

Ambassadors from Malawi and Zambia Visit BBF

BBF was honored by visits from Ambassador Hawa Ndilowe from Malawi and Ambassador Dr. Inonge Mbikusita-Lewanika from Zambia in March 2009. In coordination with the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh, which hosted the visiting Ambassadors, BBF was pleased to welcome these representatives given BBF's long history of work in both countries. Malawi Ambassador Hawa Ndilowe was joined at BBF by Nora Goetz, Gary Goetz, Jr. and Rev. M. Catherine Day of the Pittsburgh Presbytery, and Jillian Wolstein and Yoav Hami of H.E.L.P. Malawi in Cleveland, Ohio. BBF Trustees Roy Dorrance, Dr. Chip Lambert, Charles Stout, Dr. Seth Bekoe and former Ambassador Daniel Simpson, all of whom are active in Malawi and other locations in Africa, also visited with Ambassador Ndilowe. Zambia Ambassador Dr. Mbikusita-Lewanika toured BBF's warehouse and attended a meeting of the College Club of Pittsburgh women's organization as its guest speaker. In 2008, BBF sent over \$4.6 million in requested pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, hospital beds and books to Malawi and over \$478,000 of such products to Zambia. BBF's in-country partners Adventist Development & Relief Agency, Medical Benevolence Fund and United States Agency for International Development all helped with shipping costs and distribution.



Left to right in front: Nora Goetz, Seth Bekoe, M.D., Reverend M. Catherine Day, Ambassador from Malawi Hawa Ndilowe, former Ambassador Daniel Simpson, Liam Carstens, Jillian Wolstein and Yoav Hami. Left to right in back: Roy Dorrance, Luke Hingson, Gary Goetz, Jr., Chip Lambert, M.D. and Charles Stout.



Ambassador from Zambia Dr. Inonge Mbikusita-Lewanika and BBF President Luke Hingson

BBF Staff Member Visits Jamaica

By Liam Carstens
BBF Medical Program Coordinator



Liam Carstens holding a tube of Teva product donated by BBF in Hagley Park Health Centre in Kingston, Jamaica

The last week of February, I was able to travel to Jamaica to tour the operations of some of Brother's Brother Foundation's long-standing partners. Food for the Poor (FFTP) has worked with BBF in Jamaica for many years. In 2008, BBF and FFTP distributed over \$161 million in donated pharmaceuticals, medical equipment and books. It was an exhausting, whirlwind tour of medical, educational and humanitarian projects that have been supported by donations from BBF and it was worth every minute. The opportunity to witness the distribution and utilization of medicine, hospital equipment, books and shoes donated by BBF was an invaluable experience that has already helped the way that I think about BBF's donation programs. In Kingston, I was taken to a range of hospitals and clinics that are supplied with some of our donations by our partner, Food for the Poor. We toured all types of medical facilities, from small clinics like the Hagley Park Health Centre,

to large hospitals like Kingston Public Hospital, which receives referrals from throughout the English speaking Caribbean. In addition, I was able to tour specialist hospitals like National Chest Hospital, Bellevue Hospital and the Bustamante Hospital for Children. In every hospital, clinic and elderly home visited, I was able to speak with at least one official from the hospital who conveyed his or her needs and wishes. I was also able to witness the distribution of pharmaceuticals to the patients, which was great to see. I truly appreciated seeing the bags and bottles of an individual prescription being filled; this was a contrast to the pallets of pharmaceuticals that we handle in our warehouse in Pittsburgh. While I was predominantly in Kingston, I did get a chance to travel out to Clarendon Parish and visit with representatives of JAMALCO, a Jamaican subsidiary of ALCOA which has been receiving books for the children and adults of Jamaica for over twenty years. I was lucky to tour various basic, primary and secondary schools that had received books from BBF's book program. I am happy to report that principals and librarians (as well as students) were eager to show their appreciation, and also gently reminded me that there is always more work to be done.



God's Little Angels Early Childhood Development Center in Spanish Town, Jamaica

Country Updates 3/13/2009

Thus far in 2009, BBF has sent over \$151,000,000 worth of supplies to 30 countries including: Bhutan, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Uganda, USA, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.

