



# The Marquis Project Newsletter

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## Help The Marquis Project Support Development Projects with Tanzania!

With financial support from the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation's Theme Fund, The Marquis Project has been a long-time project partner of the Tanzania Society for Agricultural Education and Extension [TSAEE] in the Lake Zone of Tanzania. Project results include:

- Male and female youth identify and undertake rural economic development opportunities through micro-enterprise and entrepreneurship training. <http://www.marquisproject.com/tanzania-project/>
- Single parent mothers identify and develop income generating activities in rural villages.
- Orphan youth are trained on sewing and gain life skills training to create awareness about positive life style choices.
- Women's groups form an umbrella group to access micro-credit and improved cooking stove use and business development

### Speaker's Tour in February 2016

The Marquis Project has invited TSAEE's Rural Development Coordinator, Mr. Beny Mwenda, to Manitoba to provide Marquis Project members and friends with first-hand accounts of how the projects are making a difference in the lives of Tanzanian women and youth. We would like Beny to participate in International Development Week events in Manitoba, school-based activities, the Manitoba Horticultural Association meeting in Neepawa, and to speak at the National Fair Trade Conference being held in Winnipeg in February 2016. We last saw Beny in June 2010 when he was presented with the Global Citizenship Award at the Marquis AGM in Brandon, MB. Marquis is planning an evening with Beny for all our members and supporters. We will keep you informed about the evening as plans develop.



*Your donation will mean we can continue to learn and support development activities in Tanzania.*



Photo courtesy of Dinah Ceplis

## Help Support Tanzania Development Projects !

### ***Please Donate***

To accomplish this goal, the Marquis Project needs to raise funds of \$5000 to cover the costs of Beny's travel from Mwanza, Tanzania to Manitoba. If 50 people donate \$100 or make a pledge by mid-November 2015, we would meet our target and would proceed to extend the invitation.

With your financial donation to The Marquis Project, we can continue to learn and support development activities in Tanzania. Any funds that are not used for the speaker's tour would be applied to Marquis' project work in Tanzania. Marquis Project members Zack Gross and Dinah Ceplis made separate visits to Tanzania in the past 14 months and have seen that wonderful project work continues but that the needs are still great.

### ***Contact***

Send your cheque to The Marquis Project, P.O. Box 50045, Brandon, MB R7A 7E4 or donate online through PayPal at [http://www.marquisproject.com/?page\\_id=85](http://www.marquisproject.com/?page_id=85).

When you make your donation or pledge to The Marquis Project, please make sure to send an email to [marquis@marquisproject.com](mailto:marquis@marquisproject.com) indicating that your donation is intended to support Tanzanian projects. All donations above \$10 will receive a tax receipt issued by the Marquis Project. Pledged funds would need to be sent to Marquis by the end of December 2015.

### ***Events***

To arrange a speaking event with your community group or organization while Beny is in Manitoba, please contact Marquis Project member Dinah Ceplis at [Dinah.ceplis@gmail.com](mailto:Dinah.ceplis@gmail.com) or 204-867-2057.

## MCIC Organizes Fair Trade Tour to Peru

MCIC is looking for Manitobans involved in fair trade to join a tour to Peru coming up April 9th to 19th, 2016. Priority will be given to participants who are involved in procurement or sales of fair trade products. Cost of the tour is \$2995. It will be led by Jennifer Williams, former CEO of La Siembra/Cocoa Camino, who knows Northern Peru well and speaks fluent Spanish. The tour group will visit fair trade production and processing cooperatives specializing in coffee, cocoa, sugar and tropical fruits. Contact Zack Gross for a detailed tour description and application form at [\(204\) 987-6420](tel:2049876420) or [fairtrade@mcic.ca](mailto:fairtrade@mcic.ca).

