

## BBF President Luke Hingson Gives Commencement Address at La Roche College

At the 47th commencement ceremony of La Roche College on May 8, Brother's Brother Foundation (BBF) President Luke L. Hingson received a Doctor of Humane Letters, which was bestowed upon him by La Roche College's President, Sister Candace Introcaso. La Roche College was founded in 1963 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania by the Sisters of Divine Providence. Below is an excerpt from the commencement address delivered by Mr. Hingson.

*Now I wish to address you graduates. My advice to you as you start the journey that is to be the rest of your lives. Always seize opportunities to empower others so that they are able to avail themselves of the opportunities presented to them. Right now, I want you to think about all of the ways that you have been empowered by the people who you have come in contact with over the course of events that comprise your life. As you leave La Roche today and embark on the next phase of your lives, you are entering a job market and an economy emerging from the worst crisis since the Great Depression. Have faith in what most of the world still believes - that our nation is a land of opportunities. You must open that door to opportunity because you all have the power to change the economic direction not only of our nation but of the world.*

*Now I wish to address you parents. Thank you for empowering your children. This is your day as well. Your efforts and hard work over the years play no small role in the accomplishments of your children. My youngest son, George, graduates from a four-year institution in two weeks; I share your sense of joy, accomplishment and liberation. Parents, you have paid your last tuition payment!*

*Again graduates, thanks to your time at La Roche, the support of your family and your own talents, you all have built unique skill-sets that will allow you to find both success and satisfaction in the years ahead. The world is shrinking because of the technologies that connect us. You will find yourself working and living with people who come from different parts of the globe, as you have here at La Roche. This graduating class includes graduates from Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Congo, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Poland, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Uganda, as well as the United States. Respectfully offer yourself to others. Do your best to empower others as others have given themselves to you. You may do this through your profession, or through your involvements in religious, civic or cultural institutions.*



BBF President Luke Hingson addresses graduating class of La Roche college 2010



## Relief and Reconstruction for Haiti



An earthquake-destroyed building in Haiti

May 11, 2010

Brother's Brother Foundation continues to respond to January's devastating earthquake in Haiti with its partner agencies Food For the Poor of Miami, Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) of Houston and Adventist Development and Relief Agency.

So far, BBF has sent four air shipments and 31 ocean-going containers of relief supplies to Haiti. These shipments included pharmaceuticals, hygiene items, medical supplies and equipment, as well as baby food from Bay Valley Foods, safety equipment from Mine Safety Appliances, shoes from Crocs and donated clothing from Eat'n Park Hospitality, Inc. Pharmaceutical donors include Aurobindo Pharmaceuticals, Mylan Pharmaceuticals and Teva Pharmaceuticals. The total value of these shipments exceeds \$31,000,000 and additional shipments are being planned. BBF also has provided pharmaceuticals and medical supplies for 23 medical mission teams to hand carry.

BBF's volunteer Medical Director, Dr. Chip Lambert, is actively involved with medical relief efforts in Haiti. Dr. Lambert flew to that country with BBF's first air shipment of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies and since has made several trips there.

To date, BBF has spent \$138,734 on shipping and \$7,084 to cover a portion of Dr. Lambert's expenses. Additional shipping invoices will be paid by BBF as they are received. The purchase of two 50 KW generators to power the MBF's 50 bed modular hospital in Leogane has been approved.

BBF will also fund the demolition and replacement of a heavily damaged water tower on the grounds of the MBF Nursing School in Leogane.

Brother's Brother Foundation is grateful for the support of over 4,300 donors who are helping to bring relief to the people of Haiti.

## Country Updates: May 2010

As of May 15, 2010, BBF had sent supplies to 31 countries during 2010 including Bhutan, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Moldova, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, United States, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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## President's Report

By Luke Hingson

In the first four and one-half months of 2010, BBF sent donated requested medical and humanitarian supplies, pharmaceuticals and text books to those in need in 31 countries. These shipments were the equivalent of 71 tractor trailer loads and had a value of over \$71,000,000.

I wish to thank all of BBF's almost 3,000 new donors who have graciously supported our work with monetary contributions. Many thanks also to BBF's staff and Trustees for their tireless efforts.

The Trustees of BBF have been very active overseas. Drew Harvey just returned from Ethiopia and Chuck Stout from Costa Rica, both having worked with Habitat for Humanity building projects. Dr. Deb McMahon is on a mission trip in Mozambique. Jim Wolf just returned from Kenya and South Africa. Dr. Jack Demos returned from a mission in Bhutan with Surgicorps. Dr. Chip Lambert returned to Haiti to continue relief efforts. Stan Cohen will be in Cuba in May.

