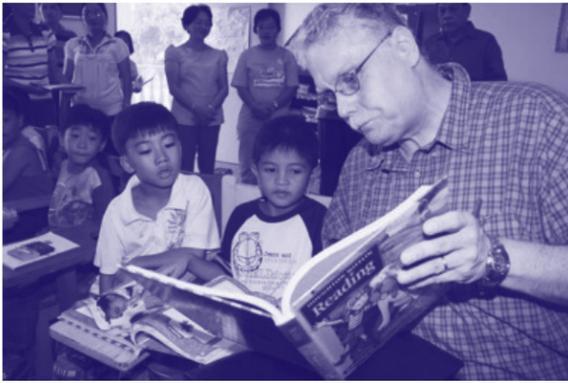


BBF President Reviews Book Distribution in Mindanao, Philippines



Brother's Brother Foundation president Luke Hingson reads a BBF-donated book to students of the St. Maria Central Elementary School in Zamboanga City, Philippines during his visit to the city May 2009. The school is one of the 50,000 academic institutions worldwide that are receiving BBF's donated books from known publishers like Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Scott Foresman and Pearson Education.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) strengthened its relationship with Pittsburgh-based Brother's Brother Foundation (BBF) during the visit of BBF president Luke Hingson to the Philippines May 25-29, 2009. BBF is one of the world's largest distributors of privately donated books. English, math and science books from BBF were sent to Mindanao as supplementary teaching and learning materials. BBF has so far donated 800,000 books to address book shortages in classrooms in 741 public elementary schools in the Philippines' Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao as well as regions 9 and 12 through USAID's Education Quality and Access for Learning and Livelihood Skills (EQuALLS2) Project. According to Luke, "The idea is to get the books out of cabinets and into children's hands." EQuALLS2 ensures books will be used in classrooms through

needs-based approaches like book fairs for teachers, such as the one held in Lutayan, Sultan Kudarat, the week of Luke's visit. BBF is set to donate a million more books to Mindanao through USAID's EQuALLS2 Project by 2011.



BBF President Luke Hingson addresses the Rotary Club of Makati in Philippines.

BBF Asked to Host International Charity Guests

Pittsburgh will be in the spotlight during the gathering of the world's most powerful countries when the G-20 convenes on September 24th and 25th at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Nineteen of the world's largest economies plus the European Union will focus on implementing the success of the global economic recovery. BBF has been asked to help host visitors to the G-20 by InterAction. Located in Washington D.C., InterAction is the largest alliance of US-based international development and humanitarian non-governmental organizations (NGOs). With over 175 members operating in every developing country, InterAction works to overcome poverty, exclusion and suffering by advancing social justice and dignity for all. Many international development and humanitarian organizations will be



sending staff to Pittsburgh to participate in events planned for the days prior to the G-20 summit. They will need meeting space and office support. BBF, an InterAction member, has been asked to provide space in its warehouse for visiting NGO representatives to convene and work. We wish to have our guests get an "international" taste of Pittsburgh. If your group is interested in cooking a lunch with an international flair for BBF's G-20 guests, please call BBF at 412-321-3160 for more details.



Country Updates 7/15/2009

Thus far in 2009, BBF has sent supplies to 57 countries including Afghanistan, Argentina, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burundi, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Samoa, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Tanzania, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad, Uganda, USA, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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President's Report

By Luke Hingson

Brother's Brother Foundation experienced a wonderful six months, January-June 2009. In spite of harder times at home, our supporters (community, corporate and around the world) have helped BBF arrange the delivery of 137 ocean-going containers (20 foot long and 40 long), weighing over 1,000 tons. These needed medicines (over 1,400,000 bottles and tubes), 700,000+ new books and 195,000 pairs of new shoes went to those who need them in 57 countries.



Warehouse Manager Rob Miller and Warehouse Assistant R.J. Hines with Liam Carstens, Medical Coordinator, in BBF's warehouse

We thank each of our contributors for making these six months possible as we serve others who are experiencing want and pain so much greater than our own. You bring hope and change to so many.

At times we write and talk about millions of bottles of requested

medicines, books and shoes. These are important figures to be sure and our way of telling everyone we are working hard to serve others. BBF is making a much greater effort to dedicate free medical supplies for hand carried mission trips around the world where small medical teams help hundreds at a time. In 2005 BBF supported 34 medical mission trips. In the first six months of 2009, BBF supported over 150 medical and humanitarian trips where international volunteers give personal attention to those who need our help.

