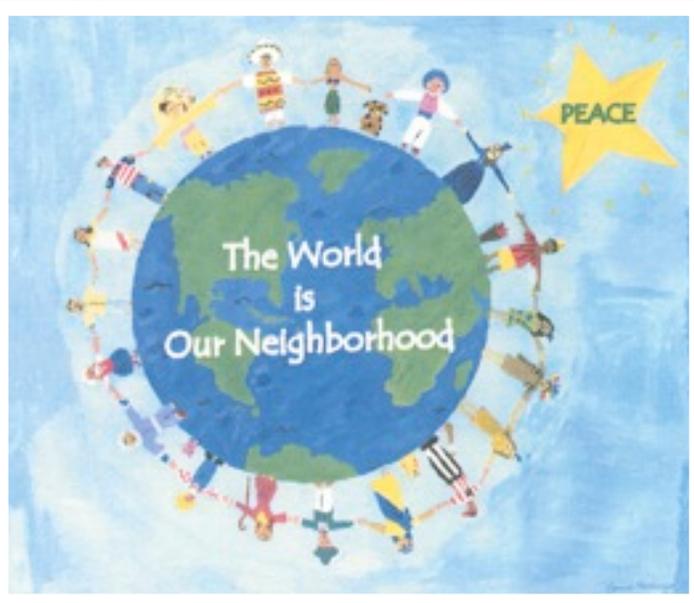
anyone entering into International Charity work should do, is commit to work a minimum of 5 years in customs clearance, administration of health issues and ground transportation “in country” to have a realistic understanding of why poverty exists. It is my belief that there is enough of everything in the world for everyone. We simply need to be able to get the donations

to the proper destinations and have more accountability. When charitable donations or pay-offs go into the wrong hands more harm can be done than good. This is the one area of my work that has given me the most eye opening look at poverty. It is my opinion that the world needs a system by which all reputable charities should be able to get their donations though

customs without taxes, tariffs or payments of any kind within a week of it’s arrival “in country”. What happens in this area cannot always be easily explained or believed unless you have walked the walk for a long period of time. Unfortunately, many of our most vocal spokespersons and those acting as authorities on poverty have not ever worked in this area.



the TWION FAMILY



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