

## BBF and MedWish International Send Requested Supplies to Hospitals in Africa

BBF is partnering with MedWish International, a non-profit organization located in nearby Cleveland, Ohio, that is committed to recovering and recycling donated medical supplies that area healthcare providers must discard. These life-saving supplies are made available to those providing medical care in developing countries. Following his recent trip to Liberia, BBF President Luke Hingson met with Ganta Hospital representative Victor Doolakeh Taryor and MedWish International Executive Director Tish Dahlby to discuss a joint effort to send a container of requested medical supplies to Liberia. In October, BBF welcomed visitors from Zimbabwe as part of BBF's partnership with the Nyadire Connection. BBF, working with MedWish International, is planning to send a container to Zimbabwe.



MedWish International Executive Director Tish Dahlby, Ganta Hospital Representative Victor Doolakeh Taryor and BBF President Luke Hingson

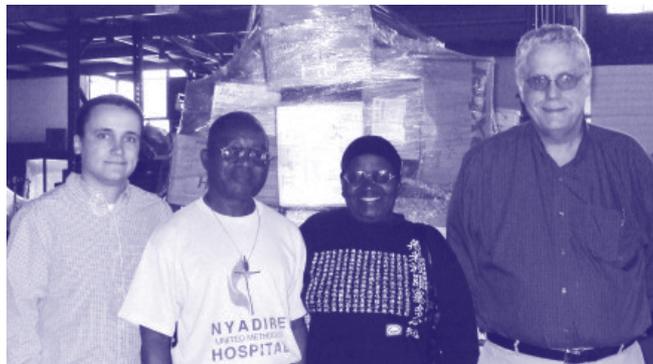


connections with residents," said Drew Harvey, Chairman of the Connection and BBF Trustee.

"In Nyadire, they talk about Pittsburgh like it's just over the hill," Harvey said. "Our whole effort is maintaining a connection to make a sustainable difference in the lives of the people. At the personal and individual level, we're making an immense difference," Harvey said. "Health care there is dramatically different. We've kept about 250 kids in school and just the whole tone and atmosphere has changed." BBF has donated medical supplies for the shipments twice a year.

Harvey went on to say that everyone who comes back from Nyadire gains a new perspective. "We do a lot for them, but they do an equal amount for us," Harvey said, "Despite their situation, they are a happy, joyous people and I think it's a story that resonates with people on a personal level."

"The Nyadire Connection, founded in 2006 by volunteers from Pittsburgh-area churches, supports the Nyadire United Methodist Mission in northeastern Zimbabwe by forming lasting

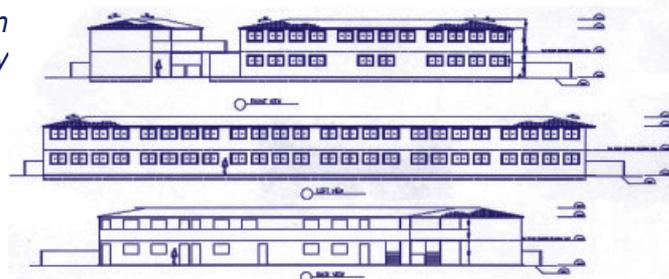


Nyadire Hospital representatives Joyce and Julius Tsiga visit BBF's Medical Coordinator Liam Carstens and BBF President Luke Hingson

## Haiti School Project Progressing

This is the latest layout and information related to the three schools that BBF, Food for the Poor and the Connecticut School Association are partnering to construct in Haiti. They have been agreed upon by the communities. The next step in the process, that is taking place right now, is that the architects are drawing up the official site plans and designs that will then be forwarded for approval from the Haitian government. Hopefully this will be a fairly quick process. We had delays due to rain and now a massive outbreak of cholera in the region lends another problem in the reconstruction and rebirth of Haiti. We remain optimistic that things will run smoothly and remain realistic in knowing that Haiti is a unique and often difficult place to work, especially now. We have been told we can still have the pre-engineered schools erected by the end of the first quarter of 2011 as originally stated.

Sincerely,  
Rick A. Schanzle  
Foundations/Grants Department  
Food for the Poor, Inc.



## Country Updates: November 2010

As of November 1, 2010, BBF had sent supplies to 51 countries during 2010 including Albania, Argentina, Bhutan, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, 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, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, United States, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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## President's Report

By Luke Hingson

I want to thank BBF's wonderful staff and Trustees for their tireless efforts in the first three quarters of 2010. As of October 31st, 2010, BBF has received product contributions valued at over \$178,800,000. BBF has allocated \$925,245 to Haiti disaster relief projects. BBF's project to rehabilitate the Hopital St. Croix in Leogane, Haiti is going well. The cost of the generators was lower than expected, thus allowing for an additional \$15,000 for security fencing



New water tower in Leogane

for the hospital's new water tower.

