



## ISP Exec. Director Travels to Sudan

Randy Butler, CEO of The Institute, will lead a team to Sudan, October 13 - 22, as the first step in implementing an initiative begun by a group of Sudanese participants at the ISP's Leadership Development Workshop (LDW) in June 2009. The members of that group, now called the Sudan ISP Group, included leaders currently living in Sudan and individuals from every region of Sudan who are now living in the USA. The Sudan ISP Group has challenged The ISP to train individuals in Sudan to conduct a series of Leadership Development Workshops & Peace Gatherings in Sudan beginning in 2010. The Leadership Development Workshops & Peace Gatherings will bring grass-roots leaders and future leaders together from all regions of Sudan for experiential learning and reconciliation processes that are culturally relevant and conducted in the language of the participants.

The team traveling to Sudan includes Randy Butler, Cecilia Adeng, who is community engagement coordinator at the Government of Southern Sudan Mission to the USA, and Fatah Arman, a journalist from northern Sudan. Both Ms. Adeng and Mr. Arman participated in the ISP's Leadership Development Workshops held in Colorado in 2008 and 2009.

The team will start in Khartoum meeting with leaders in government from both major parties and leaders of NGO's serving

in Sudan. While in Khartoum, Randy will also be speaking to a symposium of student leaders put on by the Democratic Institute there. The team also expects to be joined by LDW participants who are now working and living in Khartoum.

From Khartoum, the team will fly to Juba, the capital of the semi-autonomous region of the south. The team's host in Juba is Akol Kordit, president of the youth league of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement. Mr. Kordit participated in the 2008 LDW and returned in 2009 to serve as a peer leader and speaker. While in Juba, the team will be meeting with government and non-profit leaders. The team also plans to drive to Bor, capital of Jonglei State, for meetings with Gov. Kuol, Dr. Aggrev, head of the John Garang Institute for Science and Technology, and Mamer Ajak, who has participated in two of our LDWs and is now leading an agricultural development project in Bor.

You will have an opportunity to hear a full report on the team's trip:

**WHEN: Nov. 4 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**WHERE: at the home of John & Mary Beth Arcidiacono, 6330 Vanderbilt, Houston, Texas 77005.**

Appetizers and drinks will be served. Please RSVP to [Lpalmer@2Peace.org](mailto:Lpalmer@2Peace.org).

## ISP Receives Matching Challenge Grant

We are pleased to announce that John and Ann Montgomery, long time supporters of The Institute, have made a challenge matching grant. For every dollar you give in response to the challenge, John and Ann will donate a dollar up to \$10,000. The purpose of the challenge grant is to raise funds to enhance our ability to communicate our mission and message to a much wider audience throughout the United States and much of the rest of the world.

Every dollar you give to The ISP in response to this challenge will become two dollars, plus we will gain greater ability to reach other potential donors. Further, your contribution also directly impacts our projects, as one of the key uses of these funds will be to upgrade our website to include streaming audio and video. Greater interactivity will enhance our training capabilities and will help us stay in more constant contact with the young leaders who have participated in our Leadership Development Workshops and Peace Gatherings.

You can make a contribution in response to this generous challenge grant by sending a check to:

The Institute for Sustainable Peace  
3217 Montrose Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77006.

To contribute using a credit card, via Pay Pal, click [here](#).

Thank you, John and Ann for your generous support of the Institute!

## ISP Introduces New VISTAS & PeaceJam

The ISP is partnering with The University of Houston's Graduate College of Social Work to sponsor a local PeaceJam affiliate. PeaceJam, which focuses on at-risk youth, seeks to inspire a new generation of peacemakers who will transform their local communities, themselves and the world. Through PeaceJam, The ISP can extend our reach to local youth.

The PeaceJam affiliate is staffed with AmeriCorps VISTA members Theresa Kelleher and Saiba Abbas (also a 2009 LDW participant), who began work at the end of August. These two amazing and inspirational women dove right in and are hard at work launching new PeaceJam Clubs and planning a fall event for participating youth. For more information about Greater Texas PeaceJam, contact [pjam@central.uh.edu](mailto:pjam@central.uh.edu).

## ISP Welcomes Sudanese Project Manager

We are pleased to announce that Makki Makki has joined The ISP as Sudanese Project Manager. Makki is originally from Darfur, and received his law degree from the University of Cairo in 2005. He came to the United States in August of 2005, and settled in Iowa, where he worked as a writer and in media relations for The Darfuri People's Association of Iowa and Darfur Human Rights Organization. Makki attended our 2008 LDW, and returned in 2009 as a peer leader.

We were thrilled that Makki agreed to move to Houston to serve as our Sudanese Project Manager. In this position, he coordinates our training programs with the Sudanese living here in the United States and facilitates ongoing dialogue among the working groups that were created at the 2009 LDW. Welcome Makki!