

BBF Helps Schools in Joplin, Missouri

Sixteen volunteers representing nine churches from the Greater Pittsburgh area were in Joplin, Missouri, the week of August 7th to help with tornado recovery. In a sense, this was repaying the volunteers from Joplin's First United Methodist Church who were in Pittsburgh last summer volunteering with the United Methodist Church Union and northside ministries. The Western Pennsylvania Volunteers in Mission team was organized by the Rev. Larry Homitsky, Pastor of Calvary United Methodist Church in Pittsburgh and President of the United Methodist Church Union. When the tornado devastated Joplin last spring, Rev. Homitsky immediately contacted Joplin First United Methodist Church to see how his friends were affected. At that time, he committed Church Union and Calvary United Methodist Church to bring a mission team as soon as the area was ready to host recovery volunteers. The group made the 891-mile drive to Joplin with three rental vans in 15 hours over two days.

On August 8th, the group spent an hour touring the devastation that took 160 lives and injured 990 in May. The evening was spent buying supplies with funds provided by Brother's Brother Foundation, mapping out the week's activities and getting settled in the host church. The tornado completely destroyed the center of Joplin for a stretch one mile wide and six miles long. The most intense damage took place in the center of Joplin. Over 1,600 homes and businesses were destroyed or damaged by this storm. Ranked as EF5, this storm with winds up to 250 mph, was the 27th most deadly in world history.

On August 10th, the job assignments switched to rapid deployment of new furniture to the Joplin schools. Staged at Joplin East Middle School which, until recently, was a Missouri Department of Transportation supply warehouse, the group loaded 68 heavy computer lab desks into a 22' furniture truck and set out for four elementary schools. With school beginning in two weeks, the speed and intensity of the desk construction, prompted the purchasing of three more battery powered drills. The group put together 58 desks in a single day. Twelve members of the team worked on the school desk construction and left all of the purchased tools for the next group of volunteers. A second trip is in the planning stages for early 2012.



Volunteers assembling desks in Joplin, Missouri

BBF President Luke Hingson Keynote Speaker at Inaugural Dinner of the Grand Gedeh Association in the Americas

It was indeed a pleasure for BBF President Luke Hingson to be the guest speaker at the Grand Gedeh Association at the Americas (GGAA) Inaugural Program and Dinner Ball on September 3, 2011 in Des Moines Iowa.



BBF President Luke Hingson with Liberian hosts

Grand Gedeh Association in the Americas is a non-profit organization helping to rebuild Grand Gedeh County in Liberia after many years of civil conflict. One of the objectives of the association is to bring together available resources for the reconstruction of homes, schools and medical clinics in Grand Gedeh County, Liberia.

BBF and GGAA share the vision of helping those in need and, with extraordinary efforts and dedication, support those most vulnerable in Liberia. BBF has sent over \$20,700,000 worth of requested donations to Liberia and has been working there since 1961.

BBF Reviews and Allocates Disaster Relief

Haiti: BBF staff and Trustees, in coordination with staff from Food for the Poor (FftP) are planning to visit newly constructed schools in Haiti the week of November 6th. The group plans to visit the FftP distribution center and warehouse in Port-au-Prince. The Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) was very helpful raising funds to rebuild schools following the January, 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Staff members from CAS are also visiting the new school in Haiti with BBF staff in November.

Japan: Rainbow House, a project of Ashinaga, will be receiving \$250,000 from BBF and the Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania for aid to children who lost parents in the earthquake/tsunami disaster on March 11, 2011. The roots of Ashinaga go back to 1969. The organization provides emotional care and financial support to children who have lost one or both parents. Children who have a parent with a permanent disability are also eligible for assistance. Ashinaga receives its funding entirely through donations, most of which are from individuals.



Ashinaga

Country Updates: September 1, 2011

Thus far in 2011, BBF has shipped supplies to 56 countries including Albania, Argentina, Belize, Bhutan, Cambodia, 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, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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President's Report

By Luke Hingson

In the first eight months of 2011, BBF has received over 1,800,000 bottles and tubes of medicines and over 1,250,000 units of educational materials including books and other supplies. Books went to students and schools in 19 countries, including the United States. Over 247,000 books were sent to schools throughout the country.

