

## BBF Supports Training Program for Liberian Biotechnicians

In January, Myron Hartman, an instructor at Penn State University (PSU) in Biomedical Engineering Technology, visited Liberia to assess, repair and train individuals to maintain medical devices. During his visit, he worked closely with two biomedical technicians at the Phebe Hospital and assisted them with several medical

device repairs. Those technicians travelled with him to the Ganta Hospital to assist with repairs and maintenance at that facility. After returning home, Mr. Hartman proposed the idea of having the two technicians, Willie Voupawoe and Prince Kwenah, travel to the U.S. to train with him over the summer. With the assistance of BBF Advisory Trustee Robert Pierce, the plans were put into action. They arrived in early June and are currently living with the Hartman family, training on medical equipment and enjoying the sights, food and culture of western Pennsylvania.



Left to Right: BBF Trustee Drew Harvey, Liberian Biotechnician Prince Kwenah Liberian, Biomedical Professor of Penn State University Myron Hartman, Biotechnician Willie Voupawoe, Chosen Executive Director Richard King and BBF President Luke Hingson

the sights, food and culture of western Pennsylvania.

During the first two weeks of their visit to the U.S., they attended classes that Mr. Hartman teaches for a company called DITEC. The first week focused on electronics and the second week on medical instrumentation. The following week they toured the Jefferson Regional Medical Center, worked on equipment at BBF and worked



Liberian visitors at Medwish International in Cleveland, Ohio

one-on-one with Mr. Hartman on specific medical devices. They also participated in the Liberian soccer games in Schenley Park, as Mr. Kwenah and Mr. Voupawoe were honored with the ceremonial kicking of the ball to begin the tournament.

The first week of July was busy for the visitors and the Hartman family. On July 4th, they went to a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game, introduced the Liberians to tailgating and watched the fireworks in downtown Pittsburgh. For Mr. Kwenah, this was the first time he had ever seen fireworks. The

next day, they traveled to Niagara Falls, visited the Niagara Power Authority and saw the falls from the American side. On Wednesday and Thursday, they received extensive training in the repair and maintenance of surgical tables, surgical lights and sterilizers by a non-profit in Erie, PA, named Chosen. The technicians were able to perform hands-on activities with equipment being refurbished and assembled by Chosen. Several surgical lights were recently purchased from Chosen and had just arrived at the Phebe Hospital for installation. The technicians were able to ask questions and gain a much better understanding of how to install them when they return home. During the visit, BBF President Luke Hingson and BBF Trustee Drew Harvey visited with the group and Board members from Chosen. (continued on page two.)

## BBF and The Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania Review Projects for Japan



**THE JAPAN-AMERICA  
SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

BBF and The Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania (JAS) greatly appreciate efforts that have helped to raise over \$440,000 for reconstruction work in Japan in the aftermath of the three recent disasters.

Together, BBF and JAS staff and Trustees have reviewed several requests for relief support. They are also expecting to receive a request from the Rotary Club of Japan. Four major projects are currently under additional review. One, the rebuilding of the Rikuzen Takada-shi National Health Insurance Hirota Clinic, would restore permanent medical care to over 1,500 residents of Hirota-cho, Iwate. Another

includes the construction of a Sendai Ashinaga Rainbow house and three satellite houses which would provide long-term care to over 1,500 earthquake/tsunami orphans. The Sendai Tsudoinoie Rebuilding and Nagominoie Rebuilding projects would provide care to severely mentally handicapped people who require special medical care. The staff and volunteers of JAS hope to make site visits and bring additional reports as these projects are completed.

## Country Updates: June 30, 2011

Thus far in 2011, BBF has shipped supplies to 54 countries including Albania, Argentina, Belize, Bhutan, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.