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President's Report

By Luke Hingson

BBF's first quarter activities involved sending the equivalent of 40 ocean-going containers of medical equipment and supplies to those in need around the world. Shipments included over 15,000 Crocs shoes, 380 hospital beds and over 650,000 bottles of requested pharmaceuticals such as antibiotics, hypertension and cancer treatment products. Over 500,000 children's and secondary education books have been allocated for such countries as Bangladesh, Ghana, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga and USA (Native Americans). New Crocs shoes have been sent to Guatemala, Haiti, Guyana and Zimbabwe. Thank you all for your past and continued efforts to help others as BBF's Board, staff and volunteers work to keep our administrative and fundraising costs below 1% of resources received. In January 2009, BBF elected new officers as follows: Board Chair, Roy G. Dorrance, III; Vice Chair, Walter B. Fowler; Treasurer, Charles J. Stout; Secretary, Rachel Lorey Allen, Esq.; and Medical Director, Chip Lambert, M.D.

EQuALLS and BBF Send Books to the Philippines



Teachers look at free books for use in their classrooms during the Book Fair at the USAID's EQuALLS2 Book Center in Cotabato City

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) empowered 142 teachers to select 42,000 English, science and math books for schools in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM). USAID turned over the selected books to schools in the ARMM through its Global Development Alliance partnership with BBF in Cotabato City on February

4 and 5, 2009. Implemented by USAID's Education Quality and Access for Learning and Livelihood Skills (EQuALLS2) Project, in partnership with Save the Children and Synergeia Foundation, the activity was designed to empower teachers and schools to choose English, science and math materials they need most. Additionally, 85 math kits, containing big and small books, a cassette player, audio tapes and several learning toys, were distributed. The learning materials and kits were provided to teachers who completed the EQuALLS2 teachers' math training, including practical and effective approaches to classroom instruction.

Philippine American Medical Society and BBF Send Hospital Equipment

In January 2009, about \$10 million of hospital equipment and supplies were turned over to the Teresita L. Jalandoni Provincial Hospital in Silay City, Negros Occidental, in the Philippines. The equipment was donated by the Philippine American Medical Society (PAMS) based in Western Pennsylvania, through the OVY Foundation. The shipment of the equipment and supplies was facilitated by BBF. This



PAMS volunteers in the Philippines

equipment consisted of six dialysis machines, six dialysis chairs, two anesthesia machines, birthing beds, exam tables, goose lamps, manual beds, mattresses, pediatric beds, chamber pots, crutches, suction machines, stretchers, wheelchairs and supplies, including surgical gowns and towels. A group of physicians from PAMS also conducted a surgical mission in February 2009 at the Provincial Hospital.

Dr. Dwight "Pete" Hanna Honored By Miraj Medical Centre in India

In the small town of Miraj in western India, the legacy of Dr. Dwight "Pete" Hanna lives on. Dr. Hanna, who died in 2007, spent several decades making trips to India to serve, teach and train at the Miraj Medical Centre. A plastic



Wanless Hospital Miraj, India

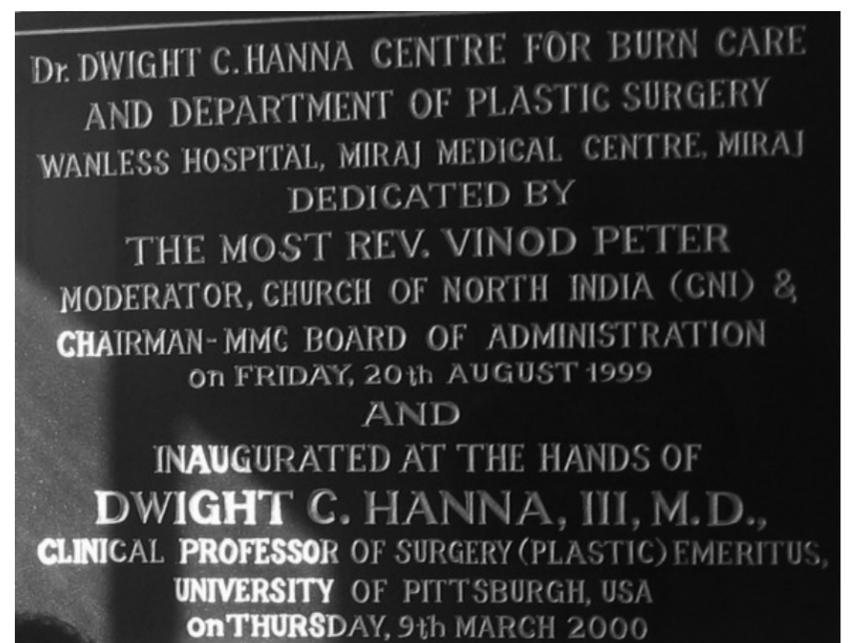
surgeon, he was instrumental in establishing both the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and the Burn Unit at the center. But, according to BBF Medical Director Chip Lambert who recently visited Miraj, Dr. Hanna's greatest gift may have been the time he spent training local doctors at the burn unit. "Burn is a common injury in underdeveloped nations," Dr. Lambert said, emphasizing that in places like Miraj where there is no electricity or gas, there are open fires for cooking and for use as light during the night. Accidents happen and anyone can fall into the fire. Dr. Hanna taught local medical staff how to treat and dress burn victims, how to care for the wounds and how to perform skin grafting. "It's one thing to buy something or donate equipment," Dr. Lambert said. "That piece of equipment will become obsolete. Once it has served its purpose, it's done. But when you teach someone, you teach them a skill that can be carried