Ms. Carol Taylor, Education Program Coordinator, is processing seven book donation lists from McGraw-Hill and Pearson publishers. These expected year-end

offers arrived earlier than anticipated.

Dr. Chip Lambert, Medical Director, reported that BBF sent 76 medical shipments in the third quarter of 2010, which is down slightly from the same period in 2009. The number of mission trips, however, continues to rise with 55 planned in the fourth quarter of 2010. BBF would also like to thank its new donor, Seton Pharmaceuticals, for their significant contribution.



Mr. Liam Carstens, Medical Program Coordinator, reported increased activity in purchased and refurbished medical equipment. Recently, Mr. Carstens and I visited CHOSEN in Erie, PA and KMA Remarketing in Altoona, PA. Both have helped BBF ensure that shipped equipment functions properly.

## BBF Helps to Purchase Ambulance in Chile

Following the 2010 earthquake in Chile, BBF partnered with the Chilean community in Pittsburgh and B'nai Brith International in Chile to purchase a new ambulance for the hard-hit communities of the Maule region

Participating in the dedication ceremony were Mario Sadovnik and Andrés Zeldis from B'nai Brith Chile, and Karina Vega, representing the Chilean Community of Pittsburgh. Local authorities were also present including Talca's Governor, Mr. José Antonio Arellano; Maule regional Secretary of Health, Dr. Osvaldo Palma; Director of Health Services of the Maule region, Dr. Felipe Puelma; Curepto Major, Mr. Armando González; and Representative (diputado) Mr. Pedro Pablo Álvarez-Salamanca.

Dr. Marcelo San Martín, Director of the Curepto Hospital, accepted the donation in the name of the Hospital and the Curepto community. He expressed gratitude for the effort that the Chilean Community of Pittsburgh, BBF and B'nai Brith Chile put forth in donating an important tool for improving the services the hospital provides, especially for surrounding localities and small villages in the Maule region.

At the ceremony, Dr. San Martín said, "Today we receive an ambulance, completely equipped with the most recent technology, and beyond this, we know what this donation represents - a vocation for service, support and sense of community which go beyond frontiers and at the end generates the pride of being Chileans."

The ceremony was held in Curepto's main plaza. As part of the celebration, a group of children, national champions of "cueca", the Chilean national dance, entertained the participants.



Chilean children being shown new ambulance

## BBF and Partner LIFE For Relief and Development Respond to Floods in Pakistan

BBF sent financial support to partner, Life for Relief and Development, which has been on the ground in Pakistan providing urgent relief to survivors of that country's devastating flooding. Thousands of people have already received assistance with food, shelter, clothing and other essentials.

Phase one of the campaign was carried out during the holy month of Ramadan. At that time, thousands of people benefited from the distribution of food in the towns of Charsadda and Nowshera. Additionally, ten homeless families in Khazanmeel Charsadda received tents for shelter.

Phase two of the campaign is well underway, with two mobile medical camps being operated by Life. Each camp includes ten tents where the sick and injured can receive first aid, medicine and other forms of assistance. Once they have done all they can in a given area, the medical personnel, along with Life team-members, will pack up and move the camps to a new area, saving those who seek assistance and are unable to travel. Extreme disaster conditions still make it difficult to reach isolated pockets of survivors, but nonetheless, Life's team of 25 aid workers and volunteers is working diligently to offer help, one human being at a time. Hundreds of thousands of flood victims are at risk of contracting life-threatening illnesses spread through contaminated water. Also, during phase two, some 1,000 families each received bed mats, sheets, blankets and pillows. Life hopes that its camps will be able to save many lives at this critical stage in the relief efforts.

Phase three of the campaign is already being planned. Life intends to distribute medicine and medical supplies to hospitals and clinics that suffer from shortages of these items. Not only do the institutions suffer, but the people who walk through their doors only to leave disappointed and untreated suffer the most. Yet, with more support from donors, Life will be able to ensure that more and more victims of this tragedy get the treatment that they so badly deserve.

Despite their circumstances, those who received aid from Life have expressed great joy and thanks to all donors who have made this effort possible. Establishing these camps was made possible through donations received from donors in Peoria, IL, Toledo, OH, Monroeville, PA, and elsewhere.



## Penn State University Biotechnical Engineers Help BBF



In October, ten students and four faculty members came to BBF to refurbish donated medical equipment such as incubators, defibrillators and other complex machines. BBF greatly appreciates their efforts.

## Mission Trip Thank You Letters

October 2010



Thanks to the generous donations we received from Brothers Brother, we had an abundant supply of antibiotics, which we used in a variety of situations. We saw 1,900 people in the clinic during the time we were there and most of the medications were used. Any remaining medications will be used by the next Project Helping Hands (PHH) team who will return to Kenya in 2011.

We used the antibiotic Rocephin in a number of cases including a child with a third-degree burn on his arm, a man who had sustained a fractured tibia, a two-year old with a septic knee and a young mother who had lactation mastitis. As you might expect, we also saw a number of children with upper respiratory diseases and otitis media, for which we were glad to have the donated amoxicillin.