As part of our review and improvement process, BBF Trustees and staff, with our auditors, Schneider Downs, have decided to implement a new valuation mechanism for donated medicines. Currently BBF is receiving medicines at a rate more than five times greater than a decade ago. As we have grown, we decided to move away from a higher valuation system used by most U.S. international charities (Average Wholesale Price), to a system based on U.S. government Medicare reimbursement rates. This change will result in a reduction of approximately 75% in declared value per bottle and constitutes a more accurate estimate. To our knowledge, we are the first major charity distributing a variety of pharmaceuticals to make this adjustment. BBF's fundraising and administrative percentages of resources received will still be below one percent of declared value.

Thank you for making all of this possible.

H.J. Heinz Company Retired and Current Employees Volunteer to Help BBF

BBF thanks the employees of the H.J. Heinz Company for their tireless efforts. Both retired and currently employed staff members make light work with many hands helping to prepare BBF's mailings. Their effort saves BBF money.



Heinz retired volunteers and finance department employees help at BBF.

Dear Mr. Hingson,

My father, Ed Emack, asked me to get in touch with you. He said you would be interested in what I am doing handicapped equipment-wise down here in Florida and how I started.

Thirty-three years ago my grandparents passed on. Dad inherited three pieces of handicapped equipment at that point. Dad viewed this small inventory as a mustard seed of an idea. He spread the word that the handicapped equipment was available to anyone in need at no charge. He asked only that when the need was up those folks would kindly return the items so Pop could loan them out to others in need. Well, the mustard seed has grown, now 33 years later and Dad has loaned out over 25,000 pieces of handicapped equipment! At 87, he's still going strong and helping others.

For 20 of those years, I admired him from afar.

One day, almost 13 years ago, I thought this service that Dad does up in Pittsburgh was so simple, perhaps even I could do it. I stopped at a garage sale in Leesburg, Florida, bought two pieces of handicapped equipment and made up a flyer saying this service now exists. Folks would donate items and by word of mouth the news spread.

For 4 1/2 years, the service was done out of our single car garage. Today, I carry inventory in four places in Leesburg. When inventory would overflow, I'd pack up a trailer load and take it up to Medishare, Inc. in Gainesville, FL. Dr. William Wharton and his staff would send it out to developing countries. Over the years I have trailered over 5,000 excess items to Medishare.

I contacted Brother's Brother in Pittsburgh to see if you had a branch in Florida. Though your answer was "No," you directed me to Mr. Carlos Reyes, Executive Director of The Salvadoran American Humanitarian Foundation which channels aid to El Salvador.

Soon, I'll deliver my fourth trailer load to them in Miami.

Like Dad, the largest item we stock is a regular adult wheelchair. We don't stock hospital beds, lift chairs or scooters. We do not stock, but we act as an intermediary. Someone calls in the morning needing a hospital bed and someone calls in the afternoon wanting to donate a hospital bed. The thrill of putting the two parties together gives me goosebumps. And that's how I get paid... in goosebumps!

There are so many things in life I can't do, what a blessing to have this service to help others and to honor both my Earthly and Heavenly Fathers.

Appreciate your interest. May God continue to bless your efforts at Brother's Brother.

*Sincerely,
Ted Emack*

Editor's Note: Ed Emack is a frequent donor of medical equipment to BBF

BBF Supports Mission Trips

The BBF mission trip program provides smaller amounts of medicine to groups traveling abroad. Individuals hand-carry these donations so they are more easily distributed to remote areas than bigger shipments sent in ocean-going containers. These are also usually the places where basic medical supplies are less available. Typically, requests come from a church or a group of medical students. BBF sends them a list of available medications and has the team's doctor reply with a wish list. BBF requires that the group provides a 501(c)(3) IRS letter proving tax-exempt status and a medical license of a doctor going on the trip. After all of the paperwork is in order, BBF staff puts together a package based on the wish list and ships the donated materials free of charge. The groups are asked to provide a written account and photos of the trip upon their return. BBF is pleased to be able to support these dedicated medical volunteers



BBF Mission Trip Coordinator Ilva Letoja

Mission Trip Thank Yous

Received May 15, 2009



Crocs on Masai children

Dear Crocs and Brother's Brother,

Thank you for your help in providing shoes to the Masai children by donating 500 pairs of Crocs. Our humanitarian project was a complete success and we were able to build a birthing center for the women, provide medical and dental care and distribute clothing and the Crocs to the the villages in need. We wanted to share some pictures with you of the happy children in their new shoes.

We are now preparing to return to Kenya to build an elementary school and distribute more shoes in December, we would like to request another 500 pairs of Crocs to distribute on that trip. Thank you for your willing participation in our humanitarian work through Crocs' SolesUnited and I look forward to our continued partnership to provide shoes for those without!