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## President's Report

By Luke Hingson

BBF continues to remain extremely active. Product contributions for January - June 2011 totaled over \$101,013,000. Product shipments for this period totaled over \$101,669,800. Direct shipments were sent to people in need in 54 countries. Of that total, BBF's Medical Program sent over \$64,248,700 of requested pharmaceutical and medical supplies and the Educational Program sent books and materials valued over \$36,761,000.

In Haiti, work progresses at the St. Croix Hospital. BBF-funded generators have arrived and should be installed in August. The Jean-Marie Guilloux School is projected to be completed in August and work on two other schools is scheduled to begin later this summer.

BBF's staff and Trustees have also remained busy. Trustee Dr. Jack Demos will travel with Surgicorps to Guatemala in August and Zimbabwe in September. During the first week of August, BBF Medical Coordinator Liam Carstens will travel to Nicaragua, accompanied by our Director of Finance and Special Projects Amy Langham.

As part of its Africa Initiative, BBF is providing two Liberian biomedical staff, Prince Kwenah and Willie Voupawoe, with a short-term training program at Penn State University. With these two men as team leaders, BBF is exploring ways to support local biomedical staff to several hospitals in Liberia.



BBF President Luke Hingson, Dr. Garfee Williams, BBF Trustee Robert Peirce and Rev. Padmore

When Myron Hartman visited Liberia in January, he witnessed firsthand the poor conditions of the work space for the biomedical technicians and the lack of testing devices they had to work on the equipment. Hartman put out a call to the biomed community several weeks ago requesting donations of

test equipment, simulators, analyzers and other tools. So far, Mr. Hartman has received an ECG simulator, a soldering station, a laptop computer, and a multimeter. Many companies, individuals, and hospitals are currently working to donate other equipment and additional financing.

Mr. Hartman is spearheading the remodeling of the biomedical shop space at the Phebe Hospital. The current shop has many limitations: the roof is leaking, dirt floors and dust make equipment repair very difficult and the small structure is not secure. Mr. Hartman worked with Mr. Kwenah and Mr. Voupawoe to identify the building materials needed to improve the work space. The technicians, along with their maintenance co-workers, will provide the labor to make the improvements, with materials provided by BBF. The project totals \$2,200 for the building materials, which include items such as, concrete, plywood, paint, lumber, screens, receptacles, roofing materials, and lighting.

Donations for this specific project can be made to BBF.

## BBF Medical Coordinator Visits Haiti

In the first week of July, 2011, BBF International Medical Program Coordinator Liam Carstens traveled to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Mr. Carstens visited the construction site of the elementary school that BBF is rebuilding with its partner organization, Food for the Poor. The rebuilding of the Jean



Food for the Poor feeding center in Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Marie Guilloux school, which collapsed during the earthquake that struck Haiti in January of 2010, should be completed by mid-August of 2011. Mr. Carstens's trip also included visits to



Future site of The Jean Marie Guilloux school

hospitals, clinics, and other sites that are provided with medical supplies by Brother's Brother Foundation. The feeding center pictured above is at the Food for the Poor Distribution Center in Port-au-Prince. It feeds approximately 1,000 people a day.

## BBF Remembers Dr. Anthony S. Galletta

Our BBF family is saddened by the passing of its dear friend and active supporter, Dr. Anthony S. Galletta. Dr. Galletta, 77, passed away on July 10, 2011. He was a medical practitioner in Canonsburg, PA, for 47 years and served at Canonsburg Hospital as president of its Medical Board.

Throughout his lifetime, Dr. Galletta made significant contributions by his benevolent service to the poor, both on the international and local levels. From 1980 through 1992, Dr. Galletta volunteered as Medical Director of the Brother's Brother Foundation. Together with BBF's founder, Dr. Robert Hingson, they provided disease inoculation to thousands of children in Nicaragua.

Dr. Galletta encouraged businessmen and doctors from Washington County, PA to visit Nicaragua. Through his efforts, a sister city relationship to Rivas, Nicaragua, developed. An ambulance loaded with medical supplies, furnished by the people of Washington County, was shipped from New Orleans to the people of Rivas under Dr. Galletta's direction.

