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JULY 2011 | Welcome to People to People International's monthly e-newsletter. Explore each section to learn about inspiring initiatives by our global membership and ways you can advance understanding and friendship in your community and abroad.

### PTPI board chairman assists distribution in Haiti



*PTPI board chairman Mark Stansberry distributes OIC school supply kits at a school in the Artibonite Department of Haiti on June 16, 2011.*

During June, Mark Stansberry, chairman of PTPI's Board of Directors, traveled to Haiti to meet with U.S. officials and help troops deliver 2,500 school supply kits provided by the PTPI-administered program Operation International Children. In May, OIC announced it would

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GLOBAL YOUTH FORUM

Encourage the teenagers in your life to make a difference in the world. At this November's [Global Youth Forum](#) in Kansas City, students will expand their knowledge of cultures around the world, while developing skills to become competent global citizens. [Register by August 31.](#)



### GLOBAL BOOK CLUB

Have you been to Belgium?

[Register in the book club](#) to join the 300+ people who are traveling to Brussels by reading and discussing *A Tall Man in a Low Land* by Harry Pearson! [Read discussion questions and commentary](#) about the book on the PTPI Blog.



Don't forget to [subscribe to the blog](#) to have posts delivered to your inbox!

### OIC CO-FOUNDER LAUNCHES FOUNDATION

Join us in congratulating our friend Gary Sinise on the establishment of the [Gary Sinise Foundation](#). Launched on July 4, the foundation honors and supports U.S. troops, veterans and their families. In addition, it promotes similar organizations, among them the PTPI-administered program [Operation International Children](#).

expand its reach to the island nation, which is still rebuilding after a devastating earthquake in 2010. [READ MORE](#) »

[Watch a video](#) of Mark discussing the trip. [View photos](#).

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WELCOME

We have a new intern at PTPI World Headquarters. Meet [Ranya Ahmed](#) from Bahrain.

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 FORWARD TO A FRIEND

## Calendar of Events

You can now view upcoming events and chapter activities on the PTPI website! [Go to calendar](#).

## Important Dates

Sept 6-12, 2011

The deadline is fast approaching for the [Board of Trustees Program](#) in Brussels, Belgium. Register by August 12 for individual sessions.

The Board of Directors meeting will convene during the program on September 9, with the Board of Trustees business meeting on September 10. The deadline to make hotel reservations at the Marriott Brussels is August 1 (applies to individual session registration). PTPI's Brussels, Belgium Chapter will offer a limited number of homestays.

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## Be a Part of the Journey

Register today for our inaugural Educational & Humanitarian Initiative to [Argentina!](#) Early bird registration ends September 8.

Also [open this section](#) to read about our recent Peace Camp and Global Peace Initiative to Turkey.



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## A Global Perspective

Click the links below for highlights from chapter initiatives and events by region.

### Americas

The Bogota, Colombia Chapter continues to focus its efforts on combatting homelessness and poverty. [READ MORE](#)

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## Asia Pacific

PTPI Korea National Headquarters recently extended a warm welcome to a delegation of 41 women from Japan. [READ MORE »](#)

## Europe

For the first time in PTPI history, a student chapter hosted the European Conference. [READ MORE »](#)

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## Global Landmine Initiative

### 26.2 Miles for Landmines: Meet the Team

On October 30, staff members Karen Hoch (at right) and Sarah Houston will run with Team HALO in the Marine Corps Marathon to raise awareness and much-needed funds for PTPI's landmine eradication efforts in Cambodia.

First up is our introduction of Karen, who serves as PTPI's managing director of the Americas region and conferences. Read our [interview with Karen](#) to learn what motivated her to run for this important cause.



Please donate to [PTPI's Global Landmine Initiative Fund](#) to support Karen and Sarah in the race! To enter as a charity team, each runner must raise \$500, which will support PTPI's HALO demining efforts.

Encourage others to support Karen and Sarah: [f](#) [<](#)

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## PTPI-TFAS Scholarship Recipients

We are pleased to announce this year's recipients of the PTPI-TFAS (The Fund for American Studies) Scholarship. Awardees hail from Lebanon, Palestinian territories, the United States and Vietnam. [READ MORE »](#)

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## Student Initiatives

### YG IMPACT: Kenya

On a cloudy summer evening an exceptional group of young adults, with two leaders set off from the John F. Kennedy International Airport for a two-week journey to a poor and rural area outside Nairobi. [READ MORE »](#)



### Global Youth Murals

[Download guidelines](#) for this year's [project](#).

Artwork illustrates students' culture, communities and ideas about global issues and peace. The deadline for submissions is October 31.

### Calling all teachers!

Include a global learning experience in your curriculum.

Register for PTPI's free [School & Classroom Program](#) and join the 600+ teachers around the globe already participating. Email questions to [classroom@ptpi.org](mailto:classroom@ptpi.org).

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## About PTPI | Membership

Open this section for our Mission Statement and Beliefs.

***Know someone who wants to change the world through friendship and cultural understanding?***

Share the benefits of membership with others:  



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