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Dear KKOOM supporters,

The summer is almost over, though it may feel like it is here to stay in some places in the country. Rather than vacationing during these hot times, KKOOM has been busy at work.

The GlobalGiving.org challenge in April was a great success! Not only did we complete our task of obtaining a permanent spot on the GlobalGiving.org website, we actually WON the competition, raising the most amount of money and second most unique donors in our one month timeframe. Now I don't know about you guys, but I for one was totally shocked about the huge amount of support we received during this time. Thanks to all of your support, we have raised nearly \$25,000 via GlobalGiving.org this year! We couldn't have done this without you, so please take a moment to give yourself a pat on the back – you deserve it.

Our summer also included the completion of our two volunteer-led projects. As you will read later in this newsletter, the events were great successes. KKOOM would like to thank volunteers Emilee Lehenbauer and Kelly Kinne for their great work. We hope that these projects have a lasting impact and that future projects will be just as successful.

As the summer wraps up, KKOOM will begin its planning for its long-term International Education Program. The success of the GlobalGiving challenge has given KKOOM the seed funds to begin the process and we hope that we are able to initiate the program as soon as we can. Being an all-volunteer led effort, we greatly appreciate your continued backing and generosity.

Enjoy the rest of summer and thanks again for your support!

Robin Kim
KKOOM Treasurer
Berkeley, CA



Spring Volunteer-Led Projects:

This spring there were two different volunteer-led projects, one led by Kelly Kinne and the other led by Emilee Lehenbauer. Enjoy reading about them!



“The **Book Drive at Dunsan Girl’s High School in Daejeon, South Korea** ran for a total of three weeks. Six students who volunteer in the school English café assisted with the planning, organization, advertising, and execution of the Book Drive. Forty-five first year (10th grade) students donated a collective total of over 300 English language books!! The top students who donated the most books attended a pizza party. We handed out awards, ate pizza, chatted, listened to music, and enjoyed some snacks.

With the help of additional KKOOM funds, we also purchased supplementary books to donate along with the collected books to three Korean orphanages: **Samsungwon in Gumi, Chenam on Jeju Island, and Heemang in Yeongcheon**. In addition to providing much needed educational resources to orphanages in Korea, my Korean students benefitted by gaining valuable organizational skills and civic awareness.” - Kelly Kinne





My KKOOM volunteer-led project proposal was to support the children at **Jenam Orphanage in Seogwipo on Jeju Island**. This home houses over 100 children ranging in age from 3 years-old to high school students. It is not directly affiliated with any religious organization and receives the bulk of its funding from the local government. The facilities are decent but the children lack volunteers to teach and play with them as well as supplies for educational or other extracurricular activities.

The staff at Jenam Orphanage, where I have volunteered with friends this past year, approached me with a request to purchase a flute. I learned that the staff hoped that the musical instrument could be shared among several students who are interested in pursuing music lessons and that a teacher had agreed to give free flute lessons. I was grateful that KKOOM agreed to purchase a flute for such use. As you can see from the pictures above, flute lessons have successfully commenced at the orphanage.

Additionally, KKOOM was generous enough to provide me with additional funds to purchase other educational and art supplies, which I was able to use to better teach the children at Jenam and which will remain there for future volunteers to use with the children. **Thank you for your support!**



~Emilee Lehenbauer



Spring Party at Samsungwon Orphanage:

"On Saturday, May 29, sixteen Fulbright English Teaching Assistants and friends of KKOOM gathered at Samsungwon Orphanage in Gumi, Gyeongsangbuk Province to take part in the 2010 KKOOM Spring Party. Events began in the early afternoon as the Samsungwon boys and girls were invited to take part in arts and crafts activities, *noraebang* (Korean karaoke), and pick-up games of soccer and tag with volunteers.

Midway through the afternoon, the boys' and girls' houses competed in an English Scavenger Hunt in which teams (divided by houses) had half an hour to find an eclectic assortment of items (listed in English) around their houses, including striped socks, feathers, and ramen noodles, and also to complete various tasks such as creating a team mascot, creating a group dance, and even hugging a tree!

The evening concluded with Chinese take-out for dinner followed by ice cream sundaes, and was topped off by post-dinner bubble-blowing and group picture-taking. Everyone left happy, tired, full, and looking forward to the next KKOOM-sponsored event!" - Jen Hayes

KKOOM also purchased new umbrellas for the orphanage:



Global Giving Update: International Education Program

Thanks to the generous support of donors like you and GlobalGiving.org, KKOOM has nearly 100% funded its International Education Program (IEP), which aims to deliver quality English education to kids in Korean orphanages and also inspire a new generation of globally connected youth, regardless of their socioeconomic status. We are happy to report that KKOOM has formed an all-volunteer Curriculum Development Team for its first phase of the IEP, which will help kids in Korean orphanages learn English from qualified English tutors in the United States using the latest Internet and computer technology. KKOOM plans to use its own curriculum in order to meet the unique educational challenges, particularly of older children living in orphanages who face disadvantages in their access to adequate English learning resources in and outside of school. **If you are interested in joining the KKOOM Curriculum Development Team, please contact us at info@kkoom.org today. We are looking for more volunteers with education and/or technology backgrounds to help us successfully launch this phase soon.** ~ Aimee Jachym & Erika Senneseth

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