We made home visits to several individuals, one of whom had suffered a stroke one year ago and who had pneumonia at the time of our visit. Two other individuals, both young men in their early thirties, were paralyzed as a result of a stroke and an undiagnosed neurological syndrome, respectively. We were able to treat each of these individuals and in one case PHH arranged for a wheelchair to be purchased

and a trapeze to be constructed to facilitate the individual's mobility.

I had an opportunity to meet the midwife of the community who delivers most of the infants in the village. We gave her one of the minor surgical instrument trays and she was grateful for the donation. As a point of information, I realized when I received the 20 minor trays that they were very heavy and would probably exceed my weight allowance on the plane. I sent 10 of the trays to the PHH program director who was leaving on the same date to go to Haiti. I can assure you that the trays will be used according to your policies.

As I'm sure you're aware, Kenya has a high orphan rate caused by the deaths of parents from AIDS. Many of our clinic visits were provided to the children and we tried to educate them about hygiene measures as well as HIV/AIDS prevention. This was my first experience in Africa and I think the work that PHH is providing there, in cooperation with our Kenyan partners, is very beneficial to the community. We cooperate with the local hospital in striving to let the citizens know about the availability of services for AIDS, malaria and TB and I believe we try very hard to respect the cultural aspects of Kenyan life. I am very thankful to Brothers Brother for your help in donating the medications and equipment. Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information about our experience in Kenya.

Sincerely,

Judith Harris, FNP, MSN, RN



A home visit in Kenya

September 2010



On behalf of Global Smile Foundation, I want to thank you for your support of our first full cleft mission to Cote D'Ivoire last week. The team was able to accomplish the following in a span of five days: 61 cleft lips were repaired and 187 dental procedures were performed along with a full hands-on training program and an educational conference on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

The team is indebted to the generosity and warm hospitality of Hilda, Zanouba, Fouad, Atef and Ramzi Omais, the Atef Omais Foundation, our Ivorian and US sponsors, the Cote D'Ivoire Ministry of Health, our Ivorian medical colleagues and the staff at CHU Youpogon. The mission would not have been possible without the pre-screening of the cleft patients by our Ivorian colleagues: Drs. Rouma, Anoma, Crezoit & Dieth and their support staff. They are fully committed to following up with the patients post-operatively as well.

We look forward to our next year's mission, with your support and blessings.

Warm regards,

Usama Hamdan, MD, FICS  
President  
Global Smile Foundation

September 2010

I am writing to give a trip report for my Honduras trip with Vessels of Mercy that took place from September 25<sup>th</sup> to October 2, 2010. The trip was challenging due to several tropical storms dumping much rain on the island. The medicines were very useful for the treatment of multiple issues. We have been treating the people of the island now for almost two years for hypertension and diabetes, so it was a huge help to have some of those medications at no cost. It has been great to see several of the patients finally get their blood pressure and diabetes under control. We evaluated and treated over 580 people in 4 days. Several people of the island mentioned that they would not have been able to afford their diabetes medication or blood pressure medications if we were not there.

It has been a great blessing to be a part of this clinic. One exciting piece of news is that the clinic may be receiving full time medical help in the future so the people of Roatan can have regular care. This will also allow for more educational time with the patients with chronic diseases on the island.

Blessing,

Diana Duncan Clemow, MD  
Global Health Coordinator



### Mission Trip Update November 2010

Through November 1st, BBF has supplied 190 mission trips to 35 countries in 2010, including 44 trips to Haiti.

## BBF Thanks H.J. Heinz Company Volunteers

Many thanks to the members of the H.J. Heinz Company Retired Employees Organization for the 819 hours of donated time assisting BBF's efforts thus far in 2010. Their extra efforts during BBF's Haiti response are greatly appreciated. In particular, BBF thanks Trudy File for her coordination of the H.J. Heinz volunteers.



## Year End Giving



As 2010 draws to a close, BBF wishes to thank the many gracious donors who have supported BBF's efforts to connect people's resources with people's needs. As you consider your year-end charitable giving, please remember that BBF welcomes monetary donations in many forms. Should you need additional information about giving to BBF, please feel free to call 412-321-3160.

## New BBF Staff



Susan Truman recently graduated from Chatham University with a Bachelors of Arts in Business Management. While attending Chatham, she learned a great deal about several aspects of global diversity. This knowledge sparked an interest in volunteering for a local organization.

While looking for a place to volunteer, a friend suggested she check out Brother's Brother Foundation. After volunteering for some time at BBF, she was offered the opportunity to assist with the International Education Program. Susan has always enjoyed helping others in need

and hopes that her services here at BBF can make a difference to those receiving the educational resources overseas.

## 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 449 gifts in honor or memory that collectively totaled over \$34,200. 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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