

BBF President Luke Hingson Visits Liberia

Brother's Brother Foundation's (BBF) first major health/education effort occurred in Liberia in 1961-1962. Liberia currently has about 3,500,000 people and 140 registered physicians. BBF President Luke Hingson travelled to there in August 2010. He visited five mission hospitals and one government hospital to assess their needs and determine how BBF can offer future support. Mr. Hingson also visited various education facilities with United States Agency for International Development (USAID) staff.

The first mission hospital Mr. Hingson visited was Phoebe Hospital, a Lutheran Church-founded facility with 200 beds and three to four physicians. Its needs are many and the staff requested surgical gloves, better beds and linens. At Ganta Hospital, a United Methodist facility, Mr. Hingson met with Victor Taryor to evaluate the needs of this 150-bed facility that has three physicians and a staff of 300. Occupancy at Ganta was past 100% with patients on the floor in multiple wards.



Wooden beds in Redemption Hospital located in Monrovia, Liberia

While visiting the government-run Redemption Hospital, Mr. Hingson noted that this 200-bed capacity facility had almost no hospital-quality beds except in the intensive care unit. Most beds were wooden with plywood bed frames.

Mr. Hingson also visited St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital, a 141-bed facility that had six physicians and a staff of 171. Requests from this hospital included incubators, over bed tables, linens, gurneys and a medical cart.



BBF President Luke Hingson with Liberian Minister of Health Dr. Walter Gwenigale

Mr. Hingson met with USAID education officer and team leader, Julia Richards, and visited a rural teacher training institute. He also met with Liberian Deputy Minister of Education Mator M.F. Kpongbaï to discuss potential donations of books from BBF.

Mr. Hingson renewed his friendship with Liberian Minister of Health Dr. Walter Gwenigale and met with the new Deputy General Secretary for United Methodist Community On Relief, Rev. Cynthia Fierro Harvey, who was also visiting Liberia and committed to greater coordination with BBF in that country.



Bedless mattresses at Ganta Hospital



Liberian Deputy Minister of Education Mator M.F. Kpongbaï

BBF Receives Additional Funds for Haiti Schools

BBF received a grant of \$20,000 from International Orthodox Christian Charities to help rebuild school buildings in Haiti following this year's devastating earthquake. Working with Food for the Poor and the Connecticut School Association, BBF will support the construction of three new school buildings in Tabarre, Petion Ville and George Marc. All three locations are near Haiti's capital of Port-au-Prince. The new schools will create an appropriate learning environment for over 1,500 students enrolled there every year. Each school will include administration offices, a cafeteria and bathroom facilities. BBF looks to its donors for additional support to build these new schools for the children of Haiti. Donations should be marked "Haiti School Project."



Temporary school in Haiti

The Pittsburgh Foundation's 2010 Day of Giving

The Pittsburgh Foundation sponsors a day of giving. They will match donations made to charities through the site listed below. The matching period is October 13, 2010 at 12:00 a.m. to October 13, 2010 at 11:59 p.m. (24 Hours to give and help BBF!)

Credit card gifts only. No gifts in the form of checks, cash, gift card redemptions or donor-advised fund grants will be eligible for matching funds. A total of \$500,000 in matching dollars will be available. Every organization that receives funds during the match period will receive a portion of the match. The matching dollars will be pro-rated. To give, go to <http://www.pittsburghgives.org> and click on "Day of Giving."



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Country Updates: August 2010

As of August 31, 2010, BBF had sent supplies to 47 countries during 2010 including Albania, Argentina, Bhutan, Cameroon, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kenya, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Moldova, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Serbia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, United States, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

President's Report

By Luke Hingson

In the first eight months of 2010, BBF sent 82 shipments of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies valued over \$95 million and weighing over 404 tons to 38 countries. BBF also shipped 70 containers of books and educational supplies with a total value of over \$69 million and weighing over 915 tons to 23 countries.

Since the Haitian earthquake, BBF has shipped 37 containers of various items and supplied four air shipments and 36 mission trips to support relief efforts. The total value of the allocated inventory is over \$36 million, weighing 642,000 lbs. Shipping costs for these items totaled \$167,165.

In the month of August, BBF Trustees travelled extensively. Dr. Graham Johnstone conducted a mission trip to Niger. Dr. Jack Demos and Surgicorps worked in Guatemala. Dr. Jose Ravano visited Sri Lanka. Additionally, Dr. Deborah McMahon is planning a trip to Mozambique. Drew Harvey is going to Zimbabwe in November. Dr. Chip Lambert will be in Haiti in September with plans to visit Malawi by the end of the year.

