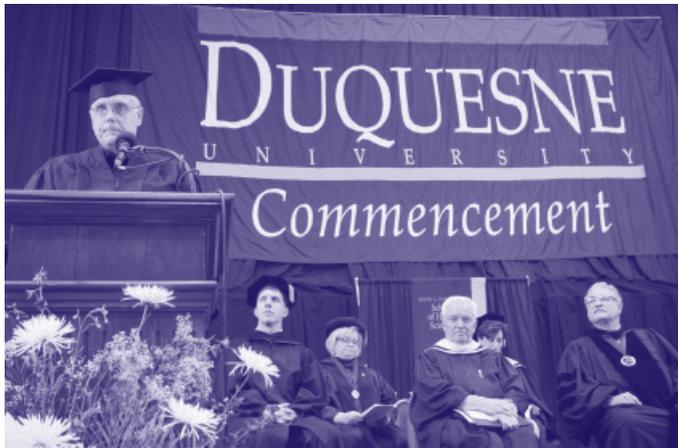


BBF President Luke Hingson Gives Commencement Speech at Duquesne University



BBF President Luke L. Hingson with staff of Duquesne University including Reverend Naos McCool and Dean Gregory H. Frazer. Photo courtesy of Garry Weber

Brother's Brother Foundation President Luke L. Hingson gave the keynote address at the 20th commencement ceremony of the John G. Rangos Sr. School of Health Sciences of Duquesne University on May 8. Duquesne University was founded in 1878 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania by the Spiritan Fathers. Below is an excerpt from the commencement address delivered by Mr. Hingson.

In my lifetime of experience, I am here to tell you, people do not want aid. They do not want charity although they may need to accept it. They want to be empowered to create the lives that they want to live for themselves and their families. At Brother's Brother, we work to empower people through better health, higher educational attainment and creating a better living and working environment.

My job at Brother's Brother Foundation gives me many opportunities to reach out to individuals and communities

so that Brother's Brother can provide the medicines, books and materials to those in need around the world. From a Pittsburgh vantage point, I provide others the opportunity to make a profound difference in the lives of people around the world. If people recognize a need and if they understand that they can make a difference, then effective change can happen.

In 1878 Father Joseph Strub started a Catholic college after an early life of relative poverty, spiritual devotion and love for others. The college became Duquesne University. No small personal sacrifice, from which became, with the guidance, effort and helped of many, the school you have today.

The John G. Rangos Sr. School of Health Sciences was started 20 years ago with a significant gift from John Rangos to prepare students in a variety of health fields to serve the community with a high level of professionalism, ethics and skills.

John Rangos, the school's benefactor, who I know and describe as a burly man, made his money collecting garbage. John's interests are many and varied; they include the Orthodox Church, Christian charities and health care. Some of his philanthropic achievements included partnering with Brother's Brother Foundation to deliver over 300 tractor trailer loads of medicine and food to people in Russia after the fall of Communism. Father Joseph Strub chose to help people every day for an entire lifetime. John Rangos worked hard, made a good living serving the basic needs of others, and gave much of it away during the second half of his lifetime.

An important message is that both men, living in Pittsburgh 100 years apart, gave when they saw immediate need and when they saw opportunity to empower those around them and those who would live after them. They inspired others to give as well. They gave thousands a chance at a better life.

You, as graduates, have the same opportunities to provide for your own needs and to help others with immediate needs, inside and outside the workplace - needs that are important and varied. You may help provide tools of long-term empowerment to all others to do the best they can. You can do this by giving others better opportunities to be and/or stay healthy; you can do this through mentoring, volunteering and sharing yourselves with the larger community.

The importance of your extra effort might be immediately felt or it might take a while. You can give hope and opportunity to your family, your friends, your coworkers, and those in your local and global communities. In the same way that your parents, teachers, and mentors empowered you, you now have the opportunity to empower others.



BBF and the Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania Determine Project Areas



BBF and the Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania (JASP) are coordinating a response to the natural disasters in Japan. JASP and BBF representatives met recently and determined four primary areas of response. These areas are currently being assessed by representatives of JASP. In the coming weeks JASP's Japan experts will be exploring the needs of underserved children and orphans, damaged or destroyed hospitals, clinics and schools as well as underserved seniors citizens.

As of May 16, 2011, BBF has received almost \$400,000 from over 2,300 donations and expects additional funds from a fourth group employee gift from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and upcoming cultural events. BBF wishes to thank the thousands of individuals who have given their time and talents to raise resources to respond to the devastation in Japan.

Country Updates: May 16, 2011

Thus far in 2011, BBF had sent supplies to 48 countries including Albania, Argentina, Belize, Bhutan, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.

