



Outward Bound
Peacebuilding

June 2008 Update

Project Updates

Middle East

The Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding sponsored Dave Wolfenden, Executive Director of Outward Bound Canada, to participate in an expedition on the Abraham Path. He participated in sections in Jordan, Palestine and Israel. Mr. Wolfenden is writing a summary report on the potential for Outward Bound to provide experiences along the Abraham Path in the future.

The *Outward Bound/Search for Common Ground Social Entrepreneurs Program* implementation date has been moved to early 2009 to accommodate for religious holidays.

Rwanda

The Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding is continuing its 2008 capacity building consultation and seed funding grants to Outward Bound Rwanda. Outward Bound Rwanda plans to train two instructors at Outward Bound South Africa later in 2008, and is embarking upon the corresponding recruitment process. Outward Bound Rwanda is seeking funds for this training program and also for the acquisition of a parcel of land to serve as the Outward Bound Rwanda base camp.

Sri Lanka

The dates for the *Sri Lanka Journalist Leadership Program* are currently being confirmed by Outward Bound Sri Lanka and the Sri Lanka Press Institute. As the security situation continues to threaten the stability of the country, the need for positive communication, understanding and successful models of engagement amongst the different communities is pressing.

Announcements

A breakfast discussion was held on May 21 at *The New York Times* regarding the Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding. Beth Anglin Knox, Managing Director, presented this new initiative to a group of foundation representatives, journalists, international experts and business leaders and opened the floor to discussion of how Outward Bound may best serve the needs of the people living in environments of conflict, facilitating dialogue and understanding in a complementary fashion to other important peacebuilding efforts.

Thank you to Kiono and Brooks Thomas for hosting an Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding reception in their home on May 27. Board member Clayton Fowler welcomed guests and introduced Beth Anglin Knox. We were honored to provide an opportunity for long-time OB supporters and others more recently associated with the organization through their interest and collaboration with the Center for Peacebuilding to gather around a common interest in promoting sustainable peace in the world.

Shira Loewenberg was invited and attended a peacebuilding conference sponsored by Deutsche Welle in Bonn, Germany, June 2-4.

