### Partners in Action September 2017 Newsletter



# **Update on Suubi's "New School" Project**

Suubi Child Development Center is located just outside Kampala, Uganda in Kiwanga Village. Suubi was founded by Ezra Ssemwanga in May 2005 to provide free education to neighborhood orphans and other underprivileged children in the community. From there, the vision expanded to opening a school and orphanage to have their physical needs met as well.

Today Suubi provides a home and education to nearly 250 underprivileged and orphaned children in the most squalid and impoverished area outside of the city.



Suubi has recently begun construction of a

new school in a more privileged area. The enrollment of new fee-paying students will help to support the orphanage, allowing it to become self-sustaining over time. By the end of October all the major construction work will be complete. Interior work including painting, placing windows, plumbing and electrical installation will then move forward. The Grand Opening is scheduled for December 2017.

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## Thank you (again) Fiesta Bowl Charities!





Partners in Action is extremely grateful to be a recipient of the Fiesta Bowl Charities record breaking \$2.5 million in Charitable Giving for 2017-2018. The Glendale Youth Center, located at 5401 W. Ocotillo Road, Glendale AZ, has received a generous grant to sustain and expand the After-School Program run by Partners in Action for the children who live in the area. What a blessing this is for the community! Fiesta Bowl Charities is "dedicated to serving the community, fueled by the spirit of competition".

# Greetings from Susie Stavros, Co-Founder of Rocky Point Medical Clinic

It has been a summer of change and rethinking and praying for directions. Now, I am sitting in an Athens hotel



room, looking out the window at the Acropolis and the inviting waters of the Mediterranean in the distance. My husband and I and one of our sons, Mike, are over here visiting family and friends. While here, we are checking out some projects that work with refugees, a subject close to our hearts.

Last night we went to a soup kitchen where mostly men were being fed an incredible looking meal and hearing the Gospel in their native Farsi. The looks of hopelessness and despair in their eyes was almost more than I could bear. I couldn't help but wonder where the future lay for those folks.

The Syrians have traditionally been an educated people, known for their hard work and diligence. What good will that do these folks now? How many Farsi speaking jobs are available, even if they can obtain papers? What does their long range planning look like? Where is their 401-K?



Can they see past today? How many will ever see their homes again? A familiar face as they walk down the street? A smile from their dad or a hug from their mom?

The pain was so palatable I almost couldn't bear it. I had been in a jewelry store

near the Plaka under the Acropolis the day before and saw a ring that I could justify getting, nothing special, no diamonds or rubies, just a 'good everyday' type ring. I knew I could afford it, I already had it justified in my mind (that was not a long process). I thought I would go back today and get it. But, a strange thing happened as I watched those men eating their soup, faces down with the look of defeat. I saw that ring floating on their bowls of soup and I realized that real treasure is helping those who cannot do it themselves anymore. The ring I wanted was really just a way of thinking I could escape the sufferings here by having something new and shiny. But, those eyes, those hollow eyes of 250 lost men, 500 pain rimmed eyes won't leave my vision. I am still feeling their tragedy and helplessness.

This was exactly what I needed to take my mind off myself and to get me excited for the future of what we can do in Puerto Penasco. This was a clarifying vision, a motivating vision and I can hardly wait to get back to Mexico in 10 days and get back into the swing of things with the clinics and the community center.

I can't solve the Syrian refugee problem, but, I can make a dent in the sufferings of the people in San Rafael with our clinics. I can bring hope to just a few folks there, I can ask God how and where else He wants me to touch the broken. I am reminded of the words of advice from Tolkien, "It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if



you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to."

Come out your door, and be swept off with us helping the underserved in Puerto Penasco. You will never look back. We have clinics scheduled for:

September 23 - Medical and Dental Clinic

October 7 - Medical Clinic

October 19-21 - Dental Clinic

November 4 - Medical Clinic

December 2 - Medical Clinic (complete with Santa and Mrs Claus)

Our 2018 calendar is being developed now. Come share in our joy!

For more information about one of our clinics, contact: Susie Stavros at:

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