BBF Trustees continue to work diligently around the globe. Advisory Trustee Phil Jones is working in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Dr. Jack Demos will travel to Zambia in September with Surgicorps. Dr. Graham Johnstone sent the following note about his August trip to Niger.



Dr. Yacouba Sanousi receiving BBF donated surgical instruments from BBF Trustee Dr. Graham Johnstone

"All is going well in Niger. As usual, they have presented me with some significant orthopedic challenges, which hopefully, with God's help, I am able to at least improve. The enclosed picture shows Dr. Yacouba Sanousi receiving the surgical instruments that were

donated. He was very appreciative and asked me to thank all at BBF.

Thanks again. See you in October."

BBF is working with Gleaning For The World and other partner organizations to respond to requests for help in the aftermath of recent hurricanes and storms in the United States. Gleaning For The World in Lynchburg, Virginia, will serve as a local charity distributor of BBF resources to assist those affected. Gleaning For The World provides food, humanitarian supplies and other items to those in need around the world.

Currently, Gleaning For The World has sent five tractor-trailer loads of supplies including 35,000 disaster blankets. BBF assisted with the costs of shipping requested supplies to communities in the eastern United States.

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

The Circus Saints and Sinners Club, Bob Prince Tent cordially invites you to attend a dinner roasting and toasting
MR. LUKE L. HINGSON
 as
2011 MAN OF THE YEAR
 on
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2011
6:00 PM

HILTON GARDEN INN SOUTHPOINTE
 1000 Corporate Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317

Individual Tickets - \$100 • Table of Eight - \$750

Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, October 17, 2011

Please call Brother's Brother Foundation to make reservations - 412-321-3160



Please join us on Monday, October 24th as we both honor and roast BBF President Luke Hingson. Entertainment, a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Dinner will be at 7:30 PM.

CIRCUS SAINTS & SINNERS CLUB,
 BOB PRINCE TENT

BBF Staff Reviews Projects in Nicaragua

From August 2 to August 5, 2011, BBF Director of Finance Amy Langham and BBF Medical Coordinator Liam Carstens visited with the American Nicaraguan



Foundation Donated medicines at the Enrique DeOsso Dispensary (ANF) in Managua, Nicaragua

to follow up with the local staff regarding BBF/ANF projects, discuss inventory management and tour a number of ANF-supported projects. ANF expressed gratitude for all of the materials, gifts-in-kind and donations that it has received from BBF. The trip also showed that any additional gifts would certainly be appreciated and put to good use.



Children at a Teva-funded well at a school in El Congo

The trip was augmented with several site visits to ANF projects, some supported in partnership with Food for the Poor (FftP). Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the western hemisphere and the

needs are great. Ms. Langham visited Managua's Massaya Hospital, La Chureca Dispensary at the city landfill and the Enrique De Osso Dispensary. In Granada, Ms. Langham also visited the Alabama-Granada Clinic and the El Hogar Providencia eldercare facility. She found that the staffs of these facilities worked tirelessly to serve their clients and build capacity in the face of overwhelming need.

Mr. Carstens, in the fall of 2009, took two representatives of Teva Pharmaceuticals to view ANF's operations in Nicaragua. Once they returned to the US, Teva made a \$20,000 donation through BBF to support the work of ANF. This money funded four water well projects in rural Chinandega. These wells



Patients waiting at the dispensary

were all placed on land with community access; three were placed on school grounds while the fourth was placed in a pasture that was the only suitable site in the entire village. All four wells also replaced existing but contaminated wells. Often, we think of wells being simply a matter of access to water, but it is more accurate to think of wells as a matter of public health and access to safe water. Don Carlos, who donated the use of his pasture for the well in Santa Maria del Mar, proudly told Mr. Carstens of the immediate decline in the number of children going to the hospital due to diarrhea and other water borne diseases.

In addition to providing safe drinking water in the place of a contaminated source, the projects also have fostered community involvement and development. In Campirano, Mr. Carstens saw the school Candida Rosa Herrera, which was built by the community next to the well. This school of prefabricated materials replaced a school of wooden columns with a corrugated metal roof and no walls. The land for this well was also donated by a sugar cane farmer in the community who promised more land if it meant more schools for children in Nicaragua.