Also, special thanks to Paul Newbourne who is helping BBF staff investigate inventory management systems.



Mario Sadovnik, Executive Vice President of B'nai B'rith Chile and Mr. Nilo Zuniga, Manager of Cenabast's logistics & distribution standing next to four pallets of BBF donated antibiotics. These antibiotics were sent in response to the recent earthquake in Chile.

## BBF Staff Members Leaving for Democratic Republic of Congo

This summer, my husband Koudjo and I will be relocating to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) where I will be working as an international development fellow with Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Based in the capital city of Kinshasa, I will be involved with the Justice and Peace Program for which I will help formulate, monitor and evaluate projects designed to promote grassroots conflict resolution and reconciliation. I will also have the chance to travel around the country to support program development and management activities at the provincial level.

In addition to desperately lacking basic social services and infrastructure, the Congo has been devastated by continued armed conflict and plagued by natural disasters. Yet, a new Constitution and presidential elections in 2006 provided the first democratically elected government in over 40 years. These represent important positive strides for Congo. These events bring hope that change is on its way. CRS, along with other international non-governmental organizations and the UN, is committed to playing a larger role in the future stability and development of DRC and to have a more prominent voice in the humanitarian and social justice issues facing the country.

Though I have enjoyed my time with Brother's Brother Foundation, first as an intern then as program assistant, I could not pass up the opportunity to work in Africa in the peace and justice sector. My husband and I are looking forward to all the

challenges and adventures of living and working in the Congo.



Koudjo, Joan and BBF Education Coordinator Carol Taylor

~The staff of BBF will truly miss Joan and Koudjo. We wish them the best in their new endeavors and hope to hear from them soon.

## BBF Board Member Dr. Seth Bekoe Visits Ghana

While vacationing in Accra, Ghana, at the beginning of March, I was invited as a trustee of BBF, to participate in a Book Fair organized by the Tema Rotary Club. Tema is a port city about an hour's drive from Accra.



Dr. Seth Bekoe (center)

The Minister of Education, the director of the Ghana Education Service and the Administrator of the Ghana Education Trust Fund were also invited to participate. Some of these individuals could not make it because of prior engagements so they sent their deputies with their messages. Also assembled were over 500 students, teachers and parents from more than 20 schools from the Tema Municipality.

The president of the Tema Rotary Club, John Bisiw, in his address paid glowing praise and gratitude to BBF for our partnership over the years. By his estimation, over 2.5 million books valued at over \$45 million donated by BBF have been distributed to schools, NGOs, public libraries and other institutions. Special mention was made of the Mrs. Laura Bush Book Project for which BBF teamed up with USAID to distribute over 56,000 books to over 130 senior high schools in 2008 and 2009.

When my turn came to say a few words, I conveyed greetings and congratulations from BBF to the Tema Rotary Club and took the opportunity to emphasize how important its partnership is in our mission to connect people's resources with people's needs.

Prizes of books were then distributed to individual students and schools that excelled in the 2009 Basic Education Certificate Examinations. Students from special education institutions were particularly applauded. We then toured the fair grounds. From preschool to tertiary, collections of books for various levels of education were on display. In the afternoon, a spelling quiz contest was staged among the various schools. More book prizes were distributed to all contestants.

This activity by the Tema Rotary Club demonstrated to me the devotion and enthusiasm of the club to education in the community and the country as a whole. Its members carry on the mission of being their brother's brother in Ghana.

Seth Bekoe

## BBF Honored at LIFE For Relief and Development Dinner



LIFE President and CEO Dr. Mujahid Al-Fayadh presents BBF Education Coordinator Carol Taylor and President Luke Hingson with commemorative plaque on April 30, 2010. BBF has worked with LIFE for Relief and Development for more than fifteen years.

## Thank You Letters



On behalf of Children of the Americas, Inc., I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your donation of medicines and instruments for our 2010 team. Children of the Americas, Inc. is an all-volunteer organization that provides free medical and surgical services to indigent children and their families in Guatemala. Without the generosity of organizations like yours, we would be unable to continue our work on their behalf.

Again, many thanks for your support. We look forward to working with you again in the future.

Warm regards,  
Rosemary Vance  
Executive Director  
March 25, 2010

I would like to thank the Brother's Brother Foundation for supporting the Indiana University School of Medicine's Alternative Spring Break trip to Honduras! The trip took place March 6-13, 2010 and it was a great success for all those involved. Despite being in just the second year of the program, this year's participants continued to grow and deepen the program's roots in the Honduran community of Rigores. With our team of six IUSM faculty



physicians, sixteen IUSM students and four local Honduran healthcare providers, we were able to serve more than 1,000 people by providing free medical and dental care, medications, fluoride treatments, eyeglasses and public health education.

