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## THE ISIS FOUNDATION SEATTLE SNAPSHOT

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MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF CHILDREN IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD Addressing the needs of mums and babies and planting seeds for a better, healthier future

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### SEATTLE CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEERS TRAVEL TO KIWOKO HOSPITAL

In January of 2011, The ISIS Foundation was happy to send three very capable and enthusiastic volunteers from Seattle Children's Hospital to Kiwoko Hospital. NICU physician, Maneesh Batra, Pediatric Cardiologist, Nicolas Madsen, and Pediatric Ethicist, Maureen Kelley spent two weeks at Kiwoko, training staff, engaging patients, and thoroughly enjoying the community. In the words of Dr. Madsen, "I can only hope to be welcomed back many times again. Kiwoko and its people are extraordinary; I stand in complete awe. I only hope that in some small way I have made a contribution because from my perspective, I am transformed."

### KIWOKO HOSPITAL MATERNITY WARD GRAND OPENING

May 2010 - The ISIS Foundation, Kiwoko Hospital and Aspen Reinsurance (our donor partner), had the great pleasure of opening the new maternity ward and NICU. The opening was a huge success and a testament to the partnership between corporate donors, ISIS and Kiwoko. Now, three times the number of mothers and babies will now be able to access high quality maternal and child health care at Kiwoko Hospital.

In conjunction with a partnership with Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston, ISIS is now recruiting medical volunteers to work side by side with Kiwoko staff in the new maternity ward. If this opportunity interests you, please contact Debbie Lester, debbie.lester@isisgroup.org for more information.





## **NEW ISIS OFFICE LOCATION**

ISIS Seattle has a new location, in beautiful Edmonds, Washington

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# **30 BICYCLES PURCHASED WITH DONATED FUNDS**

Through the hard work and determination of two high-school students, Amy Johannsen and Kathryn Harper, thirty beautiful and much needed bicycles were recently purchased at Kiwoko Hospital. The bikes will be used by HIV/AIDS counselors in their visits to the community to reach out to patients.

To all those who organized and donated these funds, on behalf of all of us at Kiwoko and ISIS, thank you so much for your hard work and for making a huge impact across the world!





# **PACKATHON SET FOR OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> & 12<sup>TH</sup> 2011**

The ISIS Foundation's annual Packathon is tentatively set for October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2011. The Courtyard Hall, in Bothell Washington, will be the gathering place of our volunteer team who will sort and inventory a huge stack of medical supplies donated by ten area hospitals. Theses supplies will then be packaged and shipped in a 20 foot container to their destination at Kiwoko Hospital in Uganda.



## 20' CONTAINER OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES ENROUTE TO KIWOKO

The supplies and equipment assembled at the 2010 Packathon are on their way to Kiwoko. A status update from the shippers indicates that the arrival date in Mombasa will be July 19<sup>th</sup> 2011. From there, the 20' container will make a trip to Kampala, Uganda, then an overland journey to Kiwoko Hospital. Many thanks to our shipping experts, Multilines International Ltd., Transoptima, and Industrial Crating and Packing, for their wonderful service, and to all of the 2010 Packathon volunteers.



### IDEAS FOR STORAGE SPACE

With a move to a new office space, the ISIS team is considering relocating the storage space where donations are collected throughout the year. Our current space is located in Bothell at 9000 NE Bothell Way.

Ten area hospitals are currently collecting supplies for ISIS. These include:

- Providence Everett
- Providence St. Peter's
- Tacoma General
- Swedish
- University of Washington
- Children's Hospital
- Northwest Medical Center
- Evergreen Hospital
- Whidbey General
- Overlake Hospital

Volunteers from these hospitals collect and transport medical supplies and equipment to our storage facility routinely. We would like to hear input from our volunteers regarding the location of the storage space.

Is the current storage facility location meeting your needs?

Would a more central Seattle location be preferable?

Your thoughts and suggestions are welcome. Please let Debbie or Nikki know what you think.

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