

## BBF Responds to Devastation in Japan



BBF Chair Chuck Stout (left) and BBF President Luke Hingson (right) with JASP representatives Senior Vice President and General Manager of Sumitomo Corporation of America, Toshiaki Murai and JASP Education Outreach Coordinator Katsuko Shellhammer, Partner of LCP Capital Stephen Ceurvorst

On March 11, 2011, north-eastern Japan was devastated by an 8.9 magnitude earthquake off of the coast which was followed by a cataclysmic tsunami. Brother's Brother Foundation (BBF), in cooperation with the Japan-American Society of Pennsylvania (JASP), will respond to requests from the residents of Japan.

JASP has been proud to serve the Pittsburgh region for 25 years. Throughout its history, JASP has been dedicated to improving international understanding and strengthening the ties between Japan and western Pennsylvania. "We have always recognized the critical business relationships between Japanese and American companies which employ a large number of people in western Pennsylvania and which are delivering world class products and services.

"In addition, we are proud to sponsor important cultural and educational outreach activities that help bring diversity and international understanding to our greater Pennsylvania schools and community," said Stephen Ceurvorst who serves as Chairman of JASP. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of those living in Japan or who have loved ones in the area. JASP and BBF teamed up after the 1995 earthquake in Kobe to support an orphanage to provide assistance to victims who were least able to help themselves," said Mr. Ceurvorst. BBF is proud to be working once again with JASP to respond to the devastation. BBF will continue to provide updates of its work in the coming months. Donations are always greatly appreciated. Credit card donations can be made at [www.brothersbrother.org](http://www.brothersbrother.org) or by calling BBF at 412-321-3160. Checks should be made to Brother's Brother Foundation and designated by writing "Japan" in the memo line.

## BBF President Luke Hingson Returns from Zimbabwe

BBF President Luke Hingson, Executive Director of Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach, Mary Mahlie, and Darrel Ward from Better Healthcare for Africa recently returned from a fact-finding trip to Zimbabwe. Their objectives were to determine medical consumable supply and equipment needs in areas north, north-east and south of Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe. They also assessed the feasibility of delivering supplies using ocean-going containers to this landlocked country.

They conducted twelve on-site meetings at six mission hospitals, two village clinics, as well as Zimbabwe Association of Churches related hospitals, the Catholic Health Commission Headquarters, the Catholic Health Distribution Center and the United Methodist Committee on Relief Headquarters.

One of the team's key findings was that the Zimbabwe Ministry of Health is beginning to strengthen and increase delivery of consumable medical supplies. Still, this is not providing enough for the population of 12.5 million. Moreover, the delivery of electricity to hospitals and clinics is erratic. Many operate on a combination of electric, generator and solar power. This jeopardizes surgeries and cold-chain integrity for medications, blood products and food. It was reported that during the delivery of a baby at Nyadire Methodist Hospital, the power failed. A nurse used her cell phone to provide light while the doctor performed an episiotomy.



Mary Mahlie and Luke Hingson with staff members of Muvonde Hospital in Zimbabwe

## Circus Saints and Sinners Club Names Luke Hingson Man of the Year



Circus Saints and Sinners

The Bob Prince Tent of the Circus Saints and Sinners is thrilled to honor Brother's Brother Foundation's President Luke Hingson as its Man of the Year. Mr. Hingson's efforts and dedicated guidance of BBF have made it a premier international charity in western Pennsylvania. It is nearly impossible to find a major corporation in the Pittsburgh area that is unaware of BBF's efforts.

For nearly fifty years, the Bob Prince Tent has been able to help many outstanding regional charities such as the Allegheny Valley School, American Cancer Society, The Joe Bellante Ministry, The Foundation for California University of Pennsylvania, Marion Manor, National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame (Pittsburgh Chapter) and Wounded Warriors among many others. It is directly

through the energy, efforts and dedication of its members that Bob Prince Tent continues to serve the community.

The Circus Saints and Sinners is excited to present Mr. Hingson with this award and is honored to be a part of the region's charitable spirit. A dinner commemorating Mr. Hingson's award will be held in October 2011. Look for additional details in the coming months.



Circus Saints and Sinners Representatives Eric Saks, Anthony DiNardo and David McRae with BBF President Luke Hingson

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## President's Report

By Luke Hingson

Thus far in 2011, BBF had sent 79 shipments to 26 countries including Belize, Bhutan, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, United States of America and Zimbabwe.

At BBF's annual meeting in January, Trustees elected Charles J. Stout, Ayco Company (retired) as BBF's Chair, B.J. Leber, West Penn Hospital Foundation as Vice Chair and Rachel Lorey Allen, Esq., of Jones Day as Secretary. Chip Lambert, M.D. of Allegheny General Hospital and Medical Benevolence Foundation, was reelected as Medical Director and Joseph T. Senko of McKeever, Varga & Senko as Treasurer.

I look forward to a very productive 2011 with the additional work BBF is doing in Africa. We are planning the delivery of 20 to 30 ocean-going containers of requested hospital equipment and medical supplies to several countries including Liberia, Malawi and Zimbabwe.