All of our successes would not have been possible if it were not for the generous donation of medicines from the Brother's Brother Foundation. The numerous antibiotics and other medicines donated were all used in their entirety during our week long brigade. Because of the generous donation, we were able to save a considerable amount of money and we were able to use the saved money to pay

for patient referrals. It is through the generosity of foundations such as Brother's Brother that the IUSM ASB trip was able to enjoy a high level of success and this experience will help to shape the careers of future physicians. We very much appreciate the support that Brother's Brother was able to generously provide and I hope that the Foundation will continue to be a supporter of the IUSM ASB program in future years.

Sincerely,  
Rowan Hurrell  
IUSM Class of 2010  
Alternative Spring Break Co-Chair  
April 2, 2010



On behalf of our team, World Gospel Mission and The Ohio State University Colleges of Nursing and Pharmacy, I want to thank you personally for your generosity. Your support of donated medications and supplies gave us the many resources we needed to accomplish our goal of providing care to the most underserved areas in Honduras. We received many blessings directly from the Hondurans we served and hope to pass some of them on to you. Words cannot express how thankful we are.

Our medical team directly evaluated, diagnosed and provided necessary medical treatments for over 1,000 men, women and children. 1311 patients were treated for parasites during our time in Honduras.

I hope you find this letter rewarding as you have clearly made a positive impact on the world. You are an integral part of the care we provided.

Again, thank you for your generous support!

Jeff Huston, RPh  
Clinical Assistant Professor of OSU College of Pharmacy  
April 1, 2010

Dear Sirs,

Two years ago you were kind enough to provide our hospital 200 lbs. of used surgical instruments and two large cartons of used surgical linens. I picked these items up myself, after filling out a registration form in your offices, and along with other medical supplies and equipment shipped them in a container to our hospital. Since then our surgeons and six surgery residents have performed surgery on about 3,000 patients at a total average cost per patient of \$80. We are tremendously grateful for your help. We are in need of additional surgical instruments and surgical linens and would like to know if you would be able to assist us again. Dr. Drew Hall, a family medicine physician who works in the Pittsburgh area and who has visited our hospital before, is willing to arrange pick up of anything you might be able to give us so that we can send it to a container loading in July. Thank you for any help you can provide! We currently have five missionary physicians serving at the hospital, along with seven African MDs. Our hospital is one of six hospitals in Africa that is training African surgeons under the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons ([www.paacs.net](http://www.paacs.net)). You can find out more about Bongolo Hospital at [www.bongolohospital.org](http://www.bongolohospital.org).

Sincerely yours,  
David C. Thompson



Bongolo Hospital in Gabon, West Africa

## Mission Trip Update May 2010

Through May 15, 2010, BBF has supplied 96 mission trips to 27 countries in 2010.

## Pennies Collected for Haiti



Thank you for all you do and have done to help those in need after the earthquake in Haiti. The students at A.J. McMullen were so moved at your outreach that they wanted to do something to help. They also wanted to help the people in Haiti and chose to help through your efforts. Our school is a small junior high of about 200 students with about 45 faculty and staff. Our student council and SADD organizations decided to put together a fund raiser to help the efforts. We had a penny war among our homerooms. We collected pennies for eight days, trying to outdo each homeroom by seeing who could bring in the most pennies and trying to make other homerooms lose by bringing in silver coins or bills to subtract the amount of pennies that homeroom had. They collected 136,676 pennies! That, plus all the silver coins and bills reached a total of \$3,128.25! It was a huge success. The students really got enthusiastic about the penny war and helping those in need. It was wonderful to see this as their sponsor and their teacher.

We are sending this donation to help continue your efforts in relief help in Haiti. We hope it helps and thank you for all of your efforts. May you be blessed in your work.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Catharine Hager, Student Council Advisor

March 23, 2010

## Volunteer Thanks

April is traditionally the month to thank volunteers for their efforts. BBF is very thankful to have the retired employees of H.J. Heinz Company help us with mailings and at the time of large disasters. The Heinz volunteers lovingly devote countless hours to helping the staff of BBF. On April 27, 2010, BBF gratefully honored the volunteers with a luncheon catered by Panera Bread. The next volunteer days will be July 27th, September 21st, October 26th and November 16th.



Heinz Volunteers on April 27th

## 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.



To donate, please visit <https://www.mylanclassic.com/buytix/BROTHERSBROTHER/>

## 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 2010, BBF received 245 gifts in honor or memory that collectively totaled over \$20,700. For additional information about the BBF honor or memory cards, please call 412-321-3160 and ask for Donna.

### 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.

**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.**

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