

# School-to-School International

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*Creating the conditions of success for every child*

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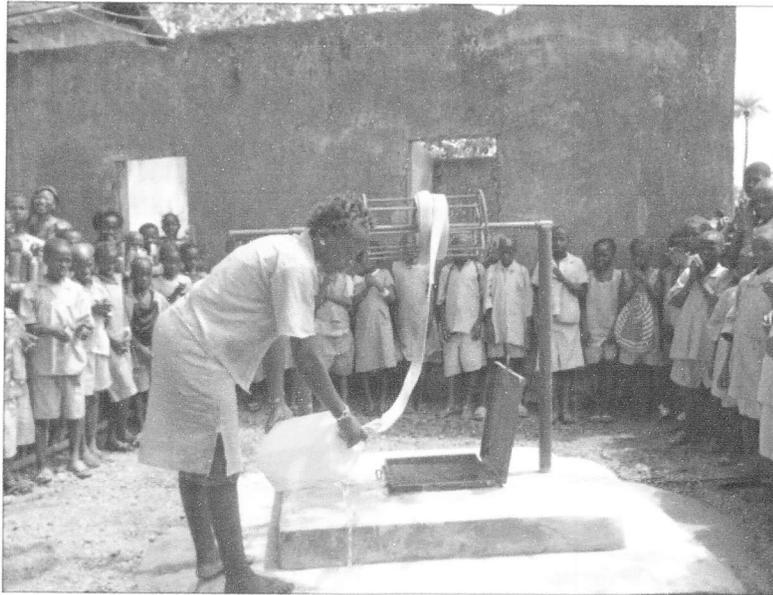
Elizabeth Perelstein, President  
School Choice International  
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Dear Elizabeth,

On behalf of School-to-School International, I would like to thank you for the commitment that School Choice International has made to donate a portion of your revenues to support School-to-School's Pen Pal Program. We received your second quarterly contribution of \$970 and we greatly appreciate your support for this program.

STS was founded based on the premise that children need a comprehensive package of support to ensure that they are healthy, that they can learn, and that they stay in school. The Pen Pal Program is one component of support that provides students with exposure to the world. During the 2010-2011 school year, 1,400 students participated in the Pen Pal Program from 14 schools in the US, Canada, and the U.K. and 12 schools in Guinea. Students corresponded through bi-annual letters to their pen pals, and exchanged details of their lives in countries worlds apart from each other. Inspired by the program and tales of life in rural Guinea, several schools held fundraisers and raised approximately \$5,000 to help improve the lives and the living conditions of their pen pals in Guinea.

One of School-to-School's objectives is to improve the school health environment by building wells, latrines and providing first aid kits. The Metropolitan Learning Center in Portland, OR contributed enough money to build a well in Toguiron Primary School in coastal Guinea, which will serve 200 students and the surrounding community. The students and surrounding community will now have access to clean drinking water. In addition, women and children who had to walk far distances to collect water from rivers and streams will be able to spend more time on activities such as school work. The joy, excitement, and gratefulness of the community members was palpable during the June 10<sup>th</sup> inauguration ceremony. This is a remarkable example of the impact one school can make.



*Inauguration of a new well at the Toguiron Primary School in Guinea*

STS does not charge an administrative fee to schools that want to participate. School Choice International's contribution to the Pen Pal Program has provided direct support for the management and operational costs including program management, translation and postage. With 30 partner schools in Guinea, and only 12 schools in Guinea currently participating in the Pen Pal Program, STS will consider expansion of the program in the 2011-2012 school year.

We acknowledge your vision, leadership and commitment to promoting education worldwide and thank you for joining School-to-School International in our mission to transform education so that every child can succeed in school. We will provide you further updates on the Pen Pal Program that will be featured in School-to-School's upcoming summer newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mark Lynd  
President and Co-Founder

cc: Susan Bartow, Finance Director

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