

BBF's Role in Haiti's Road to Recovery

Brother's Brother Foundation's (BBF) swift and effective response to the horror in Haiti caused by the January 12th earthquake was another testament to BBF's dedication to alleviating suffering in the wake of natural disasters.



Dr. Chip Lambert in Léogâne

BBF was able to make an impact on the ground mere days after the 7.0-magnitude earthquake devastated the already troubled nation through collaboration with partner-relief organizations and the countless individuals such as medical director Dr. Chip Lambert, churches, schools and other organizations in the Pittsburgh community that mobilized to donate hygiene supplies.

With more than 230,000 people dead and the capital of Port-au-Prince leveled to the ground there is a long road ahead for Haiti's recovery and rebuilding. BBF will continue its effort in helping the country heal. As of mid-March, BBF had sent 27 shipments of much-needed pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, hygiene materials and other humanitarian items valued at more than \$26 million. Four of the shipments were sent to Haiti by air and 24 shipments were sent by ocean-going containers. Ten additional donations were hand-

carried with medical mission teams. With the help of partner organizations such as Food for the Poor, Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), and the Medical Benevolence Foundation, BBF was able to send these shipments in a timely and effective manner. Medical mission teams were organized by the Pittsburgh-based groups Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti and Friends of Haiti.

Dr. Lambert, who works for both the Medical Benevolence Foundation and the Allegheny General Hospital, accompanied the first airlifted shipment of medical materials and spent two weeks in Haiti treating victims at a hospital in the town of Léogâne located west of Port-au-Prince and the epicenter of the quake. With the help of the United States Marines and the Canadian army, Dr. Lambert received the subsequent airlifted supplies from BBF and ensured their efficient distribution and use.

Dr. Lambert is no stranger to disaster response. For twenty years, he has reached the far corners of the roughest places in the world on dozens of medical mission trips. He has been on the ground helping victims in the wake of natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the tsunami in South Asia in 2004, and Hurricane Mitch in Nicaragua in 1998.

In a recent interview with National Public Radio, Dr. Lambert said that in all of the years he has been involved in disaster response, this earthquake's aftermath was the most horrific. Corpses, fallen buildings, trapped bodies and critically injured people of all ages overwhelmed the apocalyptic landscape of Haiti. In Léogâne, following the collapse of Saint Croix Hospital, a team of medical rescuers that included Dr. Lambert turned the nursing school into a hospital and the dormitories into operating rooms. The nursing students aided as much as they could and provided translation.

Dr. Lambert said mending the tremendous number of injuries with only the most basic medical equipment was a daunting task. "At our camp, there were a lot of open fractures, meaning a lot of broken bones protruding out of the skin. Patients were susceptible to infection so you had to work fast, get the leg wrapped as fast as you could," he said. Most of the time, surgeries had to be done with very little anesthesia or pain medicine until the shipments arrived. Nonetheless, Dr. Lambert said very few of the patients ever cried or screamed. The Haitians are "some of the most resilient people, some of the toughest people." In a country plagued by acute poverty and political instability, resiliency has become a key trait of the people of Haiti. "They know how to survive. Life goes on for them," Dr. Lambert observed.

At this point, Haiti is in the relief phase. Temporary housing, sanitation and water systems still need to be set up. The recovery phase will follow. Rubble will be picked up and buildings restored. There is no immediate fix, and as Dr. Lambert pointed out, it will take three to five years for Haiti to get back on its feet. BBF has been involved in Haiti for 40 years by sending medical and humanitarian shipments and supplying medical mission trips. BBF will be there to help Haiti rebuild for the years to come. (Continued on page 2)

BBF Responds to Chilean Earthquake

Brother's Brother Foundation is responding to the devastating earthquake which struck Chile on February 27th. BBF will be working with partner organizations ADRA (Seventh Day Adventists) and B'nai B'rith International with which BBF has a long history of coordinated work in Chile and this area of South America. Brother's Brother Foundation is also coordinating with the efforts of the Chilean community in the greater Pittsburgh area. BBF is planning to send requested pharmaceuticals, medical supplies and other humanitarian relief assistance in the coming days.

