

ACE climbers help children

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A group of fifteen ACE Limited employees and their associates have ascended Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, and in doing so have raised over a quarter of a million dollars for the ISIS Foundation, a Bermuda-based charity that assists children in Nepal and Uganda through health and educational projects.

At midnight on Thursday, July 11, as their families and colleagues back home slept peacefully, the ACE adventurers pulled themselves out of their tents for the final ascent on the summit. Eight hours later, one painful step after another, they reached Uhuru Point, the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, at 19,340 ft. the highest mountain in Africa.

The intrepid team of ACE climbers are now safely home after their successful journey and back in their various offices around the world. They have numerous stories to tell about their experiences and the challenges they faced individually and as a team.

"This was the most difficult and humbling, but also the most awesome experience of our lives," said Edmina Bradshaw from ACE Limited, who spearheaded the climb.

"We could not have done it without teamwork and collaboration or the encouragement of the guides and porters who accompanied us and who gave us the confidence to carry on to reach our goal.

"The thought of the children in Nepal and Uganda who will benefit from this expedition as well as the hundreds of people who have sponsored us on their behalf, helped spur us on to the summit."

In addition to Mrs. Bradshaw, members of team from ACE were: Roger Gillett, Patrick Mitchell, Deborah Smith, and Keith White from ACE's Bermuda offices; Tim Fisher, ACE INA (Washington); Gregory Kelder, ACE INA (Philadelphia); Joanne Massey, ACE INA (Westchester); and Leo Takagi, ACE Japan.

The team of climbers also included Walt Massey, Taylor Lane from Guy Carpenter in New York, Miyoki Oda and Dr John Tanner, the team physician, accompanied by Petra Tanner and Kenny Tanner.

Staff of the ISIS Foundation are delighted that the adventurers have returned home safely and have had a life-changing experience on the expedition.

Each member of the expedition raised at least \$10,000 for the ISIS Foundation and some raised over \$20,000. The ACE Foundation, ACE's charitable trust, plans to match the money raised by the ACE employees who participated in the climb. This match will bring the total raised for the ISIS Foundation to more than \$300,000.

The ISIS Foundation will use the donations to continue their work in Nepal and Uganda.

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