## BBF President to Receive Avanti Award

Dear Mr. Hingson,

After careful consideration of many organizations of significant merit within our community, we are pleased to inform you that the Allegheny County Medical Society Auxiliary, ACMSA, has selected you as President of BBF to be honored with our Avanti Award which recognizes outstanding individuals from the ACMSA, as well as from academic, cultural, civic, business and professional realms for contributions in thought, time, talent, volunteerism, actions, awareness and sensitivity which benefits others. Your work will be honored at the annual meeting and luncheon of the alliance on Tuesday, May 24th, 2011.

With your renowned reputation and experience in realms of logistics for humanitarian aid by BBF, your distinguished presence Mr. Hingson, is perfectly suited for visibility. It will honor us to give you a very warm welcome, introduction profiling the work and accomplishments of BBF and presentation of the Avanti Award.

Congratulations!

Warmest Regards,  
Kathleen Jennings Reshmi  
President, ACMSA

## BBF Sends Books to the Philippines

BBF is working with Education Development Center (EDC) whose book distribution strategy has received international attention. Its demand-driven strategy has been featured in international conferences and was highlighted by the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines as one of the best practices by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

From January 2010 to January 2011, 352,597 books donated by Brother's Brother Foundation were distributed to more than 700 schools and community learning centers supported by the USAID-EQuALLS2 Project. To date, 1.2 million supplementary books have been placed in schools and community learning centers.

Using feedback from teachers gathered during monitoring visits conducted by EDC in close collaboration with BBF, this effort helped to further refined the process of ordering supplementary books. This ensured an effective match with identified classroom needs. The more recent shipment of books, which included many English language picture books, simple storybooks and math and science reference books, received very positive reviews from teachers and students.

Throughout 2010, EDC continued to refine the book reviewing approach to encourage teachers to maximize the use of donated books. A short video was developed to orient teachers on how to look for books and use them in their classrooms. Short activities and fun exercises were designed during book shopping events to help teachers think creatively and articulate how they plan to use the books to complement their lessons. Special training was also designed for community educators to help them integrate the use of supplementary books and materials into their existing instructional modules, learning practices and teaching methodologies. Community educators teach out-of-school children and youth basic education and other alternative learning programs.



Elementary school teacher selects science books during municipal book fair

## BBF Sends Crocs to Projects in Philippines

**Project Art(is)+** On behalf of all the Crocs slippers recipients and the staff of Project Art(is)+, we would like to thank you and Brother's Brother Foundation for the generous in-kind donation. Throughout the year, the organization conducts film workshops and special initiatives geared towards empowering street children and children in conflict with the law in developing nations, to rise above the limitations that poverty sets upon them. This donation enabled us to give these children something that will help them begin to take the necessary steps to move forward with their lives.



Children in the Philippines receiving Crocs shoes



From December 21, 2010 to January 8, 2011 the shoes were distributed to street children and children in conflict with the law ranging in ages 0-18 in Bacolod and Metro Manila. The photos that you received document the distribution amongst street children from the Virlanie Foundation Drop-in Center along with incarcerated minors in the Manila Youth Reception Center and the Bahay Pag-Asa Rehabilitation Center.

All the best,  
Pia Zaragoza

## Mission Trip Thank You Letters

February 2011

Our recent mission trip on the Amazon River in the northern part of Peru started with what seemed to be insurmountable obstacles. The first was that the boat we secured for our mission sank a week before our arrival! Because of this, our money was tied up renting a boat that was no longer in service with little hope of recovering any of it. Even if we had that money, there weren't any other boats in the immediate area that could accommodate the 42 members of our group. Renting two or three tourist boats was not an option because they were already reserved as well as too expensive. Also, they did not offer any work space to hold the medical/dental clinics we had planned.

After much haggling and stressful negotiations, a couple of our group leaders made arrangements to use a large cargo boat and a tourist boat that had not been used in months due to tax problems. After resupplying the boat with beds, mattresses and everything else that was needed, down to the light bulbs, 31 people were stuffed onto a boat that usually accommodates 18. The other unfortunate team members stayed on the cargo barge in less than desirable circumstances. The tourist boat was tied on to the cargo barge since it could go 3 times faster than the tourist boat.

After three days and nights going up the river we made it to our first stop. It was pretty much smooth sailing from there. The cargo barge, although not the most pleasant place to sleep, did offer just what we needed to hold clinic. There were three decks with large areas for our pharmacy, medical area, dental area and eye glasses set-up. Over the next several days, we saw a total of 3,200 patients doing medical and dental work as well as prescribing and distributing glasses.

God is good and even though it seemed at times the trip was impossible, it turned out to be one of the best mission trips any of us had experienced. Thank you so much for all the medicine from Brother's Brother! It helped to make our trip successful!!

Naomi Roper, APN  
Miracle Village International



People gathering for medical assistance in Peru

February 2011

Our medical mission group would like to thank Brother's Brother Foundation for your donations. We were in San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic from February 17 until February 25, 2011. We had 40 volunteers, 20 of whom performed medical services.