On March 13th, a concert arranged by the Chilean Community of Pittsburgh was held in Bellefield Hall Auditorium on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. Funds raised assisted BBF's earthquake work in Chile. BBF wishes to thank the Latin American Cultural Union, the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Latin American Studies and its Department of Music for their support.



Chilean earthquake survivor holds Chilean flag

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Country Updates: March 2010

As of March 12, 2010, BBF had sent supplies to 15 countries during 2010 including Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Philippines and Sierra Leone.

President's Report

By Luke Hingson

The new 2010 officers were elected at the February 2nd meeting of the BBF Board of Trustees. Walter B. Fowler of Chatham College was elected as BBF Chair for 2010 - 2011. Charles J. Stout of Ayco Company (retired) was elected Vice Chair. Austin P. Henry, Esq. of Mills & Henry was elected Secretary. Joseph T. Senko of McKeever, Varga & Senko was elected Treasurer.

Chip Lambert, M.D. of Allegheny General Hospital and the Medical Benevolence Foundation was re-elected as Medical Director and Luke L. Hingson continued his position as President.

The first few weeks of 2010 have been filled with disaster responses. BBF is working with colleague agencies to respond to the devastation related to the earthquakes in Haiti and Chile. Response from the community to these needs has been overwhelmingly supportive and BBF is extremely grateful for all the financial and hygiene item donations. Members of the staff of BBF worked tirelessly and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

During January, I visited with BBF's counterpart in Nicaragua,



BBF President Luke Hingson visits clinic in Nicaragua

The American Nicaragua Foundation. BBF has a long history of working in Nicaragua going back to 1966. The three day trip included site visits to five clinics, a hospital, two orphanages and two child-feeding centers supported by BBF's medical assistance as well as visits to the American Nicaragua Foundation offices and distribution center in Managua, Nicaragua.



David Kortava, reading to the children in South Africa

in the Community HIV/AIDS Outreach program. One of his projects is to obtain more books to develop the village library where he leads a children's reading club. However, the logistics of bringing books to a village in South Africa is a challenge, especially when one is without the economic resources needed to procure and transport these books.

Enter Brother's Brother Foundation in collaboration with its longtime partner, the International Book Project (IBP). When Kortava contacted BBF, staff members immediately looked for a way to help and the most plausible would be to link him with a partner organization that would be sending books to South Africa. As it turned out, Kentucky-based IBP has been planning to ship BBF-donated books to a school in Mhlaba Cross, a rural town in the Limpopo province of South Africa. Carol Taylor, BBF's Education Coordinator, asked IBP director Rachel Lewis if there would be room in its ocean-going container for books reserved for a Peace Corps volunteer in Mpumalanga, which is located in a nearby province. As if by chance, Kortava had also contacted Lewis since IBP typically sends smaller shipments of books to Peace Corps volunteers worldwide.

IBP then agreed to reserve a pallet of books for Kortava though, according to Lewis, the organization does not usually split containers because it can become "a logistical nightmare." But since Kortava has been persistent and is willing to travel to Mhlaba Cross to get the books himself, IBP and BBF have promised to help him in his efforts to empower rural children through education and access to information.

Through e-mail, Kortava said he will arrange the transportation of those reserved books from Mhlaba Cross to its final destination in Mpumalanga. Kortava, originally from the country of Georgia but who immigrated to Old Tappan, NJ, with his family after the fall of the Soviet Union, said South Africa's history of apartheid has marred the economic, political and social landscape with inequalities.

"Every book in our library is a contributory brick in the never-ending construction of a better society absent of structural violence and the social hierarchies that sustain it," he said.

Lewis said sometimes Peace Corps volunteers who request for books become so overwhelmed with the logistics of shipping that they give up book project ideas. But some, such as Kortava, are "amazing," she said. "They jump right in and start moving and shaking things."

And it helps that Kortava, who arrived in South Africa in February 2009 will be there until April 2011, touched on two organizations that stay true to their mission of changing lives through books and connecting people's resources with people's needs.

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Yet another blow to the future of the country is the devastating loss of young life as students were crushed in collapsed schools during the earthquake. "Those students were the future of Haiti," Dr. Lambert said. "They lost the next generation of leadership in the country." Dr. Lambert is optimistic though that the Haitian government will be able to respond to natural calamities in the future as it launches its disaster readiness and preparedness program.