Medical Director Deepak Kamle, Director of Cardiovascular Unit Dr. Shirish Pagaonkar and BBF Medical Director Dr. Chip Lambert

on. There's an intrinsic value of that skill that can be carried on 20 to 40 years and more if that person teaches someone else." That is how Dr. Hanna is remembered at Miraj. As a BBF Trustee for ten years and as medical director for six years, Dr. Hanna was influential in ensuring that medical supplies and surgical instruments were sent to Miraj through medical mission teams. A few years ago, when BBF received high-quality, precision-made stainless steel surgical instruments, Dr.

Hanna made sure some of those were donated to Miraj and to the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore, India. At more than 115 years old, the hospital in Miraj continues to thrive thanks to the efforts of numerous medical volunteers who go and serve. It was this same kind of altruistic spirit that founded the hospital in 1893 when Dr. William Wanless, a Presbyterian missionary from Pennsylvania, arrived and started a one-room clinic. As the years went on and more doctors came to Miraj to serve, word reached the King of what is now the country of India, about the improved health care situation of Miraj. He visited the site and in his delight allotted land to the Presbyterian mission doctors that allowed them to expand their health care facilities and services. Equipped with donated medical supplies and with the help of medical volunteers, the local staff is able to provide comprehensive medical care to the impoverished population free of charge or with nominal payment. Dr. Lambert said the hospital, which never withholds treatment, cares for about 50,000 people a year.



International Orthodox Christian Charities and BBF Send Books to Lebanon and Serbia

BBF and International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) have been working together for over fifteen years, bringing requested donations to those in need around the world. In late 2008, IOCC delivered 94,304 new Houghton Mifflin Harcourt textbooks to public schools and libraries in Lebanon in partnership with BBF. Some of the donated books went to one of the public libraries in Beirut. Children ran eagerly to the children's corner to see the newly arrived colorful books. Librarian Robert Ajami found himself surrounded by children gazing at the books in his hands before he could get a chance to display the books on the bookshelves. He couldn't resist reading to them while they eagerly listened and stared at the colorful pages. A young boy follows the illustrated story told by the librarian. "These books greatly attracted children and parents who were happy to see their children joyfully amazed by the books. It's the first time our library receives such interesting and entertaining books for children," says Ajami. IOCC and BBF also sent books that were distributed in Serbia in 2008. The photo to the left is from the Sabac area where IOCC distributed textbooks to nine educational institutions, among which are an elementary school, kindergarten and the school for mentally challenged children. BBF and IOCC's educational program continues to be a great success. The two organizations look forward to continued cooperation on book shipments in 2009!



BBF donated books in a library in Beirut, Lebanon



BBF donated books in a kindergarten in Serbia



Children International and BBF Send Crocs to Guatemala

In early January 2009, Kansas-City based Children International began distributing thousands of pairs of Crocs shoes to children in need in Guatemala. The shoes are part of BBF's shoe donation program, which donated over 435,000 pairs of shoes in 2008. The donation and distribution of the shoes represents collaboration between Children International and BBF, who have also partnered to send a similar container to Ecuador. One forty-foot oceangoing container holds 10,000 pairs of Crocs, which carry a value of \$100,000. But for those receiving the shoes, the value often lies in the protection that the shoes provide. This point was reiterated by BBF President Luke Hingson, "We are delighted to make the second donation of Crocs to Children International. Part of our common belief is that children should be protected in the simplest ways and one way is to protect their feet from disease and the cold." James R. Cook, President and CEO of Children International added, "Brother's Brother Foundation and Crocs have once again proven their dedication to helping poor children around the world. We are extremely grateful for their generosity in helping the world's children - our most precious commodity." The distribution of the shoes is scheduled to run through mid-March, 2009.



