

Dear Friend of ASAP,

It's time for a face-lift - for ASAP Africa! A Self-help Assistance Program was created 20 years ago. What a journey since Tom and I created ASAP after teaching in rural Africa as Peace Corps volunteers, where we met and married! Reflecting back and looking forward, it's time to reassess, renovate and rejuvenate. We will now use ASAP Empowers (<a href="www.asapempowers.org">www.asapempowers.org</a>) with a new look on our continuing mission: "To cultivate self-reliance." The link (<a href="www.asapafrica.org">www.asapafrica.org</a>) will still work as we migrate to the new one.

ASAP Empowers looks forward to providing more volunteer opportunities here in the US and applying lessons learned to help more families take the first step out of poverty in Central America and the Caribbean. We will continue to fund school fees for girls in Africa and work to improve the quality of education. As planned, on May 1st, the ASAP Zimbabwe program was handed over to the in-country management. We are confident the Zimbabwe team will enjoy continued success.

Big thanks to everyone that helped kick-start ASAP's 1<sup>st</sup> annual <u>Circle Our World With Love</u> campaign. If you are not already on our <u>team of Superheroes</u>, we need your help to reach our goal of 24,901 miles by September 30<sup>th</sup>. It's easy; just <u>click here</u> to complete your mileage dedication form. We can feature your compassion and effort on our <u>Global Giving</u>, and <u>Razoo</u> project sites – where people dedicate miles and can contribute to the campaign. So please complete your <u>dedication form</u> today and show your good intentions and motivation to help make the world a better place. Every mile counts as together we Circle Our World With Love! As always, we send our gratitude to all of you who continue to support ASAP - making our work possible. Together we'll continue to help families achieve self-reliance, dignity and hope. Thank you again.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Bara and all of us at 'ASAP Empowers'

## OUR GOAL 24,901 miles