While BBF did not issue an appeal for funds and donations to help with the relief efforts in Pakistan following the devastating floods, funds designated for Pakistan have been received. BBF will work with Life for Relief and Development to send requested donated medical supplies and pharmaceuticals in the coming weeks.

BBF received visitors over the last few weeks from Christian Appalachian Project, Inc., Medwish International and Catholic Health Association.



BBF Educational Program Coordinator Carol Taylor, Foundation Relations Mike Stratford and President and CEO Guy Adams of the Christian Appalachian Project and BBF President Luke Hingson. BBF has donated 104,183 books with a value of over \$8 million to Christian Appalachian Project, USA in 2010.



The staff of Medwish International and members of the staff of BBF. The staff of Medwish visited BBF to gain a better understanding of our warehouse capabilities. Medwish International, located in Cleveland, Ohio, works with BBF, sending medical donations.



BBF President Luke Hingson, Accenture Management Consultant Anastasia Thatcher, Catholic Health Association Senior Director Bruce Compton and BBF Medical Program Coordinator Liam Carstens. CHA hopes to coordinate with other international organizations like BBF.

Surgicorps Int'l. Thank You

Dear Luke,

I would like to thank you for allowing Ilva to accompany us to Antigua, Guatemala, last week. She did a fantastic job and worked on a daily basis with our GYN team. Without question, she played an integral role in allowing us to treat over one hundred patients and provide much needed surgical care for those that have so little. You at Brother's Brother should be extremely proud of her as she represented your organization in a very professional, caring and compassionate manner.

I trust Luke's trip to Liberia went well, I'm sure we'll talk in some detail in the near future. Please give my best to everyone at BBF and I hope you and your families have a wonderful rest of the Summer and early Fall.

Sincerely yours,

Jack Demos

Founder Surgicorps International

PS - Thanks also to Brother's Brother for its continued kind donations of medications for our missionary trips. Needless to say, these medicines go a long way in improving the health of those that have so little yet need so much.

Surgicorps Int'l. Guatemala Mission Trip

During the week of August 14, 2010, BBF Mission Trip Coordinator Ilva Letoja worked in Antigua, Guatemala with a surgical mission trip. The team from Surgicorps International, led by Dr. Jack Demos, founder of Surgicorps and long-time BBF Trustee, had



50 members. The team consisted of seven surgeons, five anesthesiologists and 12 other medical personnel who, together with the 26 non-medical team members, performed 104 plastic, general, gynecologic and hand surgeries. These surgeries included cleft lip and palate repairs, hysterectomies, and hernia repairs. Surgicorps performs surgeries free of charge and works to improve the lives of many indigent people of Guatemala. BBF once again donated much-needed medications that were used during the trip, including antibiotics and analgesics.

During the week, Ilva helped out with the computers, entering pre- and post-op patient data into the hospital's database system and also for Surgicorps' patient files. Ilva also worked daily in the operating room, assisting during ten different gynecologic and plastic surgeries. Her skills as a translator were greatly appreciated in the operating rooms.

Surgicorps Int'l. Fundraiser

Friday, October 1, 2010
6:00 PM

"A Night on the Town"
Fundraiser for Surgicorps International and
Pennsylvania Batten Disease Support
Sheraton Hotel, Station Square, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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For more info contact Sharon L. Tomko or Kate Kelly
at 724-348-2000 ext. 1672

Thank You Letters



Greetings from Southern California!

Here is a summary of our recent medical missionary trip to Moldova in Eastern Europe. Sixty percent of the 4.5 million people there have no medical care because they are so poor. Thank you very much for your donation of medicines. The people appreciated the free care given them.

We were in Moldova from June 26th to July 3rd, 2010. During that time we held four daily clinics. Two Moldovan physicians worked with me, including five helpers and interpreters. Between us, we saw 267 patients and also made some house calls.

The total of 267 patients was divided into 58 men, 158 women, 32 children ages 2-12 and 19 teenagers. 85% of these people would have gone without any care if we had not been there.

Many people with hypertension were helped by your donated Enalapril. We used your Clindamycin to treat those who had infections. For when winter comes, we left some medicines to free mobile clinics of Emmanuel Clinic for those with pneumonia and bronchitis.

The lady with the child in the foreground of the attached picture are patients at the pharmacy table, where prescriptions are filled out by the two young Moldovan lady helpers. On the table just to the left of the tall white bottles is the Enalapril that you donated. Of the 267 patients seen, 60 of them had hypertension.