Thank you for the Crocs



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Mission Trip Update 3/13/2009

Thus far in 2009 BBF has helped with 59 mission trips with hand-carried supplies valued at more than \$2,880,000

Mission Trip Thank You



Dear BBF,

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We cannot thank you enough for all the support you have given every single member of the Duke Global Medical Brigades organization. We could not have done it without you, especially since we put together our trip in less than one semester! In the end we raised over \$100,000 in medicines, \$3,000 in fundraising and recruited three wonderful doctors. During our four days brigading, we saw over 1,100 patients, including those patients we saw during an impromptu brigade after we were unable to travel to our original destination. Our members have been forever changed by the experiences they had in Honduras and we hope those that we have helped feel the same. Again, both brigadiers and patients alike are in debt to you for your compassion and support. Specifically, I wish to personally thank Mr. Velimir Letoja at BBF for his guidance through the entire process of donations. As specified in the Deed of Donation, we were able to receive just under \$100,000 in medicines through Brother's Brother and the assistance of Joe Cunliffe at Teva Pharmaceuticals. All of this was successfully transported to the Global Medical Brigades headquarters in Honduras to be used on brigades and in clinics. On behalf of all members of the Duke Global Medical Brigades, thank you.

Matthew Dee Baron
 Medicine Committee Chair
 Duke Global Medical Brigades

Examining Human Rights - Global Problems, Global Solutions

By Joan Marshall

On February 20 and 21, 2009, BBF cosponsored a conference honoring the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The conference was held at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Through interactive workshops, keynote addresses and a powerful theatrical presentation, "Speak Truth to Power," the conference participants explored and discussed the challenges and progress made in achieving the vision of human rights. The Global Problems, Global Solutions conference opened with the play, "Speak Truth to Power," based on interviews with more than 50 human rights activists from around the world. Student actors from the various universities in Pittsburgh portrayed these ordinary heroes, well-known or otherwise, who have been tortured, imprisoned, threatened or violated in their fight to defend human rights. Dr. Ellen Dorsey, the executive director of the Wallace Global Fund based in Washington, DC, and originally from Pittsburgh, was one of two keynote speakers who addressed the changing strategies of non-governmental organizations regarding development and human rights. Dr. Dorsey has more than 20 years experience promoting international human rights, particularly economic and social rights, and advocating for environmental sustainability. She previously worked for the Heinz Endowments in Pittsburgh as senior program officer for the Environment Program. She also served as director of the national field program for Amnesty International. Dr. Micheline Ishay, the other keynote speaker and the director of the International Human Rights Program at the University of Denver, lectured about how we can take the lessons of key events in the history of human rights and move forward towards a more peaceful world. Along with BBF, the conference was cosponsored by Carnegie Mellon University, Duquesne University, University of Pittsburgh, LaRoche College, Carlow University, Global Solutions Education Fund and Global Links. More than 400 college and high school students, teachers, human rights activists, professionals and community members attended the conference. Some topics covered included human trafficking, the next steps in ending the genocide in Darfur, war and potential peace in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Middle East, global women's rights, student activism, conflict resolution, oppression of minorities, religious ethics in the public arena, workers' rights in the United States and abroad, environmental justice and monitoring the Millennium Development Goals.



Many Thanks to BBF Volunteers

April is Volunteer Recognition Month. BBF wishes to thank the H.J. Heinz Company Retired Employees who have, for seven years, volunteered to help. Nearly 4,000 hours have been joyfully given to the work of BBF by these volunteers. They prepare over 50,000 pieces of mail in the course of a year, including the one you are holding. Their efforts are crucial to the efficiency of BBF as a non-profit organization. Thank you Heinz Retired Volunteers in Pittsburgh (Heinz V.I.P.). You are all truly very important people.



Noteworthy

Giving In Honor/Memory

Did you know that if you send a donation to BBF in honor or memory of a friend or loved one that the BBF staff sends a personalized note at your direction? Thus far in 2009, BBF received 41 gifts in honor/memory that collectively totaled over \$5,000. For additional information about the BBF honor or memory cards, please call 412-321-3160 and ask for Donna.

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As you move to newer usernames, e-mail services and internet service providers, please keep us updated so we can continue to keep you up to date with our e-newsletter.

Speaker Available

If you would like to schedule a representative from BBF to visit your church, home, school or community, please call Karen Dempsey at 412-237-2324. The staff and Trustees are available to discuss the needs and opportunities to help in Europe, Asia, Caribbean, South America, Africa and the United States. If your group would like to see a video about the work of BBF, we will be happy to show it.

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