



# The Marquis Project Newsletter

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## Former Brandonite Wendell Phillips Offers an Evening of World-Class Photo Journalism

The Marquis Project is honored to host former Brandonite and award-winning photo journalist Wendell Phillips for an evening of photography and stories of Global Impressions. Mr. Phillips is no stranger to audiences in Westman – he last provided audience members with an awe-inspiring evening back in 2011. One of his first overseas photography ventures was being part of a Marquis Project tour to Nicaragua in 1985 when he was a Brandon Sun photographer.

Google his name “Wendell Phillips” and you will find many articles about this Vancouver-based photographer. His website at <https://www.wendellphillips.com/index> lists the 31 awards he has received from North American news organizations for his photos. He was voted Canada’s News Photographer of the Year in 1988 and nominated for Canadian Photojournalist of the Year in 2007 and 2009. His images have been featured in prominent news sources such as The New York Times, the Washington Post, BBC World News, The Guardian, and South China Morning Post.

This distinctive ninety-minute photographic presentation illustrates the diversity of the life on five continents by award-winning photographer and visual story-teller Wendell Phillips of Vancouver. Featured work will include captivating images of everyday street life to remote locations in the global community. Phillips enthusiastically shares his socially engaged photographic approach and personal philosophy through visual narratives that cross boundaries of language and culture to capture serious and light-hearted stories putting a human face on current events. This presentation explores the human condition in six dozen countries that include Madagascar, Greenland, Iraq, Haiti, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Bolivia, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.



Wendell Phillips  
(Photo Credit: Wendell Phillips website)

Doors at the Evans Theatre at Brandon University will open at 7 pm

## Former Brandonite Wendell Phillips Offers an Evening of World-Class Photo Journalism. cont...

This evening of breathtaking visuals and first-hand narratives from Wendell Phillips will be held at the Evans Theatre at Brandon University. Tickets are available for \$15 per person [children may require parental guidance for some of the images] at any of the following locations:

*Dynamic evening with Wendell Phillips will support Marquis programming.*

- ◆ Family Tree Photography, 455 8th Street, (204) 727-8841
- ◆ Lady of the Lake, 135 17th Street N., (204) 725-4181
- ◆ Forbidden Flavours, 1060 18th Street, (204) 571-6670
- ◆ Ten Thousand Villages, 829 Rosser Avenue, (204) 726-8755
- ◆ Or contact Samantha at [marquiseducator@gmail.com](mailto:marquiseducator@gmail.com) or 204-721-2605 to arrange to purchase tickets in advance.
- ◆ Any unsold tickets will be available at the door, but seating is limited. All ticket purchases are by cash or cheque made out to The Marquis Project.

## Fundraising Raffle!

Enter to win a 2018 Riot Enduro 12 Kayak. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased through Stream 'n' Wood, Ten Thousand Villages, or a Marquis Project board member. Draw for the kayak will be held on May 10 during the Wendell Phillips' "Global Impressions" event at the Evans Theatre.

For more information, email [marquis@marquisproject.com](mailto:marquis@marquisproject.com)



## City of Brandon's Fair Trade Town Steering Committee Update

by Mireille Saurette

### Awards and Events Participation

The Canadian Fairtrade Awards bring together industry and civil society leaders to recognize best-in-class and celebrate excellence in Fairtrade. City of Brandon's Fair Trade Town Steering Committee's received two awards this year.

- 1) Special Recognition: Fair Trade Town All-Star and
- 2) Fair Trade Event of the Year.

Two committee members, Meeghan Gavin (Ten Thousand Villages manager) and Mireille Saurette (committee's chair) attended the 6<sup>th</sup> national conference in Vancouver early March.



### Upcoming events: Save the Dates!

**Fair Trade Fridays** – May 4, 11, 18 and 25<sup>th</sup> – Choose fairtrade certified products on Fridays at home, work and when you out. Enter your name for a draw at certain local business in Brandon (TBA)

**Fair Trade Mother's Day Tea** – Saturday, May 5 at Ten Thousand Villages – treats and unique gift ideas!

**World Fair Trade Day Celebration** – Saturday, May 12 at Ten Thousand Villages – treats and activities to honour this special day!