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President's Report

By Luke Hingson

The first few months of 2011 were successful. BBF is receiving donations for work in Japan and relief efforts in the United States. Product contributions for January through May 16th totaled over \$74,400,000. In the same period, product shipments totaled over \$63,100,000. Direct shipments went to people in need in 48 countries. These shipments represent as many as 60 ocean-going containers. Also, I am pleased to report that the rebuilding of three schools in Haiti, located in Tabarre, Petion Ville and George Marc is now underway with BBF partner Food for the Poor. Plans estimate completion in October 2011.

BBF Trustees Chuck Stout and Jim Wolf traveled to South Africa in May to work with Habitat for Humanity. Trustees of MedWish International came to Pittsburgh on May 12th and 13th for meetings with Trustees and staff. While here, we discussed future work in Africa and other parts of the world. MedWish primarily receives donations from hospital systems and this type of donation is much needed in hospitals in Africa. I recently had the privilege of travelling to Nicaragua with MedWish Executive Director,

Tish Dahlby. We evaluated hospital needs in advance of its medical mission to Nicaragua in August. A container of hospital supplies from MedWish has been sent to Nicaragua with the help of BBF.



MedWish Trustees Ann Affolter, Laura McKenna, Rob Namy and Chair and Founder Lee Ponsky with BBF Trustee Chuck Stout and BBF President Luke Hingson

Liam Carstens, Karen Dempsey, Amy Langham and I went to Amerinet, a hospital-group purchasing organization. BBF Trustee Ron Miller is President of one division of this organization. We discussed the valuation of medical supplies and increasing donations of medical supplies from hospital systems.

Staff members have supported numerous local fundraising events this spring, including benefit concerts at Chatham University, University of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh School of Creative and Performing Arts as well as a show at The Andy Warhol Museum.

On May 24th, I am to receive the Avanti Award from



BBF Trustees Stan Cohen, Deb McMahon, Phil Jones and Andrew Uram with BBF President Luke Hingson

the Allegheny County Medical Society Alliance for my work at BBF. I would like to extend a special thank you to all BBF Trustees who

have supported our efforts by attending committees and special meetings over the past number of weeks.

MedWish Shipment Arrives in Liberia



Medwish supplies in Liberia

BBF recently sent a donation of medical supplies from MedWish International in Cleveland to Ganta Hospital in Liberia. In its thanks, the Ganta Hospital staff also expressed gratitude to BBF for providing funds to defray the costs of in-country processing and customs.

MedWish International was founded in 1993 by Lee Ponsky, M.D. As an undergraduate student, Lee had the life-changing opportunity to work as a scrub technician in Nigeria, Africa. This was where he witnessed firsthand the appalling lack of basic medical supplies and came to understand this tremendous need around the world.

MedWish International provides donated medical supplies to individuals and organizations dedicated to providing care that directly alleviates the suffering of people in underserved areas regardless of religious or political affiliation.



Medwish supplies in Liberia

Dresses for Sierra Leone

On Tuesday, May 10th, Seneca Valley High School senior Sydney Arvanitas presented 140 hand-made dresses to Brother's Brother Foundation and Ahmed Sheriff, President of the Cotton Tree Association of Sierra Leone.

Ms. Arvanitas's senior project was to make dresses for girls in need in the west African nation of Sierra Leone. With the help of some friends, she made the size 2 to 14 dresses from one yard of fabric each. The smaller sizes were made from pillow cases. BBF will send in an ocean going container with other needed supplies requested by the Cotton Tree Association.

The dresses will be displayed at the Cotton Tree Association's fundraiser in September 2011.



From left: Ahmed Sheriff, Sydney Arvanitas and BBF Education Program Coordinator Carol Taylor

Duquesne Students Plan Trip to Tanzania

Students from Duquesne University's Department of Occupational Therapy in the John G. Rangos Sr. School of Health Sciences will be traveling to Tanzania in June. Among their activities, the students will be conducting assessments of hospitals and health care facilities. With this information, BBF and Duquesne University will collect needed materials and equipment for a shipping container to leave Pittsburgh sometime later in the year.



Students and staff of Duquesne University's Department of Occupational Therapy, John G. Rangos Sr. School of Health Science and BBF Medical Coordinator Liam Carstens

Mission Trip Thank You Letters

March 2011



Dr. Gibson in Honduras

Dear friends at Brother's Brother,

I cannot thank you and your supporters enough for all the medications that you sent me for my medical mission to our free clinic in Limon, Colon, Honduras. Over a five day period, our team of 16 saw 841 patients and filled 2,096 prescriptions. This does not include the dental patients Dr. Rich Daniel and his dental residents saw. The Hook Team, who staffed the free clinic after my team, saw 676 and filled 1854 prescriptions.