Again, thank you very much!

Very sincerely,
Robert D. Carpenter, M.D.

This all began in 2006, when we received a letter from a friend telling of many people living in the remote mountains of Haiti with large growths on their necks. Interested in the condition and helping the Haitian people, we formed what was the very beginning of Aid for Haiti. After further investigation and research, we discovered the Haitian people were victims of iodine deficiency. The lack of a simple element that you and I find in our table salt causes devastating mental retardation in these Haitian children and large goiters in the adults. As we began treatment for this condition, we quickly realized that most of the Haitians in this area have little to no access to health care. Our hearts were broken and we responded. Over the past two years, we have provided medical clinics in the rural mountains of Haiti and have recently developed a permanent presence in a village near Petit Goave.

We were in Haiti for a two week trip in June 2010. We were able to see quite a number of patients. We worked at a new clinic that we are establishing in the Petit Gove area for the first week. During this time we examined and treated 1,000 patients. Disease ranged from untreated trauma to Diptheria. Many of the skin infections were very well treated with the Keflex we received from Brother's Brother. During the second week in Haiti, we traveled to a remote region accessible only by foot in the central plateau. Here we were able to see 700-800 patients and once again the meds that Brother's Brother supported us with were used and proved to be very effective. Thank you all for the blessing that you have been to us at Aid for Haiti.

Elliott Tenpenny
Aid for Haiti Coordinator



On behalf of all of us who worked on the Port Victoria Project, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your generous donation of medication.

We are an all-volunteer group consisting of members from the UK, United States, and Kenya who have come together in an effort to improve the health and well-being of the residents of Bunyala District in Kenya. During our three-day medical camp in Port Victoria, we provided medical services and medication to approximately 1,000 people.

The primary patients of our services were women along with their young children and the elderly. Several young children came to us with temperatures of 104 degrees, and the medical care they received during the camp quite possibly saved their lives. We provided care to those suffering from malaria, bacterial infections, ulcers, nutritional deficiencies and chronic diseases such as hypertension and diabetes.

Along with medical services, we provided nutritional counseling for mothers of malnourished children, as well as for those with hypertension and diabetes. We also held demonstrations to teach mothers to make their own oral rehydration solution and administer it to their children.

As you can imagine, our endeavor was both challenging and incredibly rewarding. We have already begun our planning for the next medical camp to be held next fall. In conjunction with the provision of annual medical camps, our group is also planning long-term sustainable public health projects in the region such as water sanitation and health education.

Without organizations such as yours, endeavors such as ours would not be possible.

Megan Smith
Port Victoria Project Coordinator

We have just returned from visiting our projects in Nicaragua and I cannot tell you how excited and grateful the people in Chinandega, Nicaragua are to be receiving your donations. This year's shipping can occur at any time you wish and I will notify Gulf Winds International with all the details when they are shipped. Hundreds of children will benefit from your gift of reading, math, science and music books. Between these books and the additional supplementary material, these children will have the means to advance their education and assure that they will not have to live in the conditions of extreme poverty that their parents did.

Thank you so much,
Jim Kite

Chinandega Foundation Representative



BBF donated 14,672 Spanish books to students in Chinandega, Nicaragua

Mission Trip Update August 2010

Through August 31, BBF has supplied 148 mission trips to 31 countries in 2010, including 36 trips to Haiti.

Staff Changes



Ilva Letoja

We are sad to announce that BBF Mission Trip Coordinator, Ilva Letoja, has moved to Belgium where she will be pursuing a Master's Degree in European Studies: Transnational and Global Perspectives at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, one of the oldest universities in Europe.

During her time at Brother's Brother, Ilva helped to supply over 460 mission trips, increasing the Mission Trip Program shipments by 40%. In addition, she travelled twice to Guatemala to assist with the distribution of donated medications and humanitarian supplies in coordination with BBF Advisory

Trustee, Dr. Jack Demos, and Surgicorps volunteers.

BBF's new intern, Chris Cramer, is a graduate student at Duquesne University in its Public Policy Analysis program and chose this internship because of his love of foreign policy. Chris served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Uganda. This created an interest in how international non-governmental organizations operate. He hopes that his experience working with the Brother's Brother Foundation will prepare him to better help people overseas. Chris will be assisting with the BBF Mission Trip Program.



Chris Cramer

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and Brother's Brother Foundation.

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 2010 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 2010, BBF received 371 gifts in honor or memory that collectively totaled over \$29,600. 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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