**Eco-Day in May Pancake Breakfast** – Saturday, May 26 at the Global Market.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fair Trade Feast - A Great Success

The Marquis Project's second annual Fair Trade Feast was held on March 11. 91 people shared in an amazing meal prepared by The Dock on Princess using Fair Trade products donated by Ten Thousand Villages and others. Beny Mwenda, from the Tanzania Society of Agricultural Education and Extension, gave an update on the ongoing project in Tanzania. We celebrated, once again, the progress we have made in being a Fair Trade Town. Between the meal and the raffles, over \$2000 was raised to support our ongoing commitment to Fair Trade Brandon and to support projects between The Marquis Project and its Tanzanian partner in rural development, agriculture and women's entrepreneurship.



Fair Trade Canada has a wide range of resource material such as educational brochure, posters and merchandising material for businesses and community organization. Best of all, they are free! You can easily order yours at [Fair Trade Materials and Resources](#)

**Assiniboine Community College** donated fair trade related books and magazines to the ACC library. Staff, students and community members with any picture ID can take the books and magazines out. The collection includes current and past issues of the CFTN fairtrade and Fair World's Project magazines.

## Update on TSAEE Project Focusing on Young Adult Migrants in Rural Tanzania



Field Pest Monitoring



Data collection on cotton



Seminar participation

Photos and update provided by Beny Mwenda

In the communities of Songwa and Buganika, 68 youth were selected through random selection and self organized groups to participate in Entrepreneurship and Tangible Goals Approach training programs. With readily available water resources in Songwa and fertile land in Buganika, the entrepreneurship ventures were focused on horticultural crops (primarily watermelon and tomato but also pawpaw, maize, and vegetables) in Songwa, and major crops (cotton, sorghum, and green gram) in Buganika. TSAEE provided training on agricultural practices to successfully produce these crops. Other ventures included chicken production, tree nursery development and orchards. The young adults also participated in workshops on energy efficient stove use to minimize firewood consumption, life skills, leadership, HIV and AIDs awareness, gender equality, and climate change.

Songwa participants are into their second round of vegetable production, thus making TSAEE's major goal of retaining youth in a village engaged on economic activities, a success. Buganika participants are waiting to harvest and sell their first Sorgham crop after harvest in May and cotton crop after harvest in June. Since MCIC funding has ended, there are concerns for project extension till crop harvest. One year is not enough for sustainability of results despite the robust reception from youth in Buganika. Without continued support and mentorship to get these young adults through their first harvest and crop sale, these young adults are vulnerable to migration to artisanal or big company mines or the sex trade.

TSAEE made three attempts to organize trainings in the periurban area of Buhongwa, but youth showed low interest in these training sessions and were more attracted towards other NGOs which were providing loans. Hence, TSAEE moved further east geographically to the area known as Lwanima. Fifteen youth from Lwanima participated in training sessions and as a result, 3 tomato growers, 11 small businesses and 1 food vender have been developing as viable enterprises.

TSAEE had also proposed to build awareness about abandoned children living in refugee camps through a television program. TSAEE decided not to continue with this program since there were numerous difficulties to implement the program due to logistics and budget constraints. As an alternative, TSAEE will plan to sensitize its members about the life of immigrants in camps through a presentation and discussion.

The last objective of the project was to work with a TSAEE member from Kigoma to develop a proposal for the Western side of Tanzania where many refugee camps are located. However, due to unrealistic expectations of the member at Kigoma, TSAEE, instead, decided to focus its work in the Lake Zone (in Buganika and Songwa) where the best results for the funds available could be obtained.

Overall, there were 171 participants in the project "Mitigating Young Adult Migration in Tanzania Through Local Economic Development": 88 males, 83 females. Of these, 123 (63 male, 60 female) remain viable in the areas of Songwa, Buganika, and Lwanima.

## The Marquis Project looking forward to a busy and fruitful year, 2018 — by Michelle Lemoine

As we all start to welcome the Spring of 2018, the Marquis Project continues to fight for our mission to participate actively in sustainable projects and partnerships aimed at improving the quality of life in small, rural communities in developing countries, and to help educate Manitobans as to the nature of the economic, political and social issues that are involved in this mission at local and global levels.

