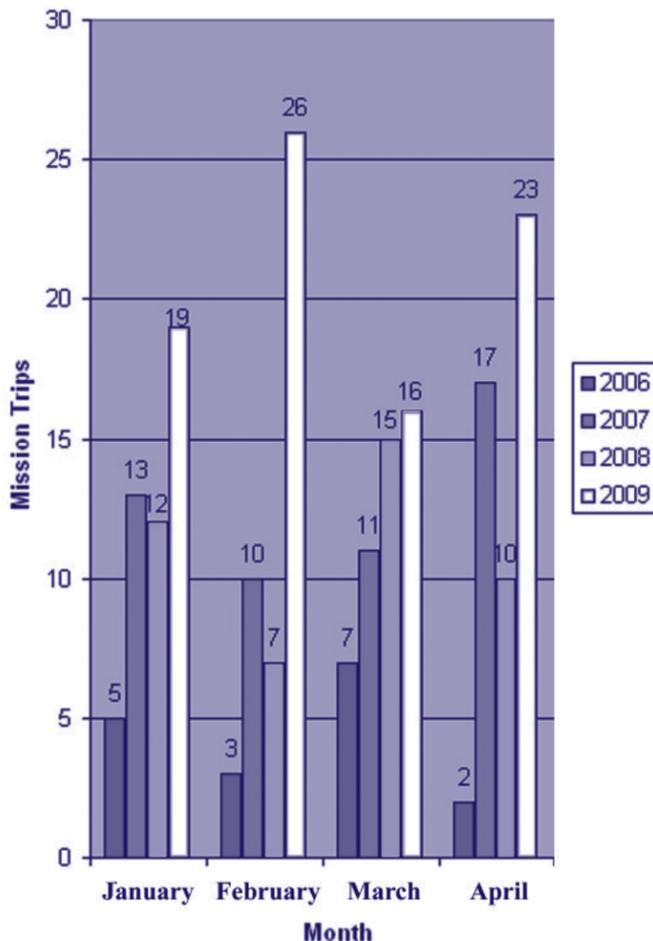


## Brother's Brother Foundation Mission Trips 2009

In the first four months of 2009, Brother's Brother Foundation experienced a tremendous growth in the number of mission trips. With the fine work of BBF staff member Ilva Letoja, Mission Trip Coordinator, BBF has supported 84 mission trips to 26 countries with medications, surgical instruments and equipment during the first four months of 2009. This graph illustrates the tremendous growth in mission trips. The letter below from The Ohio State University Mission Trip Coordinators is an example of the results of mission trip work.

**Medical Mission Trips 2006-2009**



*On behalf of our team, World Gospel Mission and The Ohio State University Colleges of Nursing and Pharmacy, We want to thank Brother's Brother Foundation for your generous support. Your support of donated medications provided us with many resources to accomplish our goals of providing care to the underserved areas in Honduras. We received many blessings directly from the Hondurans we served and hope to pass them on to you. Words cannot express how thankful we are.*



*Overall in our eight days of service, our medical team treated nearly 1,600 patients for parasites. We directly evaluated, diagnosed and provided the necessary medication for nearly 1,300 men, women and children. Our first two days saw us in the city dump sites of Tegucigalpa and Choluteca where we provided medical services to over 500 people living in and around the core of the two city trash systems. We held several medical clinics in rural areas around the southern town of Choluteca as well. Areas such as San Jeronimo, 7 de Mayo and Yolaran found our care most necessary as these villages often do not see mission groups locate them. Some medical members of our group visited a local nursing home while others worked in labor and delivery at the local hospital, Hospital del Sur; delivering*

*27 babies during our brief stay. Our team also sponsored a health fair where we provided poster presentations on different health care aspects and completed blood pressure and blood glucose screening at a vocational school in El Limon.*