We performed 74 surgeries, mostly related to ears, nose and throat with about 20 general surgical cases. Our two barrio clinics saw between 1,200 and 1,300 patients. Patients seen ranged from infants to geriatrics. The most commonly seen problems were hypertension, diabetes, musculoskeletal pain, parasites and skin infections.

We appreciate your help and want you to know that the donations we received helped hundreds of Dominicans.

Sincerely,  
Samuel Wellman, MD



A young patient in the Dominican Republic

February 2011



One month ago Brother's Brother Foundation donated medicines to my organization, Himalayan Health Exchange.

Our medical mission was in northern India in an area called Himachal Pradesh. A team of 28 physicians and 4th year medical students treated 3,980 patients in the course of one month. Our organization's website can be found at <http://www.himalayanhealth.com/>.

Thank you for your kind donation to allow us to reach more people.  
William Largen



Outdoor clinics held in Himachal Pradesh, India

March 2011



Once again, I want to thank BBF for the many medical supplies you provided for our recent medical mission trip to Tanzania. We truly could not go on these trips and meet the needs of these poverty-ridden people in third world countries without your support. We treated over 1,000 patients during the seven clinics that we held, six of which were held in remote villages in the Meserani area. Lives were saved because of the work you do in supplying free pharmaceutical supplies, including the shipping, to charities like ours.

It was a joy telling others about your fine organization as we dispensed the much needed medications. Thank you for the amazing way you helped us to help others!

God's blessings,  
Kenneth D. Long

### 2011 Mission Trip Update

As of March 11, 2011, BBF has supplied 46 mission trips to 19 countries including six trips to Haiti.

## BBF Partners Medwish International and InterVol Plan Fundraisers

**MEDWISH** On May 21st, 2011, from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM, MedWish International is hosting its Band Aid Bash. It will be held at MedWish's warehouse located at 17525 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. The event is consistently ranked as one of Cleveland's most exciting nonprofit benefits. Over 400 attendees are expected to enjoy music courtesy of their guest emcee, WKYC's Mark Nolan. The event features auctions, great networking, delicious food, and a live video conference with an international hospital. Tickets are available at <https://www.medwish.org/make-a-difference/buy-your-band-aid-bash-tickets/>.

On May 27th, InterVol will be holding its fundraiser, "Off the Vine" at the Constellation Brands-Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center, 3355 Marvin Sands Drive, Canandaigua, New York to celebrate the doctors, nurses, companies and individuals whose donations of time and resources are changing the world. For more information on Off the Vine, visit [http://intervol.org/PDF/off\\_the\\_vine\\_2011.pdf](http://intervol.org/PDF/off_the_vine_2011.pdf).

MedWish International and InterVol both gather and distribute medical equipment and supplies for use abroad. BBF works with both organizations.



## Loose Change for Change

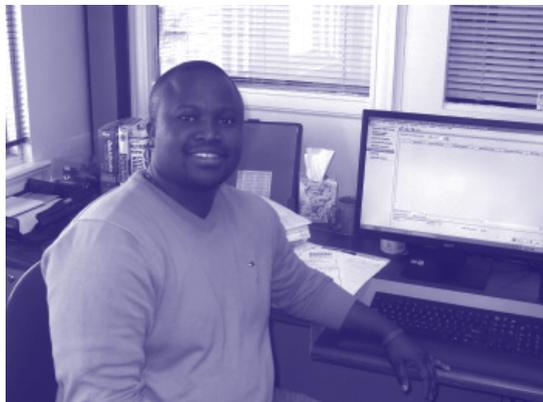


Following the January 2010, 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti, a group of students from the Winchester

Thurston school in Pittsburgh formed a nonprofit called Loose Change for Change. The students believe that they can collect enough donations from around the world to help support the rebuilding of safe and functional schools for the children of Haiti. Working with BBF, they hope to make educational opportunities a reality for many of Haiti's children. Loose Change for Change is planning a benefit concert in May 2011 in Pittsburgh to raise funds. Look for more concert information at BBF's webpage in the coming weeks.

## Staff Changes

Richard Kasujja and his family recently moved to Pittsburgh. Originally from



Richard Kasujja

Uganda, he has traveled across five continents for work and school. Richard has eight years of accounting experience. His international and multicultural outlook on various issues is a great asset to any organization. Richard has a great desire to contribute to the good cause of connecting people's resources with people's needs. He will assist BBF's medical

program as well as assume the responsibilities of BBF's retiring bookkeeper, Gladys Halich. Welcome Richard!

BBF wishes to thank Gladys Halich for her gracious years of commitment to the work of BBF. Gladys has been BBF's bookkeeper nearly twenty years. We all wish her well as she retires to spend more time with her family and friends. Thank you Gladys!



Gladys Halich

## 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 BBF staff sends a personalized note at your direction? Thus far in 2011, BBF received 46 gifts in honor or memory that collectively totaled over \$3,708. 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.**

Look for BBF at [www.brothersbrother.org](http://www.brothersbrother.org)

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Now you can give to BBF each month. Monthly sponsorship provides BBF with a dependable income stream that enables us to plan ahead. For more information about monthly giving, call BBF at 412-321-3160. Also, you can designate Brother's Brother Foundation in your will.

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