



**Institutional Stove Solutions**

# InStove News

*"As a non-profit, we provide critical technologies to agencies operating in the developing world."*

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## Improving cooks' lives in Haiti

We are moving rapidly to bring more stoves to Haiti where interest in our stove is growing dramatically. A container of 60 stoves will be shipped to Haiti later this spring, financed by a major gift from a donor.

Media Director Dennis Hartley recently returned from a two-week trip to Haiti where he met with school cooks who use our stove and made presentations to cooks who would like to. Evane Monpremier (pictured) from the rural Pignon region, has been cooking on the stove for two months, and is happy with its high efficiency, and ability to be used indoors. She said through a translator, "This [stove] protects us because we don't have to deal with the smoke. I'm going to pray for the people that made



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*-Evane Monpremier, School cook*

this stove because it protects me a lot, especially when I get up early in the dark to prepare breakfast. I feel more secure if I can cook indoors." Cooks who use our stove frequently

become its strongest advocates; Evane helped Dennis give a presentation to 32 local cooks and is eager to get another stove to double her program's capacity.

With the help of cooks like Evane, local partners, and supporters like you, we are working to establish our first Stove-Factory-In-A-Box in Haiti later this year.

## Hitting the ground with a running start

Though InStove has existed for less than a year, it already has a global presence with stoves in in refugee camps, school meal programs, hospitals and orphanages in 19 countries.

At its incorporation on June 1, 2012, InStove had about a dozen volunteers and several temporary employees. At the start of 2013, that workforce has grown to 8 full and part-

time employees, a nine-member board of directors and 30 volunteers.

"We are now poised to scale up to practically any level of demand," said InStove Executive Director Fred Colgan. "And we think it's going to be huge."

A new production facility in Cottage Grove will ensure that InStove is equipped to meet the growing demand for its 60

and 100 Liter stoves.

Subscribe to our newsletter, friend us on facebook, and follow us on twitter as we grow over the coming months into an even bigger, world-level organization with expanded operations and a commitment to our mission to put advanced, life-improving technologies into the hands of the poorest people around the globe.

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### Donate to InStove

♦ As an Oregon non-profit organization, we rely on donations to help us achieve our mission. Our business model is to distribute our stoves at cost in order to serve the most organizations and people possible. Donors like you enable us to continue research and development, start pilot projects in areas without our stoves, and help us share our story with new partners.

♦ A donation of **\$650**, the cost of one stove, will save 30 tons of carbon emissions each year compared to the open fires they replace.

♦ Donate online at: [www.instove.org/donate/](http://www.instove.org/donate/)

♦ Please mail donations to:  
**Institutional Stove Solutions**  
**P.O. Box 368**  
**Cottage Grove, OR 97424**

# Expanded Presence in Uganda

Right now, InStove's footprint in Uganda is relatively small, with a half dozen stoves in use throughout the country. But thanks to a fruitful trip late last fall, that footprint is on the verge of a dramatic expansion.

Between November 23rd and 30th, 2012, InStove Executive Director Fred Colgan – along with Board Members Lise Colgan and Virgil Ricks – conducted a series of meetings with Ugandan officials and stove demonstrations for local humanitarian and faith-based groups.

The trip started off with the a demonstration of our 60 liter/15 gallon stove to representatives of eight Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and about a dozen faith-based organizations in Kampala, capital of Uganda. The attendees signaled their interested in obtaining our stoves for projects throughout the country.

In Kampala, the team also met with officials from the national government, including Chief Whip of the Ugandan Parliament, Hon. Kasule Lumumba Justine. Justine pledged government support for InStove bringing production to Uganda and agreed to arrange a meeting with Uganda's prime minister and ministers of health and education for InStove's next trip to the country in early 2013.

Next, our team traveled to Tororo City in Eastern Uganda to meet with Tororo District officials. We received a pledge of support from Chief Administrative Officer Oswan V.K.



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-Fred Colgan,  
Executive Director

to establish a Stove-Factory-In-A-Box in the province.

Back in Kampala, the InStove crew attended a series of meetings hosted by Makerere University, Uganda's premier educational institution. The leaders of the Center for Research in Energy and Energy Conservation (CREEC), a Makerere-based development NGO, attended these meetings, as did staff from Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)—the German international development organization—and two Ugandan business development experts.

Our team also met with faith-based organizations working throughout Uganda who have expressed a

strong interest in purchasing stoves and other InStove products. In the coming weeks, we will be taking orders and expect to ship several containers of stoves to the country.

As a result of this trip, the InStove Uganda working group has been created with representatives hailing from the Ugandan government, CREEC, GIZ, faith-based groups and the local business community. Our goals for 2013 include bringing a Stove-Factory-In-A-Box to Uganda in late 2013.

"The trip was wonderful; it exceeded our expectation," says Fred of the visit. "InStove has a bright future in Uganda helping Ugandans solving some intractable problems."

Fruitful and world-changing missions like this are made possible by the support of our partners. Everything from the plane tickets to the accommodations would not have been possible without donors like you.

## What's next?

- ◆ **Haiti**- Shipped one order 1/14, and taking orders for next shipment later in spring.
- ◆ **Uganda**- Convened working group with on-the-ground partners, now taking orders for 100 stoves to be shipped in spring.
- ◆ **Nigeria**- Working with International Center for Environment and Energy Development (ICEED) to distribute 430 stoves; second container to be shipped 1/31. Executive Director will travel to Nigeria 2/17-2/23.
- ◆ **South Sudan**-Container of 50 stoves shipped 1/14.
- ◆ **Senegal**- Executive Director to travel to Dakar 1/20, to debut 100 L stove at religious festival Gamou with an expected attendance of 1.5 million people. Through partnership with *Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit* (GIZ) working with government officials to take next step.
- ◆ **Kenya**- Executive Director to travel to Dadaab refugee camp in partnership with UNHCR.
- ◆ **Ghana**- Field testing of stoves, pilot project, scheduled for early 2013.
- ◆ **New Faces**- InStove is proud to welcome Nicole Shearer, Alicia Ly and Erik Ford, U of O new student interns for the winter term.
- ◆ **Winter Workshop**- Space is still available for the Winter Stove Workshop, Feb. 2nd — Feb 8th. Scholarships available. Contact: [Stella@instove.org](mailto:Stella@instove.org).