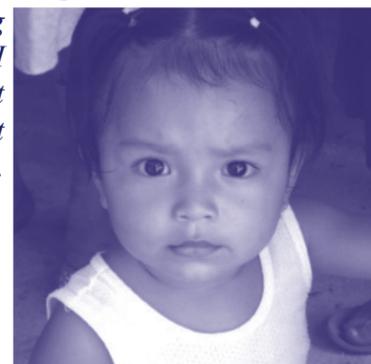
*Many of the folks who visited the poster session returned to the clinic the next day to receive care after learning of our presence. Any medication that we did not use during the trip was signed over to The Transcisor Medical Clinic in Choluteca which is run by the missionaries, Larry and Angie Overholt. This clinic in Choluteca has a free standing pharmacy and will continue follow up with the patients in the villages we visited during our trip. Angie Overholt, a nurse practitioner and Dr. Alexis Ramon Jiron, a local physician, will be completing most follow up care. We also held training sessions for some of the women in the region to provide some basic healthcare services. I hope you find this letter rewarding as you and yours have clearly made a positive impact on the world. I am grateful that Steve Krinke of Mylan Pharmaceuticals put us in contact with Brother's Brother Foundation because you are an integral part of the care we provide.*

*Again, thank you for your generous support!*

*Justin Hamper, BSPS  
PharmD Candidate Class of 2009  
The Ohio State University*

*And*

*Jeff Huston, RPh (Preceptor)  
Clinic Assistant Professor  
OSU College of Pharmacy*



*Child in clinic in Honduras*

## Country Updates 5/15/2009

Thus far in 2009, BBF has sent supplies to 42 countries including Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belize, Bhutan, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Uganda, USA, Venezuela, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.

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## President's Report

By Luke Hingson



Luke Hingson, Dorothy Bolettieri, A. B. Short, Bruce Compton and Mark Koenig at the MedSurplus Network meeting in Dallas, Texas

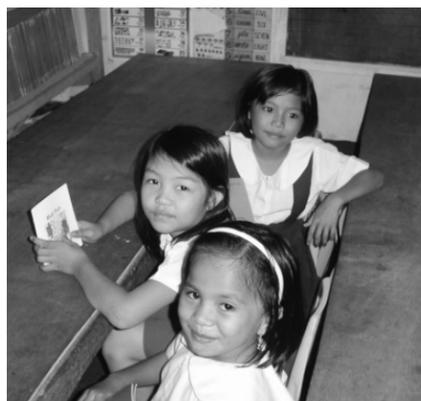
Direct shipments through May 15, 2009, went to people in need in 42 countries. BBF's mission trip support continues to increase. In the first four months of 2006, BBF supported 17 mission trips with donations of pharmaceuticals and other medical supplies. In the first four months of 2009, BBF provided similar support to 84 mission trips, servicing 26 countries. BBF staff traveled to Dallas and Houston, Texas, in April 2009. In Dallas, an organizing meeting of the MedSurplus Network took place. A fledgling organization with the goal of greater coordination of the work of medical surplus charities, MedSurplus Network elected officers pictured above. I took the responsibilities of Treasurer for the newly formed MedSurplus Network.

BBF staff visited sister charity Medical Bridges in Houston, Texas. Medical Bridges, working with Food For the Poor and Brother's Brother Foundation, is sending requested medical supplies to those in need in the Caribbean and Central America.



BBF President Luke Hingson with staff of Medical Bridges  
Left to right: Trina Hans, Dr. Faris, Dorothy Bolettieri, Norm Beris and Luke Hingson

## BBF Works with The Asia Foundation to Send Books to Five Countries



Books in the Philippines

I would like to take a moment to thank Brother's Brother Foundation, and especially Carol Taylor, BBF Educational Program Coordinator, for working with The Asia Foundation to arrange to send more than 250,000 children's storybooks and textbooks in language arts, math, science, and social studies from Pearson this year to seven countries in

Asia, including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Cambodia, the Philippines and Sri Lanka. This follows a similar level of effort last year with books from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt that was also met with much appreciation from our field staff and children when they saw the colorful pages and high quality of the books. As you know, it is a herculean effort to coordinate the thousands of titles for donation, publisher warehouses, international charities and local organizations overseas to ensure that the right books end up in the hands of eager and appreciative students, teachers and librarians in remote corners of the developing world. Carol does it all with a huge amount of dedication, a collaborative sense of humor, and persistence that gets the job done. Thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely,  
Melody Zavala  
Director, Books for Asia  
The Asia Foundation

## BBF Helps Mental Health Program in Peru

Greetings from the Andes!

