

## Serve The Children August 2009 Newsletter

I wanted to thank each of you for your support and give you an update on Liberia and India. Our kids in **Liberia** are now on summer break. It is the rainy season and temperatures are very cool for Liberia; the high might only be 78 degrees. Our schools re-open in September and teachers are currently being interviewed for openings at our Sinkor and 15 Gate sites, and for our newly rebuilt Civil Compound School on the Firestone Plantation, which replaces the school destroyed in the war. This school will serve about 300 children, and like the 15 Gate site, it is the only school in the area.

In **India**, our Ankoor Home children starting attending school almost a month ago. Summer just ended and temperatures reached 115 degrees. Now the monsoons have arrived and it is raining a lot with cooler temperatures in the 80 degree range. The Vyara project is going forward, and we have completed the paperwork to purchase land with the funds so generously given at the May dinner auction. Even without land and a building, we already have a small group of children attending school in a nearby village. Our next goal is to raise funds for a school building to provide education for hundreds of children from the surrounding villages.

There is still time to join the **2009 India mission team**, which leaves on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Our **2010 India** trip will probably be in late October. **2010 Liberia mission teams** are being planned. Probable dates are May 11<sup>th</sup> and some time in October. Please contact me if you are interested in any of these two week trips.

Thank you for your continued financial support during these tough economic times, and for your faithful prayers. Your support makes a large impact in the lives of thousands of children, their families, and our staff. Here are some things you can pray for:

- our teachers and staff in Liberia and India
- the ZOA grant for the construction of a new building at 15 Gate, Liberia
- financial needs: it takes about \$9,000 per month to meet our commitments
- the mission teams and people who are considering serving in this way
- funds to build a school in Vyara, India
- funds to build additional facilities at our site in Lasina, India

Don't forget the **September 19th Fun Run/Walk** in Gig Harbor. Come on out and run or cheer everyone on! Registration is limited so please complete the form below and send it in soon.

Please feel free to contact me anytime you have questions about Serve the Children. Our web site is [www.servethechildren.com](http://www.servethechildren.com) and has videos, pictures and more information about what we do. Interested in joining our board? Contact me about this.

Dr Doug Collier

**Serve the Children 5K Fun Run/Walk  
September 19, 2009 at Crescent Park, 8am**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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Age on 12/31/09 \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt \_\_\_Sm \_\_\_Md \_\_\_Lg \_\_\_XLg

Race fee \$ 25.00 until September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Fun Run \_\_\_\_\_ or Walk \_\_\_\_\_

Race fee day of event \$35.00

Additional contribution to Serve the Children non-profit 501 (3) (c) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form with a check or the completed VISA form to the address listed above.**

WAIVER AND RELEASE: I know that running a road race, or participating in an organized walking event, regardless of the distance, includes an element of risk. I should not enter and participate in Serve the Children Fun Run/Walk 2009 (hereinafter "this event") unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by all rules of event. I agree to abide by any decision of an event official relative to my ability to complete this event safely and I further agree that event officials may authorize necessary emergency treatment for me. I also understand that, although police protection will be provided, both vehicle traffic and spectators will be present along the course and I assume the risk of participating under such conditions. I further assume any and all other risks associated with participating in this event including, but not limited to, illness, traveling to and from the event, falls, contact with other spectators or participants, the effects of the weather (including temperature extremes and humidity) and the surface conditions of the roads and sidewalks, all such risks being understood and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue, and waive, release and discharge Serve the Children and City of Gig Harbor, their officers, agents and employees, event officials, volunteers and any and all other sponsors, suppliers, agents, independent contractors, employees and any other personnel in any way assisting or connected with this event from any and all claims or liability of any kind or nature whatsoever arising out of my participation in this event, even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or parties named in this waiver. I also understand and agree that any sponsor may subsequently use, for publicity or promotional purposes, my name or pictures of me participating in this event without liability or obligation to me. Entries from minors will be accepted only with a parent or legal guardian's signature. Insufficient information will result in your entry being returned.

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Participant or Guardian Signature

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