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WMF Scholars Gather in Uganda

The first ever WMF Scholars' Seminar was held in Kampala, Uganda in January of 2011. WMF Board member, Jordyn Wells led the day-long session which focused on team-building, giving back to your community, interviewing skills, goal-setting and creating a WMF Scholars network.

Most of the students had never met the other scholars in Uganda, so this day gave them the opportunity to meet new friends and share experiences.

By the end of the day, this group of bright, motivated young people were pumped and planning ways they could, as a group, give back to their communities and help mentor new, incoming WMF Scholars. Seminar facilitator Jordyn proclaimed the day a huge success. "All of them are superstars! I am so impressed by their intelligence, passion and desire to do good in the world."



Left to right: Susan, Jackline, Juuko (kneeling), Alan, George, Jordyn, Jimmy, Wilson, Jurugo, Ephy and Grace gathered in Kampala in January. Nine are studying medicine, one social work and one planning and management.



WMF Scholars taking notes during their recent seminar in Uganda.

The group elected officers and the new Chair, Wilson Mwanja reports, "We are grateful for the wonderful gifts and the insight that we conceived at the end of the seminar. Most importantly forming a family that we believe will continue to bring us together and help us to work together as WMF Scholars and in future as Alumni. It was on this wonderful day that we formed WMF Scholars/Alumni Association-East Africa that will continue to bring us together as a family now and in the future."

WMF Scholars Engage in Volunteer Experiences



Jurugo Roberts Ali, (*left, in center*) medical student in Uganda, spent his December break volunteering at a hospital in South Sudan. His presence brought some relief to the hospital's only two regular doctors as he performed the duties of a general practitioner. One day a pregnant woman arrived in fetal distress. During the emergency C-section, the electricity went out and the generator failed. Jurugo was surprised and scared, but the nurses just grabbed flashlights and under the aimed beams, the surgery continued. Happens all the time, they assured him!

Juliet Ashong, (*standing on log in white blouse*) medical student in Ghana, fulfilled her WMF volunteer requirement by being a part of the PENSAs medical outreach team for five days in Akim Oda, in the eastern region of Ghana. The team had to cross a stream on a log to enter the village (*photo on the right*). The outreach involved free medical screenings and consultations, dispensing medicine, distributing donated clothes and shoes, talking to the youth on chastity and counseling on other sensitive matters of interest to them.



What else did our WMF Scholars do for their volunteer requirement?

Susan Awor, social work student in Uganda, offered counseling services to students from traumatic backgrounds. **Jackline Ombura**, medical student in Uganda, taught nutrition and educated women about gender abuse and the benefits of education for young girls. **Wonder Sevordzi**, IT student in Ghana, taught computer skills to women. **Iddrisu Nurudeen**, business student, and **Gaddiel Kumtsiah**, both of Ghana, tutored junior and senior high school students to help them pass their important advancement exams.

Expressions of thanks...

..."I would like to express my gratitude bubbling with joy and happiness from inside. Thanks very much for giving me the support. My dream was shattered, but now I am seeing light in the tunnel. Now I know, God willing, I will successfully finish medical school and go out to help people with my skills and knowledge." - *Ephransia Chao Malindi, Kenya*

..."I am so grateful for the opportunity Wells Mountain Foundation has given me to go back to school. As someone who comes from a very humble background, further studies were impossible for me. I did not even think I would ever get an opportunity like the one WMF has given me. I know I can only pay it back through studying hard, so I can pass and be of help to the community I come from." - *Susan Awor, Uganda*

..."I am so much thankful for the support you are giving me. Had it not been for WMF, I do not know where I would be as far as education is concerned. I can now walk boldly among my friends and family, because WMF has granted me favor." - *Richard Monyo, Ghana*