BBF would like to acknowledge the wonderful and generous response from individuals and organizations of the greater Pittsburgh region. The Pittsburgh community, including schools, churches, social organizations, corporations, workplaces and neighborhoods, mobilized to help BBF send much-needed hygiene supplies to Haiti. Thousands of five-gallon buckets filled with items such as soap, washcloth, toothpaste, toothbrush and wet wipes have been received and sent off to Haiti. The recent effort of the Pittsburgh region demonstrated that making an effective impact elsewhere is possible.

BBF Medical Coordinator Liam Carstens Visits Dominican Republic

During the last week of February 2010, BBF Medical Coordinator Liam Carstens traveled to the Dominican Republic



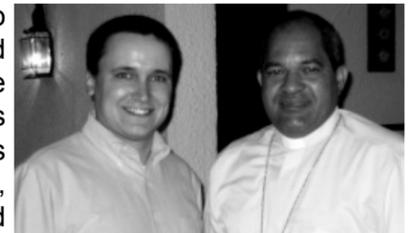
Chris Lowery distributing baseball equipment in the Dominican Republic

to check on BBF medical donations. He also saw the distribution of baseball equipment that was donated to BBF by Chris Lowery and his father. Chris Lowery, a high school student from

New Jersey, collected baseball equipment and donated it to BBF for children in the Dominican Republic. The baseball equipment was distributed to multiple baseball clubs and academies, where the children had previously been sharing gloves among teams.

Carstens visited with BBF partners Caritas and Bishop Corniel of the Diocese of Puerto Plata while in the north of the country.

The group then traveled south to Santo Domingo, where they toured the hospital and facilities of the Fundacion Cruz Jiminian. Carstens also met with the organization's founder and driving force, Dr. Cruz, who recently received the award for Humanitarian of the Year by the government of the Dominican Republic.



BBF Medical Coordinator Liam Carstens with Bishop Corniel of the Diocese of Puerto Plata

BBF Works with Partners and Peace Corps Volunteer in South Africa

Thank You Letters



BBF surgical instruments in Ukraine

This is Walter Orange of the Carpatho-Rusyn Society in Pittsburgh. I want to thank you very much for your donation of two kits of surgical instruments (one for neurosurgery, one for general surgery) which we received during the summer of 2009.

We have received grateful thanks from the doctors in Ukraine to whom we provided those instruments.

Dr. V. I. Rusin, Director of the Surgical Clinic of the Transcarpathian Regional Hospital in Uzhorod, Ukraine, wrote to us: "Thanks to you the quality of surgical care for patients in our region will significantly improve."

Indeed that thanks belongs as well to all of you at Brother's Brother for all the wonderful work that you do. As in the past, your cooperation was excellent and it was a delight to work with you all. I hope that you will enjoy the photos that Dr. Rusin sent to us, which show some of the surgeons

with the instruments that they received from us.

With gratitude and all best wishes,
Walter Orange

Dear Brother's Brother Foundation,

On behalf of Medlend and ABC's for Global Health, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your donation of surgical instruments to Medlend. The instruments are now in the possession of Medlend and will be put to good use on many future surgical missions.

I want to assure you that I hand-carried the instruments to the Philippines and during the medical-surgical mission to Iloilo City, Philippines, the instruments helped many women who could not afford to receive the care they needed.

In two and a half days of surgery we performed five hysterectomies for anemia caused by heavy bleeding from fibroid uteri, one oophorectomy for an ovarian cyst which was greater than 30cm and 11 bilateral tubal ligations. One woman had been waiting five years for care and in December, because of heavy bleeding, her hemoglobin fell to 4.3, a critical value. All of the patients were very grateful, their lives were improved, and in at least two cases, I'm sure we saved their lives.

Again, thank you for your donation and the wonderful service you provide to people all around the world.