Sincerely,

Isaac Heckman

Serving Others Worldwide

www.servingothers.org

Received June 2, 2009

We would like to thank you for your extremely generous donation of medicines for the Teams to the Nations medical mission trip to Nejapa, El Salvador in March 2009. We stayed at an orphanage but traveled each day to a different location to give medical care. Thanks to the generous contributions from Brother's Brother Foundation, we had more than enough medicine for our own patients and were able to donate the left-over medications to the University for future brigades. We spent one day on an island that has a population of 700 people. The El Salvadorian Navy supplied our transportation and stayed with us for the day, as we arrived to pigs and cows on the beach. We worked out of an elementary school and saw almost 200 patients in four hours. There is one doctor for the whole island. He and the patients were very grateful for our help. We are so thankful for the support and medications you gave us to help with our first medical mission. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Thank you!

Teams to the Nations 2009 Medical Team

Kathy Maclean

Independance, OH



Clinic in El Salvador

Received June 12, 2009



On behalf of Friends of Liberia (FOL) I want to thank you very much for your very generous donations of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies for two upcountry hospitals in Liberia, West Africa. A group of 27 FOL members, including 18 former Peace Corps volunteers, traveled to Liberia from April 30 to May 22, 2009 and personally delivered your donations to the staff at Ganta United Methodist Hospital, Nimba County and Curran Lutheran Hospital, Lofa County. Both hospitals have been rebuilt following the lengthy civil war in Liberia and are providing much needed medical services to a population still recovering from the war that destroyed the infrastructure of the country. Each facility is the only hospital in their region.

Ten of the FOL travelers volunteered for a week at each hospital as part of the FOL Health and Medical Team. The team members taught a number of classes and workshops for the hospital's school of nursing and midwifery students, faculty and hospital medical staff. In addition, team members assisted the sole doctor at each hospital with hospital rounds and surgery.

Thank you for your important donations for these two hospitals and for the people of Liberia.

Sincerely,

Jim McGeorge

Friends of Liberia Health and Medical Team Coordinator

<http://www.fol.org>

Mission Trip Update 7/15/2009

Thus far in 2009 BBF has helped with 155 mission trips with hand-carried supplies to 36 countries.

BBF Works with Surgicorps International

In April 2009, BBF sent pharmaceuticals with volunteers to Bhutan with Surgicorps International.



In Bhutan from the left, The Lama from the local monastery Paro District Hospital, Administrator; Dr. Jack Demos, Founder of Surgicorps International and BBF Trustee; Sonam Pem, Program Officer of the Tarayana Foundation, and Linda Esposto, Executive Director of Surgicorps International.

New BBF Intern, Amy Langham

By Amy Langham

My name is Amy Langham and I am a summer intern here at Brother's Brother while on sabbatical from my full-time job as the Executive Director of Global Solutions Pittsburgh. GSP is an education and advocacy organization which educates the public about our global interdependence, the international aspects of the challenges facing our communities and the policy options available to address them. I am also an Adjunct Professor of Political Science at Duquesne University where I coordinate the Model United Nations Program. In my spare time, I study accounting and this is what brought me to BBF.



Amy Langham

BBF has provided me a great opportunity to learn aspects of non-profit management in an aid organization while maintaining my commitment to international issues. While here at BBF, I am studying a number of different accounting-related issues such as internal control, financial reporting and compliance as well as inventory management. I'd like to thank everyone at BBF for their gracious hospitality and for providing me with the opportunity to contribute to its important mission.

Pittsburgh Gives Match Day 2009

Wednesday, October 28, 2009 beginning at 10:00 AM, The Pittsburgh Foundation will match gifts to BBF at 50 cents on the \$1.00. The Pittsburgh Foundation is donating \$200,000 in matching funds. The Match Day will end when those funds are exhausted. Donations must be via credit card through the PittsburghGives site, <http://pittsburghgives.org>. Donations will **not** be matched if submitted via fax, phone or other means. Participating nonprofit organizations will not be capped on the amount of matching gifts they can receive. Minimum donation is \$50. Please make your donation to BBF on October 28th.



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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 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 government 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 108 gifts in honor/memory that collectively totaled over \$12,000. For additional information about the BBF honor or memory cards, please call 412-321-3160 and ask for Donna.

Look for BBF at
www.brothersbrother.org

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Monthly Sponsorship Program

Now you can give to BBF each month. Monthly sponsorship provides BBF with a dependable income stream enabling us to plan ahead.

For more information about monthly giving, call BBF at 412-321-3160.

Also, you can designate Brother's Brother in your will.

Brother's Brother Foundation does not use any outside contractors or services to process donations. All donation information is managed in-house for your safety and BBF's efficiency. Donor contact information is never sold or shared with other organizations.

Has Your E-mail Address Changed?

As you move to new usernames, e-mail services and internet service providers, please us know 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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