

*From: Alex Currie  
To: Margaret Kessy, Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology  
Cc: Penny Lyons  
Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2008 2:10 AM  
Subject: Increasing Gender Equity in Eye Care in Africa*

*Dear Margaret:*

*Mary-Ann and I were invited by Seva Canada Society to attend the "Compassionate Eyes on Africa" evening event June 6th when we heard presentations from Dr. Paul Courtright and yourself about the eye care work being done through KCCO in Tanzania.*

*We were so impressed by the witness and genuine compassion expressed that evening we were moved to happily contribute financially to the IOL program as well as participating in the silent auction and other activities, especially the music! All in all, a great evening for us and particularly having had the opportunity to greet you and to make your acquaintance howsoever brief.*

*My wife and I were equally interested in learning more about your role in the field of eye care and therefore asked Penny Lyons for more information on this aspect of your work with women and girls in overcoming eye care disparity prevalent in local societies. It seems we missed the information table that evening, but, in any event Penny has graciously provided us with a copy of the three year overview proposal clearly spelling out the gender equity program and for this we are grateful.*

*To honor you and your gutsy visit to Vancouver (being a first time air traveler) we will like to make an extra financial contribution towards the work of KCCO and to this end Penny Lyons has assured us our gift of CDN\$500.00 will be sent along specifically ear-marked for you in the gender equity program.*

*As proud supporters of Seva Canada, it is our privilege to recognize you in this way.*

*Sincerely,*

*Alex & Mary-Ann Currie  
Vancouver, B.C.*