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, Marquis held the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Fair Trade Feast at The Dock on Princess where we celebrated and promoted the work of our Fair Trade Town Committee while enjoying a wonderful meal that had been locally prepared using certified Fair Trade ingredients. Thanks to our member support and the timely visit of Mr. Beny Mwenda, the event was a sell out for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row!

Without Beny's leadership much of our work in the global south would not be possible. As the person on the ground at the Tanzanian Society of Agricultural Education and Extension, Beny works tirelessly to carry out projects supported by The Marquis Project, People to People, and CARES. The current project, Mitigating Young Adult Migration in Tanzania Through Local Economic Development, works with Tanzanian youth by providing them with appropriate entrepreneurial skills that will allow them to stay home, in rural areas. In order for this project to be successful, Marquis applied for grant funding through the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation and raised funds to cover the 10% levy that the MCIC grant requires. However, our application for MCIC funding was not successful this year. The Marquis Project is committed to their mission and is currently exploring projects and funding opportunities that will allow the work to continue.

The second mission of The Marquis Project is also facing change in the next year. For several years Marquis has been successful in applying for funding through Manitoba Education to deliver lessons on social justice and sustainability to K-12 students throughout Westman. Working alongside classroom teachers our Education Program Facilitator delivers lessons, units, and workshops on social justice and global sustainability to between 1500 and 2000 K-12 students in Brandon and Westman annually. As a result of the change in provincial leadership, as of June 30, 2018, this project will no longer receive funding through Manitoba Education. But, again, The Marquis Project is committed to their mission and is currently exploring projects and funding opportunities that allow the mission to carry on.



*Linking Manitobans with  
the Developing World*

### Stay Connected

Visit our website or join us on Twitter or Facebook for more details on the work of Marquis and updates on the Fair Trade initiatives. 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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## Marquis Project Annual General Meeting June 11, 2018

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on June 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm, location TBD. The AGM is an important time for reporting Marquis' activities during the past year to members, electing board members, and revising by-laws. Any individual or family who has a membership in good standing is entitled to vote at the AGM. Memberships can be paid on the evening of the AGM, by mailing a cheque to P.O. Box 50045 Brandon, MB R7A7E4, or through Paypal on our website at: [www.marquisproject.com](http://www.marquisproject.com)

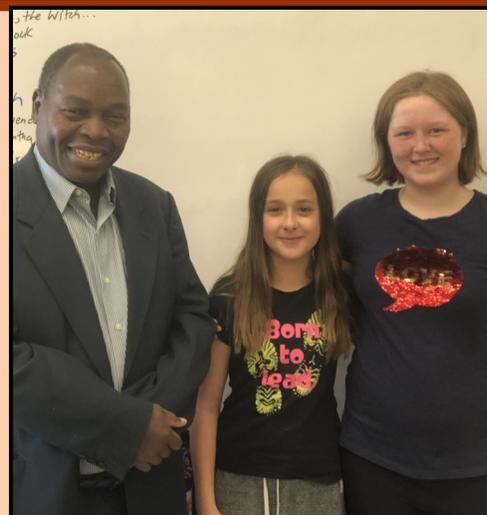
The Marquis Project is seeking **NEW BOARD MEMBERS** during the June 2018 Annual General Meeting. There are varied levels of roles and responsibilities for board members to undertake. If you or any one you know is interested in joining the Board, please contact any of the present board members or send email inquiries to [marquis@marquisproject.com](mailto:marquis@marquisproject.com)

### Successful School Tours for The Marquis Project Education Program By Samantha Dellezay

The Marquis Project education program is pleased to announce another successful school tour with Mr. Beny Mwenda. Beny toured throughout southwest Manitoba reaching 737 students in primary, secondary, college and university classes. Presentations included life in Tanzania, religion in Tanzania, fair trade, and rural development in Tanzania.



A special thank you to Mr. Zubriki's classroom at Valleyview school for fundraising \$222.00 for our projects with TSAEE in Tanzania.



To book a presentation session, or to learn about our program, contact the Marquis Education Facilitator, Samantha Dellezay, by email [marquiseducator@gmail.com](mailto:marquiseducator@gmail.com) or via telephone at 204-727-5675.