Sincerely,
Donna M. DiCenzo, MD



Dr. Donna DiCenzo and Dr. Karen Simpson with BBF-donated surgical instruments in the Philippines

Dear Brother's Brother,

Esperanza - Hope for the Children, Inc. would like to thank you for your recent donation of medication and Crocs for our medical mission work in Honduras. On January 14, 2010, we traveled to Flores, Honduras, where we spent 10 days working in the community. This is our ninth year of offering free medical care, as well as assistance with educational needs.

During our visit, we held medical and eye clinics and visited current and future patients in their homes. Along with the more common problems of colds, pains and parasites, we were also introduced to patients with more significant problems including: extra digits, neurological disorders, growths in the mouth, congenital glaucoma and heart defects. Fortunately, over the years we have built a trustworthy support system within the country. We work with The Ruth Paz Foundation and Mrs. Peggy Kipps is able to refer us to local doctors and arrange visits to American brigades. We also have our coordinator, Ana Hernandez who arranges and transports all of our patients and provides us with ongoing follow-up.



Tom Collins, MD, giving an eye exam in Honduras

The donation of medication and Crocs your organization provided made a significant impact in this community. Currently, there is no doctor at Flores' health center and medication is scarce. Even when medication is available, many treatable diseases are not because the families lack the resources to buy them, trying to make ends meet on \$2.00 per day. The shoes are often the only pair a person will have and provides protection against illness and injury.

On behalf of Dr. Enrique Tome in Tegucigalpa and Dr. Oscar Zuniga in San Pedro Sula, I would like to express their appreciation as well. These two compassionate and dedicated physicians provide medical care in the public hospitals and were given our extra medication at the end of the trip. They were most appreciative because their hospitals have very limited supplies and your medications will offer life saving opportunities.

With sincere appreciation,
Emily Collins

Mission Trip Update March 2010

Through March 12, 2010, BBF has supplied 41 mission trips to eight countries in 2010.

In 2009, BBF supplied 33 hand-carried mission trips to Haiti

Haiti Donation Notes

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the devastation and human suffering in Haiti following January's devastating earthquake, the employees of Tobyjamma Army Depot conducted an emergency fundraising drive to assist relief efforts there.

Our employees donated to more than 20 charities and relief organizations, including your agency. Enclosed is a check, contributed by our employees to your organization.

Tobyhanna Army Depot employees have a long tradition of charitable giving through the annual Combined Federal Campaign as well as other locally-authorized giving programs. On behalf of our workforce, I am proud to provide these funds to support your efforts in Haiti.

Sincerely,
Charles C. Gibson
Colonel, U.S. Army
Commanding



Haiti Donation Notes

Dear Brother's Brother Foundation,

The tragedy of the earthquake in Haiti is hard to ignore. I teach young people about the world and the world's people. On Monday, when they returned from the comfort of a winter break, we worked hard to understand the science and geography behind what happened. This was not enough for them. They wanted to raise money as well. They were concerned about the people. I am overwhelmed by their generosity. Little hands brought in \$10 and \$20 that had been given to them as gifts! They want to give where it is needed.

Please see to it that this contribution is used in the interest of the relief work in Haiti. Thank you for the contributions that you make between people's resources and people's needs.



Respectfully yours,
 Susan Wilcher
 Sixth grade social studies teacher
 Mellon Middle School
 Mt. Lebanon School District

Thank You Donors!



Students and staff of Dorseyville Middle School, who donated many buckets

BBF wishes to thank the many individuals, corporations, faith groups, schools, universities, corporations, foundations and Pittsburgh-area media who have graciously contributed to BBF's Haiti earthquake relief efforts.

BBF has sent six tractor-trailer loads of buckets with hygiene items to those in need in Haiti.

Mylan Golf Tournament



BBF will be receiving donations related to the sale of gallery tickets for the Mylan Pharmaceutical's golf tournament to be played at the Canonsburg Golf Course, Canonsburg, PA, August 30 - September 5, 2010.

For more information call BBF at 412-321-3160.



Noteworthy

Brother's Brother Foundation Thanks:



H.J. Heinz Retired Volunteers and Allegra Print & Imaging, Pittsburgh

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, the 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.

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 2010, BBF received 194 gifts in honor or memory that collectively totaled over \$16,965. For additional information about the BBF honor or memory cards, please call 412-321-3160 and ask for Donna.

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