After changes in government leadership in Romania and Poland in the late 1980s, Dr. Galletta joined Luke Hingson, President of BBF, on a visit to both countries to locate secure channels for medical, educational and agricultural supplies for impoverished people in those countries. These channels have been successfully cultivated by BBF and remain in use today.

## BBF Supports Training Program for Liberian Biotechnicians (Continued)

On Friday, the Hartmans and the Liberian technicians left Erie and traveled to MedWish in Cleveland, Ohio. Throughout the day, the team tested and inspected medical equipment to verify proper operation before shipment to Liberia and other countries. Devices that were not working, missing accessories or not appropriate for use in developing countries were tagged for recycling. Some of the devices that were inspected and calibrated included, EKG machines, defibrillators, pulse oximeters, anesthesia gas machines, infant incubators, blood pressure monitors, fiberoptic light sources, diagnostic ultrasounds, critical care ventilator and surgical lights. Assisting in testing the equipment was Garry Weber, a student in the BET program at PSU, who traveled to MedWish that morning with BBF President Luke Hingson. Word of this program has spread among the local Liberian community. Representatives of Liberian organizations from Cleveland and Pittsburgh joined the biomedical engineers for lunch, along with several board members from MedWish.

The visit to MedWish proved beneficial for everyone. Mr. Voupawoe and Mr. Kwenah were able to tag equipment that could be used at Phebe Hospital. Introductions, lunch, tours and discussions of future opportunities filled the afternoon. The Liberian organizations were able to meet and share ideas for our charitable programs and MedWish had equipment tested for use and recycling. The synergy of all working together for a common cause was certainly uplifting.

## Mission Trip Thank You Letters

June 2011

I write with joy to inform you that the books have arrived at Queen of Apostles Academy Solidale-Kyerero on June 16, 2011 at 5:30 AM (East African time), which was 10:30 PM (USA time).

Students were still sleeping but they had to wake up to unload them to the bookstore.

I want to be grateful to all of you for the support. Ms. Margaret Turyasingura, the Assistant Director of the School kept me informed of every process and I am excited.

The books arrived in Kampala City, Uganda around June 1, 2011 but could not be cleared until June 16, 2011. Everything went on well. Ms Margaret is arranging to meet with Dr. Geoffrey Anguyo, Supervising Doctor of St. Mary's Health Clinic to see that the technician set up the Ultrasound machine that Maryann and her Husband Dr. Albert Zajko secured and donated for our people.

Other things being or remaining equal, I plan to travel to Uganda from July 28, 2011 and return three weeks after. How I wish any of you traveled with me!

More information next time.

I am excited. Thanks once again for sharing all of God's blessings with the rest of humanity, especially the needy.

Prayerful and grateful regards,

Father Frednkwassyy Nkwastbwe

Duquesne University



Children in Uganda

June 2011



Greetings of Peace!

Hope for the World Philippines Children Center Inc. in cooperation with World of Hope Foundation- Isaiah 58 Medical Mission Program, Tennessee held a one day Medical-Dental and Surgical Mission at one of the project areas, the Fr. Fred Lamprea Child of Hope Memorial Center in Laoag, Ilocos Norte, Philippines.

In response to the limited medical services provided by the government in their area and to attend the medical needs of the beneficiaries and their family members, the Hope for the World Philippines Children Center Inc. with the aid of the World of Hope

Foundation Inc – Isaiah 58 Medical Mission Program, Tennessee designed a Medical – Dental and Surgical Mission to the needy beneficiaries of Child of Hope Memorial Project.

The activity was spearheaded by Isaiah 58 Medical Mission Program, Tennessee represented by Ms. Sandy Leffew and Dr. Esperanza Rowell of World of Hope Foundation- Isaiah and Hope for the World Philippines board and staff.

