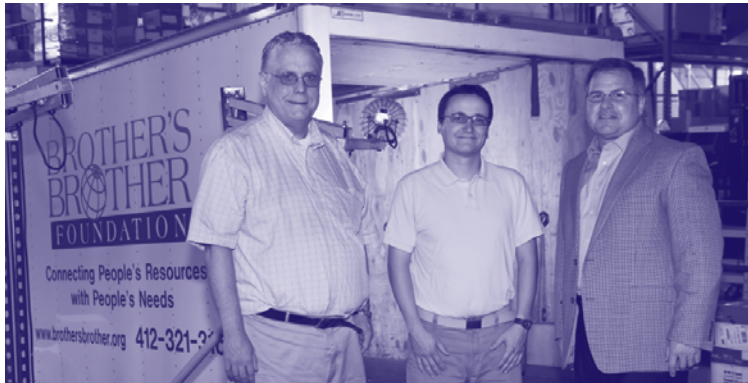


Duquesne University Professor Teams with Brother's Brother Foundation to Deliver Medical Equipment to Africa

By Karen Ferrick-Roman - Duquesne University



BBF President Luke Hingson, BBF Medical Coordinator Liam Carstens and Palumbo Donahue School of Business Dean Dr. Alan R. Miciak

To most, the gently used mattresses, hand-crank metal hospital beds and refurbished stainless steel operating tables stacked in the North Side warehouse of the Brother's Brother Foundation may not look like much. But to doctors and nurses working in rural clinics in sub-Saharan Africa, the older model beds and tables, long since replaced by electric versions in the U.S., are a godsend—a way to get sick patients up off crowded floors and a sanitary place to perform life-saving surgeries in areas where electrical power is scarce or nonexistent.

The beds and tables were loaded Oct. 12 onto a tractor trailer bound for Baltimore, then put on a ship to Europe and finally, on a vessel to Africa—a journey of at least

two months and thousands of miles. Ultimately, they will be used in three hospitals in Tanzania: one administered by the Spiritans, one by the Catholic Archdiocese of Arusha and one operated by a Lutheran group.

"This would never have happened without Anne Marie Hansen's involvement and leadership in Tanzania," said Dr. Alan R. Miciak, dean of the Palumbo Donahue School of Business, who was part of a contingent of Duquesne officials who visited Tanzania last year.

This past summer, Hansen, an assistant professor of occupational therapy, and others from her department traveled to Tanzania for a service-learning and research trip. Hansen, who has been researching occupational therapy in Tanzania for much of her career, conducted a medical needs assessment for government, Spiritan and Lutheran-administered hospitals, health centers and clinics across the Arusha region.

"When I returned, I presented the assessment to the Brother's Brother Foundation, which followed up by securing donations of the items and organizing their transport to Tanzania," Hansen said. Operating under the motto "Connecting people's resources with people's needs," the Brother's Brother Foundation works with partners to distribute medicine, supplies and equipment to areas in need around the world.

Nearly 10 percent of Tanzania's 43 million people have physical disabilities due to disease or birth defects. "Getting medical supplies to developing countries faces many problems, including cost and logistics," said Luke Hingson, Brother's Brother president.

"We can't ship the supplies unless we have an identified need and a credible person or organization on the other end to accept and distribute them," Hingson said. "We were looking to extend our outreach to Africa, and Anne Marie really helped close the loop on all of this."

Brother's Brother Foundation has worked with Duquesne for several years on other projects. Duquesne alumnus Joseph Senko serves as the Foundation's treasurer and convened the first meeting between Duquesne and Brother's Brother. Liam Carstens, also a Duquesne alumnus, serves as the Foundation's medical coordinator.

"Joe made us aware of Anne Marie's work, and so the door was opened because of her efforts and the Spiritan presence in Africa," Hingson said. "The Spiritans are a respected and powerful presence there, and they have the ability to get things done."

BBF Works with Rotary International in Japan

Following the March 11, 2011, earthquake and tsunami in Japan, a taskforce consisting of members from Brother's Brother Foundation and the Japan-America Society of Pennsylvania (JASP) worked to identify projects to be supported by designated disaster relief funds. After diligently reviewing many requests for aid, BBF and JASP announced in September 2011 that two projects were selected for support. A grant in the amount of \$250,000 was provided on October 17, 2011, for Ashinaga's Tohoku Rainbow House for children orphaned in the tsunami/earthquake. A grant in the amount of \$258,313 was provided on October 13, 2011, for Rotary Japan's project to replace medical equipment lost in the tsunami/earthquake at the main hospital in Rikuzen, Takada-city.

As of October 15, 2011, a total of \$508,513 in designated funds has been received by BBF for Japan disaster relief.

Catholic Medical Mission Board has pledged an additional \$35,000 to BBF's and JASP's efforts in Japan with Rotary International.



Rotary International Trustee Kazuhiko Ozawa with JASP representative Dennis Unkovic in Japan, October 2011

Country Updates: November 1, 2011

Thus far in 2011, BBF has shipped supplies to 59 countries including Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Cambodia, Cameroon, China, Colombia, 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, South Sudan, 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

I would like to thank the Bob Prince Tent of the Circus Saints and Sinners Club of America (CS&S) which gently awarded me its 2011 Man of the Year award at a roast and toast event. Many thanks to Trib Total Media, Food for the Poor and everyone else who attended the recognition dinner held on October 24th that raised funds for CS&S's many charitable causes.