It has been a pleasure for us indeed to have D. Mark Rego working with us for the past 5 years and I am sure he has been sharing with you what we have been doing here. He has been a great help in securing medicines so that our patients here will have access to quality medicines. People like you are indeed a blessing and because of your generosity, it enables us to continue to serve the growing number of patients in the clinic.

The Commission on Mental Health of Ayacucho is an effort to provide mental health service to an area of the Peruvian Andes that, like most of the rural developing world, has never had access to psychiatric services. The city and region were at the center of the terrorist activity by the Shining Path terrorist group from 1980 – 2000 and consequentially the population has suffered from the trauma of that period, in addition to the expectable incidence of psychiatric disorder.

Clinic activity involves treatment for a wide range of psychiatric conditions. We do psychiatric evaluations to provide psychopharmacologic treatment. We have a group therapy program for depressed patients and a program for alcohol dependent individuals and their families. There are over 100 schizophrenic patients in treatment, with an active rehabilitation program that includes components of social rehabilitation, psychophysical (exercises, etc.) rehabilitation and social integration. We have a newly opened program for mentally challenged children and adults ranging from 1-38 years old. Clinic staff are involved in a variety of activities in Ayacucho outside of the clinic itself. They visit schools and offer mental-health workshops and provide mental-health and group-therapy sessions to the children in an orphanage.

When we started 6 years ago, mental health was a taboo topic and that is one of the reasons that we face the dual challenge of trying to raise awareness about the problem and at the same time provide treatment. We do mental health awareness presentations in local schools, at fairs and with parent groups. With the commitment of the local professionals and religious groups, we are able to sensitize a large part of the population to the importance of good mental health.

On behalf of the Board, Staff, families and patients of the Commission of Mental Health of Ayacucho, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for your generous donation of psychotropic medicine. May the God of life and love bless you in a hundredfold together with your family and loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Sister Antonnette Carbon, SSC

Clinic Directress of the Commission of Mental Health  
of Ayacucho, Peru

## BBF Sends Hospital Beds to Sierra Leone

On behalf of the United Brethren in Christ, Global Ministries and the Mattru Jong Hospital in Sierra Leone, West Africa, I want to thank you for the recent donation of 50 hospital beds and mattresses from your organization. Your gift is a tremendous blessing to a hospital that was left in desperate need following the civil war. During that time, rebel forces carried off anything that was of value. This project has been a huge undertaking, however, Liam Carstens, your Medical Program Coordinator, was a pleasure to work with as multiple agencies were involved in the process. Should the Lord grant any of your members the opportunity to visit Sierra Leone, we would be honored to have you visit the hospital and see first hand what God is doing.

Partners together,  
Rev. Jeffrey V. Bleijerveld  
Director



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## Mission Trip Thank Yous

Received March 8, 2009

On behalf of the entire Shaw Temple Overseas Evangelism and Medical Missions Team, we would like to thank Brother's Brother Foundation for your generous donations. Our second mission trip to Liberia in February 2009 was a great success thanks to donations from BBF and other charitable organizations. The citizens of Monrovia, Brewerville and Paynesville were able to receive free medical and dental care, medicines and supplies. It was truly a blessing to them as well as to us. We will be contacting you in the near future as we prepare for our next mission trip in February 2011.

Sincerely,

Dr. George D. Crenshaw, Senior Pastor

Shaw Temple A.M.E. Zion Church

and

Iyabode Beysolow, M.D.

Medical Coordinator, Overseas Medical Mission and Evangelism Team

Shaw Temple A.M.E. Zion Church



Received April 14, 2009



The leadership of Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA would like to formally thank you for your support of our mission trip to San Lucas, Toliman, Guatemala, which took place March 7 to March 14, 2009. Your donation of supplies and medication helped us to care for over 600 patients while filling over 1300 prescriptions in the Lake Atitlan region of Guatemala.

Thank you once again for your gracious gift and may God bless the work of Brother's Brother in its mission and your work as well.