There were three surgeons, an obgynecologist, a paediatrician, a pharmacist, a medical doctor, two nurses and three dentists from the Philippine National Police (PNP). From San Lorenzo Ruiz Clinic of Laoag, there were four medical doctors and four nurses who joined.

There were 202 patients treated for medical, 23 for dental, 14 surgical, who were able to avail free medicines.

Stated in the attached report are the detailed expenses and pictures of the activity. This noble activity had helped the beneficiaries a lot. The people were very thankful to World of Hope Isaiah Tennessee Medical Mission Program and Brother's Brother Foundation.

Thank you very much for the continued support. God bless.

Very truly yours,

Atty. Clarence V. Guinto

President of Hope for the World Philippines Center Inc.

June 2011

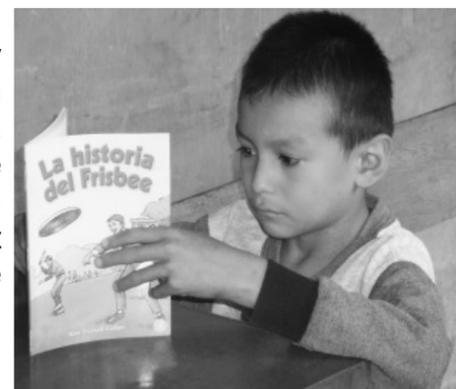
Dear BBF,

The book distribution has begun in El Salvador and the Salvadorans are totally thrilled with the books. Another North American NGO that has worked for years with Asociación Mangle, is even sending a volunteer librarian in a month to help start a children's library in one of the communities with the books in Spanish from BBF. The rest of the books are being divided for distribution to dozens of schools. Please open the attached photos for a preliminary view of the project with better photos and a report to follow in the near future. Thanks again so much for all your help and I really think we will be able to impact the lives of the kids in these villages.

Warm Regards,

Risa Procton

Executive Director of Izote



BBF donation of books in Spanish in El Salvador

### 2011 Mission Trip Update

As of June 30, 2011, BBF has provided medical supplies to 142 mission trips to 37 countries.

## Circus Saints and Sinners



### 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 Brother's Brother Foundation.

For more information, please call either BBF at 412-321-3160 or 412-276-1359.  
**Table of 8 - \$750 Individual Reservations - \$100**

#### Sponsorships

**Acrobats - \$7,500**

Includes 2 tables of 8, a banner and a full-page 7.75" wide x 10" high color ad.

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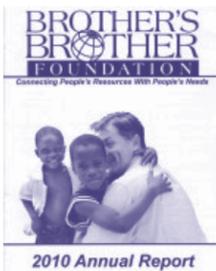
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Includes a full-page 7.75" wide x 10" high black and white ad.

Please submit ads as .pdf files with fonts embedded. Email ads to [saintsandsinners2011@gmail.com](mailto:saintsandsinners2011@gmail.com).

Please submit your ads by Wednesday, September 28th, 2011 for more information, please call 412-276-1359.

## Annual Report



2010 Annual Report

Brother's Brother Foundation is pleased to present its 2010 Annual Report. This document is available on our website in .pdf format which will require Adobe Acrobat Reader to view. As with all of BBF's online publications, the file size will be large enough that it may take a few minutes to download on slower internet connections. The audit of BBF's 2010 financial statements has been completed and BBF's IRS form 990 have been uploaded to our website.

## Mylan Golf Tournament



BBF will be receiving donations related to the sale of gallery tickets for the Mylan Classic, sponsored by Mylan Pharmaceuticals. It will be held at Canonsburg Golf Course, Canonsburg, PA, September 1 - 4, 2011.



For more information call 724-579-6049  
 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 BBF staff sends a personalized note at your direction? Thus far in 2011, BBF received 254 gifts in honor or memory that totaled over \$24,411. 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)

**BBF is also on Facebook**

**Do we have your e-mail address? If not, sign up for BBF's e-newsletter to stay updated with the latest BBF news!**

### Monthly Sponsorship Program

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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