Many of our patients are children and the picture I've attached is one of the many families that I saw on this trip. Once my examination is complete and a diagnosis is made, it is the BBF donors who play a vital role in treating the patient. I can diagnose all day but without medications to treat the condition, the patient would not be any better than before the diagnosis. A big heartfelt thank you to all your donors. They are true life savers.

Henry W. Gibson, MD
President
Carolina Honduras Health Foundation

March 2011

I would like to express my gratitude on behalf of the St. Stephen Medical Mission Team. Our church has adopted the town of Petit Grove, Haiti to support in many different facets. One event that is held annually is a week-long medical clinic in the courtyard of the church Notre Dame De L'Assomption. For five years I have been the pharmacist that acquires the needed medications for the clinic. Each year, BBF has been very generous in its support. We would not be able to do our work without organizations like Brother's Brother.

We saw a little over 1,000 patients during the last week of February. We treated malaria, cholera, fungal infections, scabies and a large outbreak of sinus and respiratory infections only to name a few. At the present in Haiti after the earthquake and then the cholera epidemic, the number of orphaned children is at an all time high. I can think of several people we treated with the antibiotics furnished by BBF that prevented more children from becoming orphans. Thank you for allowing us to do that!

Peace be with you,

Gail Dow
St. Stephen Medical Mission Team



Mission clinic at work in Haiti

March 2011

Dear BBF,

Included you will find the Japan relief donations made from the employees in my office. There is so much more assistance needed for those affected by this devastating natural disaster, but we hope that our efforts will help the tsunami victims in some small way.

I wanted to thank you for all the great things you are doing to help the people of Japan, in addition to the other worthy issues you support.



Sincerely,
Luke Ravenstahl
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

April 2011



Ngöbe Indians of coastal Panama

Thanks in part to the donation of medicine from Brother's Brother Foundation, we had a completely successful trip serving the Ngöbe Indians of coastal Panama. The trip occurred January 20-28, 2011. Five of these days were fully devoted to serving approximately 2000 Ngöbe Indians in coastal villages, reached by boats and canoes, along the inland bay area of the Valiente Peninsula of the Bocas del Toro region of North-Western Panama. All the medications provided by BBF were either used, distributed or left with our local partner in Panama for continued distribution by qualified healthcare personnel.

Thank you for your donation and partnership! I hope that we can partner again in the future to serve the needy. We plan on returning again to serve the Ngöbe in January, 2012.

Gratefully,

Steve Brien, Missions Pastor
Southeast Christian Church,
Parker, CO



Clinic visit in Panama

2011 Mission Trip Update

As of May 16, 2011, BBF has supplied
114 mission trips to 34 countries.

Saints and Sinners - Save the Date



The Circus Saints and Sinners Club of America, Inc. Bob Prince Tent

is roasting and toasting BBF President Luke Hingson as its 2011 Man of the Year.

The festivities will begin on Monday, October 24th, 2011 at 6:00 PM with clowns, unicyclists and other circus entertainers.

There will also be a cash bar and a silent auction leading up to the 7:15 PM dinner and program following. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Brother's Brother Foundation.

For more information, please call either BBF at 412-321-3160 or 412-276-1359.

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.

Surgicorps International Events

Loch Nairn Golf Tournament

Held at the Loch Nairn Golf Club, 514 McCue Road, Avondale, PA 19311 on Monday, September 12, 2011.

A Night on the Town

Dinner, auctions and more, sponsored by W. G. Tomko, Inc.

Held at Sheraton Station Square, 300 W Station Square Dr. Pittsburgh, PA 15219 on Friday, October 7, 2011.

For more information, contact Linda at 412-767-4185 or lesposto@surgicorps.org.

Staff Retirement

BBF held a luncheon honoring the work of long-time BBF employee, Gladys Halich. The luncheon was held on Wednesday, April 20th at the Calvary United Methodist Church. A number of BBF Trustees and staff were in attendance to celebrate and honor Gladys. Gladys's daughter and grandson were also present. BBF is very grateful to Gladys for her many years of service.



Gladys Halich

School Sponsored Fundraisers

On March 18th, students of Rogers School in Shaler, PA, were permitted to wear their pajamas to class if they made a donation to support the people of Japan. The level of participation was incredible. With a student body of only 227, the students raised over \$1,200. The donations were sent to Brother's Brother Foundation along with the goodwill and best wishes of the students and staff of Rogers School.

During the week of March 21st through the 25th, the students and faculty of Elroy Elementary School in Pittsburgh, PA, collected a different denomination of money on each day. Starting with nickels on Monday and ending with dollars on Friday, they collected over \$700 for the people of Japan.

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 225 gifts in honor or memory that totaled over \$20,478. 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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Do we have your e-mail address? If not, sign up for BBF's e-newsletter to stay updated with the latest BBF news!

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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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