



Post Fellowship Reporting - Project Summary

Report Title: Connecting students to Shoe4Africa in Kenya **Name:** Michael Prutz

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Program: San Francisco Program

Trip Dates: 06/08/2011 - 06/25/2011 **Location Visited:** Iten, Kenya

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Project Summary: Iten, Kenya has a long, proud tradition of producing international and olympic marathon runners that dominate most races throughout the world. Iten is a very small, poor farming community located on the Upper Rift Valley where the staple of food is corn, vegetables from the family garden and dairy from the cow. There is no water supply and most homes collect rain run-off from the corrugated roof tops. Approximately half of all families continue to live in traditional, circular thatched huts consisting of one room.

Life without shoes in Iten is common especially amongst children that seem to outgrow shoes and clothing so quickly. One hazard afflicting children with no shoes is the infection of hookworm through bare feet. Shoe4Africa, a non-profit focused on delivering shoes to the area children and providing HIV and AIDS education to local women seemed like a perfect match for our school's community to align.

The goals and objectives of my fellowship were to educate my students with another part of the world having problems they could influence from 10,000 miles away. We collected donations and completed a jog-a-thon in order to raise funds for shoes and investigated various means to deliver the shoes to Iten. In the end, we provided Shoe4Africa with almost \$2000 to fund shoes, learned about health issues in another part of the world and glimpsed ourselves as members of the global community.

- Career Impact:**
- Ability to teach and learn about health issues in Kenya
 - First-hand knowledge of Kenya socio-economic-political decisions influencing local children
 - A true understanding that wealth does not equal happiness
 - My excitement to teach, learn and be involved with Iten's children health issues

- Classroom/Community Impact:**
- Continue to give talks and slideshow presentations to current and future school community as an advocate for learning global issues
 - Teach the virtue of helping those less fortunate
 - Deliver the knowledge and experience of their global existence

- Open Response:**
- Creating a photo journal/book of my fellowship
 - Slideshow presentations to all my classes
 - Interdisciplinary discussions and presentations to Modern World classes

Quote: Cost of a child's health? One pair of shoes!

Photos:



Presentation to faculty



Iten Kenya



Masai Warriors



Iten children



Kenyan Sunset



XC team



Iten huts



Smiling children