# Fair Trade Network & MCIC to Host National Conference

The Canadian Fair Trade Network and the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation (MCIC) will be hosting the 4th Annual National Fair Trade Conference, coming up in Winnipeg at the Fort Garry Hotel, Thursday to Saturday, February 18th to 20th, 2016. As many as four hundred registrants are expected from around Manitoba, across Canada, the US, Europe and the Global South, including activists, business people, government and institutional representatives, Southern producers, certifiers and many university and high school students. You can view the program and register at [www.cftn.ca/conference](http://www.cftn.ca/conference). Registration and rooms, if you wish to stay at the Hotel, are very reasonable and include all sessions and meals. For more information, contact Zack Gross or Naomi Happychuk at MCIC, (204) 987-6420 or [Naomi@cftn.ca](mailto:Naomi@cftn.ca).

## Fair Trade Brandon News

The City of Brandon and Town of Hudson tied for the Fair Trade Town of 2015 award! Brandon won the 2014 Fair Trade Town of the Year award, too.

### Upcoming Fair Trade Events and Activities:

**Fair Trade Fridays** – October 30<sup>th</sup> until November 27<sup>th</sup> – think fair and buy fair on Fridays; enter your name at participating restaurants and stores for a chance to win an exciting prize!

November 9, 2015 – Riverbank Discovery Centre Assiniboine River Corridor Master Plan Public Open House 5:00 – 7:00 at the Riverbank Discovery Centre (coffee event)

December 5, 2015 – Day of Mindfulness at Valleyview Community Centre 9:00 – 3:30 (fairtrade coffee & lunch event)

December 10, 2015 – Human Rights Day celebrating Truth and Reconciliation at the A.R. McDiarmid Civic Complex (coffee event)

### Fair Trade Fridays:

A variety of restaurants and stores that offer Fair Trade products will have special ballot boxes and fair trade promotional materials on Fridays starting October 30 until November 27 inclusive – Draw: November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### Fair Trade Category of the Month:

November – Fruits and Vegetables

December – Sugar, Spices & Baking Goods

### Did You Know?

- There are over 1.4 million Fair Trade farmers and workers in 74 countries
- Producers have 50% of the votes in decision making
- Over \$123 million in Fair Trade premiums paid in 2013
- There are more than 1300 Fair Trade Towns in over 20 countries around the world

Source: Fairtrade International, 2013

*Canadian Fair Trade Network Conference in Winnipeg February 18 to 20, 2016 at the Fort Garry*



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with the Developing  
World*

### Stay Connected

Even though we are now debt-free, Marquis continues to rely on your financial support for long term stability. If you are not already a supporting member of Marquis, please consider taking out a membership. Membership fees are a source of reliable income and help us budget wisely. Student - \$15; Regular - \$30; Family - \$60; Supporting - \$120. For further details and online purchase, please visit the Donate page on our website.

Visit our website or join us on Twitter or Facebook for more details on the work of Marquis and updates on Beny's visit to Manitoba. If you are receiving this newsletter via Canada Post, please consider sending us your email coordinates so we can simplify the process of staying connected. Thank you!

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## Returning Education Facilitator

The Marquis Project is excited to announce the return of Samantha Dellezay, after her year of maternity leave, as their Education Facilitator. Samantha will be available for the 2015-2016 school year -- continuing to meet the outcomes and learning experiences in the Manitoba Education social studies curriculum.

The Marquis Project Educational Facilitator provides educators with:

- Presentations on various curriculum based topics -- making the connection of local to global. All presentations engage students through Power Point, simulation, discussion and video.
- Facilitate educational tools and resources in classrooms such as The Fair Game and Global Trader
- Assistance to Grade 12 educators and students with their Global Issues: Citizenship and Sustainability (40s) class
- Participate in school-wide conferences
- Loaning out educational material and resources

To book a presentation with our Education Facilitator, please contact her at [marquiseducator@gmail.com](mailto:marquiseducator@gmail.com) or [204-727-5675](tel:204-727-5675).

\*Note from our Education Facilitator\*

I am excited to be back in my position after spending the last year on maternity leave with my baby, Jackson. I look forward to continuing to educate southwest Manitoba on topics and issues that I am passionate about.