

One Year Later 'Live 8' Activist Returns To G8

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ONE: The Campaign to Make Poverty History volunteer Shayne Moore has returned to the G8, one year after Live 8 and the Gleneagles G8 Summit, to report on America's progress on the 2005 G8's historic promises on debt, aid and trade for Africa and the world's poorest countries.

Shayne Moore traveled last year from the Chicago suburbs to the 2005 G8 Summit in Gleneagles with actor and activist George Clooney and Bono, lead singer of rock group U2 and co-founder of DATA (debt AIDS trade Africa).

In the year since Live 8, Shayne Moore has volunteered on HIV/AIDS and trade projects in Kenya and worked in Wheaton, Ill., to organize her college, community and church with ONE: The Campaign to Make Poverty History, holding house parties and asking Congress to fully fund the G8 promises to Africa and the world's poorest countries. Moore is a stay-at-home mom and graduate of Christian academic institution Wheaton College, alma mater of Billy Graham and Speaker of the House of Representatives Dennis Hastert.

"I'm just one American, coming back to ask the world's leaders and the U.S. to do even more to save lives in Africa and the world's poorest countries," said Moore.

On July 2, 2005, one million Americans stood up at Live 8 in Philadelphia, joining the ONE Campaign to call on the world's eight richest nations, the "G8", to make poverty history and ask the U.S. to lead the world in an historic deal on debt, aid and trade for Africa. Five days later at the 2005 G8 Summit in Gleneagles, America and the world's richest countries, the G8, responded by announcing an ambitious plan to accelerate Africa's development and help save millions of lives in the world's poorest countries.

At the St. Petersburg G8, the ONE Campaign will be keeping up the pressure, asking America to do even more to keep the historic G8 promises. Over the last year, the ONE Campaign has now grown to over 2.3 million people in all 50 states and 80 organizations, calling on leaders to fully fund the fight against global AIDS and extreme poverty.

"President Bush made historic promises on behalf of all Americans at last year's G8 summit, agreeing to cancel crushing debts, increase effective international assistance and make trade

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more fair for the world's poorest people," said Meighan Stone of ONE. "From primary school education to all children to access to AIDS drugs for all who need them, in order for the President to make good on his promises, Congress must write the check and fully fund the pledges made to the world's poorest." ABOUT ONE: THE CAMPAIGN TO MAKE POVERTY HISTORY

ONE is a new effort by Americans to rally Americans - ONE by ONE - to fight the emergency of global AIDS and extreme poverty. ONE is a coalition of 2.3 million people from every state and over 80 of the nation's leading relief, humanitarian and advocacy organizations. For more information, please visit: <http://www.one.org>