

## **President's Report 2006-07**

The past twelve months should be called the expansion year as Afretech's activities have broadened to more fully address the mandate as set out in our constitution. We completed two shipments to Kenya, contributed to a shipment for Zimbabwe, and have consolidated three additional shipments which are currently waiting for funding approval from Rotary World Help Network (RWHN). Moreover, as we now are receiving so many quality donations not only from Kwantlen but from Douglas College and other organizations (e.g. FedEx), we have been able to send a number of these machines to places such as the Philippines as part of other RWHN shipments. Bringing the Emmanuel Boyz Rescue Centre (EBRC) into our organization has also been very successful, putting that facility on a solid footing through regular donations made by Canadians across the country, mainly through CanadaHelps. The centre has already received ten high-end computers from us and is making good use of the resource.

This year many more people have become aware of Afretech and what we do. In September, I presented at the Vernon Rotary Club, and in November at the Sechelt Rotary. Additionally I attended the Africa Symposium at SFU Downtown Campus, gave presentations at two elementary schools, two Delta Principals' meetings, Britannia High School, and a Vancouver teachers group (VSTA SJ). Furthermore, we are now actively working with Dr. Gillian LaPrairie who is affiliated with the OI Pejeta Conservancy in Kenya – an area where our resources could make a huge difference. Then Diane Keats wrote a letter to the Vancouver Sun about our work and the upshot was that they contacted me and, in late December, wrote a very complimentary article about Afretech, dedicating almost a full page to our endeavours. This led to our being contacted by the Open Knowledge Solutions Corporation which has offered to provide us with all the software we require free of charge. As well, a donor came forward wanting to generously endow a needy African school in memory of her cousin. So our name recognition has really improved, and we are expanding our humanitarian aid to improve so many more lives.

### Shipments

1. Zimbabwe: 10 bundles of children's clothing for AIDS orphans in the Mutoko region; computers, and science books for Nyamuzuwe
2. Kenya I: 300 computers for Computers for schools Kenya, also computers for street kids programs, WUCST, ERBC, and CURA. CURA and WUCST received books as well, and the Nairobi Rotary Club also was able to distribute some excellent medical equipment including several wheelchairs.
3. Kenya II: School and Library books, computers, and medical equipment to the Kakamega area.

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