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DANCING IN A WHEELCHAIR: HOW WE FACED LOSING TWO SONS TO AIDS

Over one million people in the USA are infected with HIV and AIDS. About 25% don't know it because they haven't been tested. **Bishop Fritz and Etta Mae Mutti** will share the story of losing sons Tim and Fred to AIDS on October 12 during an 8:30 a.m. **AIDS Prayer Breakfast** at St.



Andrew UMC, Highlands Ranch, CO. \$10 each.

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Rev. Valerie Jackson, Aurora, CO, will receive the inaugural Paul and Paula Murphy Human Sexuality Award at the breakfast for her work advancing the human rights of lesbian, gay, bi-sexual & transgendered persons within a religious organization.



*Bishop & Etta Mae Mutti wrote
"Dancing in a Wheelchair: One
Family Faces HIV/AIDS"*

FESTIVAL OF LIVING CELEBRATED IN RURAL INDIA

A decade ago AIDS hospitals in India were warehouses for the dying. No medicine existed. Women often died alone, because of the stigma. Now, working with Professor N. M. Samuel, M.D., the Center sponsors a free clinic for impoverished women & children. Life-giving medicine is available. Celebrating these advances, the Center held a Festival of Living for more than 120 children and 200 adults in Namakkal. A decade earlier all would have died, but thanks to medical care, food, and education they now have productive lives.



Pastor Teri Todd visits
AIDS patient

***\$2,000 A Month Needed To
Operate Free Clinic In India:
Will You Help?***



Elaine Blinn and Drs. Burt
Golub & N. M. Samuel restock
medicine from USA



ANN FORT: 2013 HERO OF THE YEAR

Fifteen times at her own expense, humanitarian Ann Fort, Greenwood Village, CO, has journeyed to Kenya, raising unknown thousands of dollars, engaging groups of people in projects like building schools and public sewers to working on HIV and AIDS. "Age is only a number," declared octogenarian Ann, as she recently distributed malaria nets, condoms, family water filters, and de-worming medicine in the heart of Africa. Called "Mom" by countless Kenyans, the Center will honor her April 12, 2014, at the annual "Spring is A Time For HOPE" brunch at the University of Denver. An avid skier, she often can be found on the Rocky Mountain snow-covered slopes.



Ann Fort demonstrates
family water filter



OUT OF DISASTER INTO A NEW DAY: REBUILT SCHOOL & CHURCH EMERGE IN KENYA SLUMS

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Sometimes I am stunned by what God calls us to do. Early this year word reached us that even slums have standards! The government ordered demolition of the dilapidated and dangerous school and church we had often visited in the Nairobi, Kenya, slum of Kileleshwa. Suddenly some 150 children, many of them AIDS orphans, had nowhere to go for their daily meal, much less any education from caring teachers. Thanks to donors like you, we rebuilt a new school for \$25,000 plus \$8,000 for first-time-ever flushing toilets. (Before teachers lacked bathrooms!) Now children have books; volunteer student teachers are showing up; women with AIDS have a meeting place; a church that includes LGBT persons worships weekly in the Paul & Paula Murphy Chapel, and potential government school support is on the horizon. Children are eating twice a day! A miracle! (Below are photos from the dedication.)



*Cutting Ribbons and Naming Rooms;
Bill and Michael Graf honor Bill's
parents & Kenya Board Chair*



CONDOMS, MALARIA NETS, FAMILY WATER FILTERS, & DE-WORMING MEDICINE DISTRIBUTED



Bishop Catherine Mutua received the Care Packs from Don Messer, Ann Fort, & Bill Graf

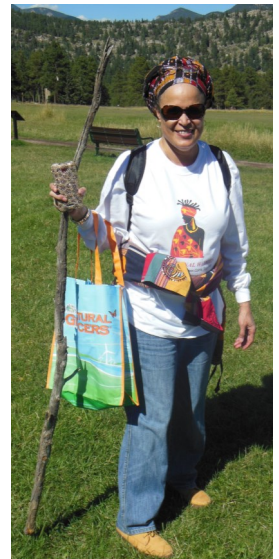
Kenya's first woman Bishop, Catherine Mutua, led the distribution of a Care Pack of malaria nets, family water filters, condoms, and de-worming medicine for 1,000 families. The integrative prevention program costing \$30,000, tested long lines of people for HIV. At one rural place, 13% were identified as being infected.



Experiencing despair, Nancy saw no reason to live when tested HIV positive. "But you changed my life," she said, as she now tests others so they can live.

Help to Eliminate AIDS in our Lifetime

Over 100 hikers recently climbed the Rocky Mountains near Evergreen, CO, to raise funds to combat HIV in the Native American & African American communities. The Hike to HEAL was envisioned and organized by Rhonda Dern.



GIL & GRACE CALDWELL WILL BE HONORED

with the Paul & Paula Murphy Lifetime Achievement Award for their commitment to human rights for all Americans. Veteran civil rights pioneers and LGBT champions! Date & place to be announced.



*7th Annual "Best 'Ball"
Denver Golf Benefit
Raised \$30,000 to
Support AIDS
programs in
India and Colorado*

Imani Latif, Director of It Takes A Village, not only Hiked to HEAL, but was the star substitute speaker for the 2013 "Spring Is A Time for Hope" brunch in April. Kenya's Bishop Catherine Mutua speaks next year on April 12, 2014.

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**ENJOY EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
AT TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES**

at 2626 E. 3rd, Denver, on
Thursday, Nov. 7, from
5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and the
Center gets 15% of net
sales! Buy globally!



**11th International Congress
on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific**

led by its President, N. M. Samuel, M.D., of India, meets Nov 18-22,
in Bangkok. Dr. Sam,
of the Center's Advisory Board, will host a
forum on "AIDS and
Women Facing Violence" co-chaired by
Dr. Don Messer.