Sincerely,

Rev. Todd E. Leach

Associate Pastor of Missions

Received April 20, 2009



Clinic work in the Dominican Republic

I'm finally getting around to sending you a few pictures from our March 21-28 trip to the Dominican Republic. We had 37 people with us this year. We split up into two teams. One team performed surgeries all week at the Good Samaritan Hospital in La Romana. The other set up small clinics in bateyes and barrios within an hour and a half of La Romana. The surgeons completed over 20 surgeries and we saw over 700 in the clinics. We are very grateful for the meds and the Crocs you were able to provide for us.

Thank you,

Steve Hall

Village United Presbyterian Church, Prairie

Village, KS



Clinic work in the Dominican Republic

Received April 28, 2009



Patient in operating room  
in Haiti

On behalf of our Interplast group, I'd like to thank you for your kindness, concern, support, expedience and medicines afforded us during our recent trip to Haiti. We saw over 100 patients as well as some of the infected patients on the ward. Hopefully we can call upon you in the future to assist with treating some of the less fortunate of the world.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

David C. Fogarty, M.D.

Founder, Interplast, West Virginia

## Mission Trip Update 5/15/2009

Thus far in 2009 BBF has helped with 96 mission trips with hand-carried supplies to 30 countries.

## Studying Women's Leadership in Rwanda

By Joan Marshall

For six weeks this summer, I will be in the east-central African country of Rwanda to conduct field research for my master's thesis. I am planning to write a case study that seeks to answer whether and how the increased participation of women in the Rwandan Parliament resulted in a greater opportunity to address the interests of women in a post-conflict society, particularly in combating gender-based violence.

In recent years, the international women's movement has promoted the potential of women in post-conflict societies to transform from victims to advocates of peace. However, as women step out of their traditionally relegated positions on the sidelines of patriarchal policymaking and become members of lawmaking bodies such as Parliament, they remain vulnerable to continued gender-based violence.

My research will look at how women in Rwanda's Parliament are fighting the backlash by creating a law that punishes perpetrators of gender-based violence, which according to the UN includes rape, sexual abuse, forced prostitution, sexual abuse of children.

This research focuses on Rwanda largely because it is the post-war country that has most visibly witnessed women's amplified involvement in lawmaking. After the 1994 genocide the transitional government that took power under the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) soon made gender equality a political priority and restructured the constitution to allot women at least 30 percent of lawmaking positions. Rwandan women currently hold 56 percent of parliamentary seats.

While in Rwanda, I will interview women parliamentarians, their male colleagues and influential non-government constituents. I will also observe sessions in Parliament and conduct archival research in the national library. I hope to describe in this case study whether and how the increased participation of women in lawmaking bodies contributes to the prevention of violence against women, particularly in a post-war context.

*BBF has worked in Rwanda in the past five years, sending medical supplies and books.*

*BBF looks forward to Joan's return in August 2009.*



Rwanda

## BBF Now On Facebook

BBF now hosts a page on Facebook, the popular networking website, to share the latest in BBF news from the convenience of your personal Facebook wall. Information which does not make it to our website such as thank you letters and stories from partners and BBF supported mission trips are shared as we receive them. You can also join the BBF Facebook Cause, via the Causes application. While it is possible to donate via this application, please use our website, <http://www.brothersbrother.org> since donations through our secure server are processed without transaction fees. Brother's Brother Foundation looks forward to seeing you online!

## Combined Federal Campaign

Brother's Brother Foundation is pleased to report that financial support from federal employees continues. Many thanks to both our new and renewing CFC donors. BBF is a member of DUO (Do Unto Others), America's federation of emergency relief, development and humanitarian outreach charities. Look for BBF in the Fall 2009 campaign brochure. For donors who are not governmental employees, please remember that some employers match individual donations. Ask about your company's matching gifts program.



This is a great way to give to BBF.  
Thank you!



## 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 87 gifts in honor/memory that collectively totaled over \$10,000. For additional information about the BBF honor or memory cards, please call 412-321-3160 and ask for Donna.

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[www.brothersbrother.org](http://www.brothersbrother.org)

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As you move to new 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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