Mission Trip Thank You Letters

August 2011

Hello, I hope all is well, This is Ismael Montoya from Christian Worldwide Medical Brigades (CWWMB). Several months ago we had the opportunity to work together as Brother's Brother Foundation gave an exceptional donation of medicine to our medical brigade trip to Honduras, Central America. I wanted to share some photography material with you and let you know about the great blessing that Brother's Brother Foundation was with CWWMB.



Child at clinic in Honduras

I hope to keep contact with your foundation and that we can continue being of value and blessing to thousands of needy families.

Sincerely,

Ismael Montoya
Founder/CEO
Christian Worldwide Medical Brigades



Pre-sorted medications

August 2011

In the words of Dave Fortun, Surgicorps volunteer.

Sunday, they arrive.

They come with cleft lips and palates.

They come with burn scars.

They come with extra toes and fingers.

They come with hernias, gallstones and prolapsed bladders.

They come seeking help.

Friday, the last leave.

They leave with closed lips and palates, revised scars, the normal number of toes and fingers.

They leave without their hernias, their gallbladders and sometimes without uteri.

But they leave repaired.

Ninety-three arrivals seeking help all left repaired in Antigua, Guatemala, from August 15-21; the patients of the most recent Surgicorps mission. Hand surgeon Dr. David Kim was the medical director of the mission. He was assisted by two plastic surgeons, two general surgeons and two ob/gyn surgeons. They, in turn, were supported by an anesthesia staff led by Dr. Karen Boretsky. Linda Esposto, executive director of Surgicorps International, oversaw the mission and managed logistics for the trip. In addition to the surgeries, non-medical Surgicorps volunteers fed, nourished and entertained orphans daily in the nursery sponsored by the hospital. Antigua is an annual destination for Surgicorps and the 2012 dates are already set.

BBF contributed donations of medicines and medical supplies for this Surgicorps trip.



Children in Guatemala

August 2011

Dear BBF friends,

We here at the Southern Eye Institute would like to express our heartfelt thanks to you for supporting our clinic "The Southern Eye Clinic of Serabu, Sierra Leone." Our eye clinic performed over 200 surgeries during the summer mission trip of 2011. Your kind donations helped us treat the residents of 5 countries who walked and rode buses for days to seek medical treatment. The need is great and so many of the needy are children. Your partnership gives hope to those who have none. All the medicines that were donated were put to fantastic use. Thank you for all the wonderful things we have accomplished together.

God's Blessings upon Brother's Brother Foundation!

Cathy Schanzer, MD, FACS
Medical Director
The Southern Eye Clinic of Serabu, Sierra Leone, West Africa



Eye surgery in Sierra Leone

2011 Mission Trip Update

As of September 1, 2011, BBF has provided medical supplies for 193 mission trips to 39 countries.



BBF Mission Trip Assistant
Chris Cramer

BBF Staff Volunteer at Mylan Classic Golf Tournament

Mylan Pharmaceuticals has graciously donated 272,705 bottles and tubes of medicine to BBF in the first eight months of 2011. BBF Program Assistant Susan Truman and BBF Mission Trip Assistant Chris Cramer recently volunteered to help at the Mylan Classic Golf Tournament. Proceeds from the golf tournament will help to support the efforts of many local charities.

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 2011 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!



A Night on the Town

W. G. Tomko, Inc. 7th Annual
A Night on the Town

Friday, October 7, 2011

benefitting Surgicorps International and
Pennsylvania Batten Disease Foundation

6:00 PM

Cocktails, Dinner and Dancing
Live Music by Gary Racan & Studio E
Tickets \$150

Held at Sheraton Station Square,
300 W Station Square Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15219
For more information, contact Linda at 412-767-4185
or lesposto@surgicorps.org.

Please join us on Friday, October 7, 2011 starting at 6:00 PM with cocktails. This Night on the Town includes live entertainment, a Chinese auction and silent auction.

For tickets, call the Surgicorps office at 412-767-4185.

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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 318 gifts in honor or memory that totaled over \$30,000. 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.

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