



The PSN Ambassador

Never underestimate the power of a small group of people to change the world. – Margaret Mead

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Tis the Season for Good News



Season's Greetings!

I hope this Newsletter finds you and your loved ones in good health in good spirits.

Despite our inability to travel to Senegal in 2021 due to COVID-19, Project Safety Nets continues to grow by leaps and bounds. Here are just a few of our accomplishments in 2021:

- Established multiple partnerships with reputable organizations
- Hired an Administrative Assistant
- Increased accountability and Board governance

We have spent much of this past year preparing two teams for our Missions Trips in February and March of 2022. As the Director of Project Safety Nets, I am usually at the forefront of our finances and Bags of Hope donations. This year, as I reflect on the activities of our upcoming Missions Trips, I am overjoyed. I continue to hear stories of how our team members are enjoying the good tidings and blessings people in their networks are spreading towards our brothers and sisters in Senegal. In October, we shipped 16 barrels of supplies in preparation for our upcoming trips. They have all arrived and are awaiting the return of our teams.

In addition, I would like to recognize the accomplishments of the Gambian and Japplante Women. We witnessed the expansion of our work with the Gambian Women's Initiative in Njau, Gambia. Ten women received micro-loans last year and repaid their loans, which allowed for other women to receive loans. The women shared about the community structure they established to support each other during these difficult times. They expanded their businesses and have also been able to start savings accounts.

The Japplante Women's Association in Senegal continues to thrive. All 40 women repaid their COVID-19 micro-loans. They remain committed to serving and effectively impacting their community. One of the most valuable lessons that COVID-19 has taught us is the importance of having a solid team on the ground in Senegal to continuously do the work. This year, our PSN Youth Advisory Council showed up in so many ways. They diligently...

- Served people with leprosy

- Distributed mosquito bed nets
- Distributed used eyeglasses
- Developed a planning process for our upcoming Girls Conference

As we look ahead to the upcoming year, we have big things in store and outstanding goals to meet. In 2022, we look forward to the following:

- Partnerships with major higher education institutions to introduce students to fieldwork and practicum opportunities in Senegal
- Purchasing land for the home of our Skills Center
- Launching our Capital Campaign to raise \$300,000 for the building of our Skills Center
- Expanding our work to teach transferrable skills to women with disabilities in Gambia.

These goals will only be possible with your continued support, both in-kind and financially. Thank you for all that you have given this year. Please consider giving a little extra as we bring this year to a close. This will help us get closer to achieving our goals. Remember that we are a 501 C 3 organization, and your financial gift is tax-deductible. Also, help us spread the word about Project Safety Nets by sharing this Newsletter with others in your network.

Here's to a happy, healthy, safe, and prosperous New Year to you and your family!

Yours in Service,
Ann Dillard
Founder/Chair



This is the organization of women with disabilities in The Gambia, who seek our support.

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