



African Renaissance Ambassadors Corp Help Africans Help Africa (HAHA)



January 2010 Newsletter

Welcome

We extend our warmest wishes for a prosperous New Year. We invite to you look at what we have been working on in 2009 and what is to come in 2010!

Help Africans Help Africa (HAHA)

<http://www.aracorporation.org/Microfinance.html>

July workshop

The Help Africans Help Africa Microfinance Program continues to provide counseling, training and other resources to enable women build sustainable small businesses to generate income for the educational, health and day to day needs of their children in particular.



The second microfinance workshop was held on July 2, 2009 in Bafut, Cameron. Thanks to loans and donations of supports like you, our pioneer group of women have received funding and many more eagerly await the opportunity to invest in a small business.



Microloans give a reason to smile

Please consider a making a donation or loan.

ARA Marketplace

ARA launched the ARA Marketplace in August 2009. Through this initiative entrepreneurs have gained direct access to larger markets such as supplying their locally produced products to institutions. an opportunity which she may never have had otherwise.

African Festival in Orlando



Volunteer Y Bouele dances with participants

On Sept 19, 2009 ARA hosted its first African Festival in Orlando, Florida. Activities included storytelling, music and dance, arts and crafts and of course, African cuisine. Check the ARA website for the next festival planned for October 2010.

Special thanks to our local sponsors Papa John's Pizza, Top Produce, Congo River Golf, and Abradel Beauty Supply for the valuable material donations they provided. Special thanks also to GracePoint@the



Cross, University Presbyterian Church, International Leadership Foundation, Campus Crusade for Christ and Wycliff from which



program participants came. We are indebted to our excellent

volunteers who travelled from across the U S and Canada to give of their time, and talents. To the Orlando



Community, thank you for your participation, we look forward to hosting similar events in the future. Visit us online and on Facebook for upcoming events.



Volunteers Mbabndah, Kyle, Theodore



Lilian and Nancy help kids learn through crafts



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Cancer Project in Cameroon

<http://www.aracorporation.org/ARACameroonGovt.html>

In February African Renaissance Ambassador (ARA)



Corp was selected to participate in the Cameroon National Cancer Control Program through training sessions and education events

to emphasize the importance of preventive measures such as regular screenings. ARA Corp was assigned to Dunga Mantung Division in the North West Region of Cameroon in West Africa.

ARA Team: L-R William, Lemawah, Emmanuel



Peer education training on cancer at Nkiwi Common Initiative Group



Sketch on cancer at Government Bilingual High School Nkambe

Announcing....ARA Clubs

ARA seeks to encourage a Renaissance ethos by sparking critical thinking, instilling self confidence, and developing leadership skills within students. ARA Clubs will provide an environment where members are challenged to pursue their goals, encouraged to lead by example, and recognized for outstanding achievements. Students at two West African Universities will be the first to participate in this unique opportunity.

Facebook



Join us as we enhance interaction between Africans on the continent, Africans in Diaspora, and good will non-Africans. Be on the lookout for our new Facebook account. Also, check out our videos from Africa on the **araspf**

YouTube channel.

How are you promoting an AR?

Tell us of your events and activities that promote education, cultural exchange, transition assistance, aid and/or inspiration that support an African Renaissance Ethos.

Do you know an ARA?

There are many people working hard behind the scenes all over the world to 'Help Africans Help Africa' and establish an African Renaissance. In an effort to acknowledge these inspiring individuals around the world, we invite you to nominate Honorary African Renaissance Ambassadors. Visit the ARA Corp website for more information

We invite you to keep updated on our events and the progress of our Micro-loan program participants. Please share your stories with us and share in the stories of other: Dust to Snow stories, African Tales Everyday Ambassadors and more. Each month, contributions will be highlighted on our website www.aracorporation.org



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Partnership with the Sts Stephen and Paul's Foundation (SPF)

<http://www.aracorporation.org/spf.html>

Throughout 2009 ARA continued its long-standing partnership with SPF in Cameroon to provide orphans with an education, to meet the needs of the rural poor, and to train community based organizations in basic life saving skills in health and hygiene thanks to generous gifts from people like you.



Field rep Samuel getting ready for field training



Dynamic SPF women: L-R Odelia, Juliana, Catherine

SPF continues to partner with PLAN International to provide training to Community Based groups on such topics as nutrition, prevention of communicable diseases, and use of local materials to produce such basic needs as soap.



**Thank You!!
We enjoyed working with you in 2009
And look forward to greater things in 2010**



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Let us know of your efforts to promote a renaissance ethos on or regarding Africa. Join us to Help Africans Help Africa. Return this portion to the address below by mail or e-mail.

I will tell at least 5 friends about the African Renaissance Ambassador Corp.

Forward this newsletter from our website to your friends

I will organize an event to share African culture or support projects in Africa

Provide more information and contact us for ideas

I would like to participate in upcoming African Renaissance Ambassador Corp events

Provide us with your contact information

I would like to make a tax deductible donation of \$200 \$100 \$50 \$___

My gift is Enclosed I have given online

Checks must be made payable to African Renaissance Ambassador Corp to receive tax deductible receipt

Donations are solicited with the understanding that the African Renaissance Ambassador Corporation has complete discretion and control of the use of all gifts

We sincerely appreciate your support. Thank You!

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