

Newsletter

December 2011

Benjamin, Julie and the entire Kulam team are thrilled to present December's edition of Kulam's e-newsletter. It's been a busy time for Kulam: Shumargie now has clean drinking water with the completion of the Shumargie well; Mad Science, the world's leading fun science provider, has become a Kulam partner; David's Well, an initiative by our committee member Arlene Sternthal is now being dug; and committee members Larry Markowitz and John Israel Galambos of McMillan LLP received the prestigious "L'Expert's Zenith 2011 Award" for their corporate social responsibility.

Wishing all of you the very best in the holiday season. May 2012 bring you and [everybody, every person and everyone](#) health, happiness and much joy!

Enjoy the read!

THE KULAM TEAM



Well Brings Clean Water to Shumargie Community

Kulam, JDC and Ve-ahavta together with the local water bureau completed digging the well at the Shumargie school in late November 2011. The villagers were involved in the project from start to finish ensuring they know how to operate and maintain the pumping equipment. The addition of a clean source of water is already having an important impact on the residents in the area and on students at the school. The school has begun teaching health education to the students and to the village residents, focusing on the importance of hand washing and clean water in preventing disease. One of the teachers said, "Since the pump has been working, there has been an improvement in the health and behaviour of the students." Now that they have access to clean drinking water, the children will receive regular doses of de-worming medicine. Volunteers from JDC's Service Corp (JSC) have been working with the Shumargie community, including teaching English at the school!



Mad Science Programs En Route to Shumargie

School

Kulam and Mad Science are forging ahead in partnership to deliver a science program, lesson materials, and science kits to the Shumargie school. The proposal is currently under review by the Head of the Gondar Educational Office in Ethiopia. Mad Science is the world's leading fun science provider. Its science programs are designed for children ages 5-12 and focus on chemistry, physics, biology and the environment. Their programs spark the imagination of children by engaging them in hands-on activities which show that science is everywhere and accessible to all. Mad Science developed two potential courses: "Introduction to Aerodynamics" teaches about gravity, weight and airflow. Students will even get to build their own model "Skyhawk Plane" donated by Mad Science! In "Introduction to Friction and Energy" students will learn about friction and energy and how they are used to propel heavy objects. Students will build their very own model drag racer car, donated by Mad Science, where they explore how a car's wheels and axel help reduce friction and allow it to move easily. A rubber band attached to a propeller provides energy to move it. A huge thank you to the whole Mad Science team!



Digging David's Well has begun!

Thanks to the charitable spirit of Arlene and David Sternthal and their family and friends, the rural community of **Azaykaw Chebchibit, Kebele Comfenta, Woreda Tikil Dengay** will soon have safe drinking water from a new well. The Village comprises 50 households and is located 23 km from Gondar, Ethiopia on the main road and about another 8km off an additional side road. The digging of David's Well will start in January and it is expected that the community will have their own source of clean drinking water by late winter/early spring. Congratulations to Arlene and David for making this happen!! And a special thank you to Arlene, a devoted and

inspiring Kulam committee member, for initiating our "Donate and Build to Commemorate" program. To celebrate David's 65th birthday, Arlene and David Sternthal selected a unique present: the donation of a well for rural Ethiopians. In lieu of gifts from family and friends, the Sternthal's requested donations for this special Kulam project.

Have you considered a Kulam project for your special occasion? Contact us to learn more about Kulam's "Donate and Build to Commemorate": info@kulam.ca



Larry Markowitz & John Israel Galambos of McMillan LLP awarded "L'Expert's Zenith 2011 Award"

Each year, L'Expert Zenith Awards celebrate corporate and law firm social responsibility (CSR), honouring leading Canadian law firms, in-house departments and law students who are committing their time, skills and mentorship to Corporate and Law Firm Social Responsibility. Larry Markowitz and John Israel Galambos of Mcmillan LLP were selected as the 2011 Level 1 winners in the category of "Law Firm Contribution to Education" for their work on Kulam. Larry and John have been key members of Kulam's committee, providing legal counsel on structure, strategy, fund development and investment. We thank them and McMillan for their ongoing support. Congratulations on this amazing professional feat! Click here to read more about the prestigious L'Expert Zenith Awards: www.lexpert.ca/zenith.

Celebrate the Holidays with Kulam

We're working on a handful of new projects for 2012 and look forward to telling you about them in January. In the meantime, consider making Kulam part of your holiday routine. Not sure what gifts to buy and for whom? Search no more - make your holidays simple and meaningful with a **donation and personalized e-card from Kulam**. Click on the **donate now** section of our website and share your holidays in true Kulam-style with "[everybody, every person, everyone](#)".