Eric Saks handing Man of the Year 2011 award to Luke Hingson. Photo by Garry Weber

In the first ten months of 2011, BBF sent donated requested medical and humanitarian supplies, pharmaceuticals and text books to those in need in 59 countries. These shipments were the equivalent of over 179 tractor trailer loads of supplies and had a value over \$167,000,000. BBF provided hand-carry supplies for 236 medical and humanitarian mission trips.

In the last week of September, BBF Trustee Bob Verscharen, Medical Coordinator Liam Carstens and I traveled to visit some of the largest pharmaceutical donors to BBF and met with a prospective new donor. We visited seven companies in



BBF Medical Coordinator Liam Carstens and TEVA representative Donna Faix

two days, thanking them for their contributions to BBF. All were located in the areas surrounding Philadelphia and New York City. A special thanks is in order to BBF Trustee Bob Verscharen for his tireless work to promote BBF's pharmaceutical work.

BBF Supports Surgicorps Trip to Zambia

Surgicorps volunteers, along with its founder and BBF Trustee Advisory Dr. Jack Demos, traveled to Zambia in September for the first time. The team knew that most of the surgeries would be for burns but little else was known. Surgicorps's 20 volunteers found a welcoming hospital staff and many patients in need of services. Surgicorps was able to provide 43 successful surgeries to the children of Beit CURE International Hospital of Zambia.

One child was 11 year old Augustine. From the first day of screening his wonderful smile won everyone's heart. Augustine had been burned when he was nine months old when placing a stick in a cooking fire. His burn had healed but his arm had adhered to his chest. Over the years, he had learned to function without full use of his arm. He also learned to smile!

Prior to his surgery Augustine watched the other children play basketball with the Surgicorps team. After his surgery, he had to remain in bed to maintain positioning of his arm so it would heal properly. He again had to watch, not participate, as the other children played basketball. Throughout his hospital stay he kept his smile. When the team left Zambia, the Surgicorps volunteers decided



Augustine after surgery

to give Augustine his own basketball. A promise was made. Next year when Surgicorps returns to Zambia, we will be shooting hoops with him. As always Augustine's smile was there.

Science - It's Everywhere

By Jeffrey Woodyard



Science - It's Everywhere! That's the name of the fun science discovery project that has recently begun at the Tri-County OIC (Opportunities Industrialization Center) Adult Learning Center in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The project started as an idea that the Executive Director, Jeffrey Woodyard, had after receiving multiple books and science kit donations from Pearson Scott Foresman and McGraw-Hill Education through the Brother's Brother Foundation. The books and kits that they received ranged in grade levels from kindergarten through 9th grade. The books covered all branches of science: biology, chemistry, physics, earth and space.

Looking at the books and wondering how they could best be put to use, Mr. Woodyard thought of starting a science club. Not just for children – but for adults as well. He applied to a local foundation for support. The grant was approved and the project Science - It's Everywhere! started. This year the project is fully funded by a generous grant from the Whitaker Fund for Math and Science of the The Foundation for Enhancing Communities.

The goal is to serve 15 adults and 15 children. Partners in this project the local school district, Messiah College, the Volunteer Center of the United Way and The Residence at Governor's Square, a neighborhood low-income housing development. The project partners provide outreach, recruitment, space and, most importantly, volunteers to help with the science club activities.

The project is designed to help adults better understand the concepts that they must learn to pass the GED science examination. The adults are also learning how science is used in their homes and communities. The adults must learn an experiment and be able to demonstrate the experiment for a selected group of children. The donated books are used to teach the science concepts. The science kits are used to reinforce the science concepts by providing hands-on practical experience and observations. Learning science concepts and using the scientific method have improved the students' reading and writing skills.

For the children it's more about fun and exposure to new ideas and fun facts. The children meet on a regular basis as club members. Some children meet after school while others meet at a neighborhood center. The science kits donated are ideally suited for the elementary school-aged students. The children learn the same concepts as the adults but have the benefit of being mentored by their parent, college interns or adult volunteers. The intergenerational aspect of this project makes it unique.

Another component of this project is the use of the OIC BookyMobile® (another OIC project supported through donations from the Brother's Brother Foundation). The BookyMobile® now doubles as a science lab-on-wheels. The BookyMobile® brings science activities and reading materials to area neighborhoods. Recently the science club visited the local science center- the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts. Several more field trips are being planned as part of the project. The teacher for the project, Cindy Dubbs says, "The adults and the children are having such fun learning about science, we hope that we can continue the project next year."

Thanks to the generosity of McGraw-Hill Education and Pearson Scott Foresman kids, adults and the community are finding out that yes - Science - It's Everywhere! And to the Brother's Brother Foundation, keep those books coming and we'll keep coming up with fun exciting ways to connect children, adults and families to reading and learning.

The OIC program is located at 500 Maclay Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. For more information about the project contact Jeffrey Woodyard at jwoodyard@tricountyioc.org.

Mission Trip Thank You Letters

October 2011

Dear Friends at Brother's Brother Foundation,

On behalf of our church, St. Peter in Arlington Heights, Illinois I would like to extend our deepest gratitude for the generous donations that you provided for our medical mission trip. Our church has begun to partner with a church in Guatemala, Castillo Fuerte, to serve people in Guatemala. Your donation supported these services. Our medical team consisted of two MD's, three RN's and a pharmacist. This team stated many times that we would not be able to do our work without organizations like Brother's Brother Foundation.

During our visit to Guatemala, we were able to see 704 patients. There were many different types of treatments that we offered, many for high blood pressure, diabetes and various infections. Your donations helped us to treat our patients and also connect with the community. Because of your donations, many seeds have been planted in the communities of Guatemala City, Amatitlan and Milpas Altas. You have also empowered the local church, Castillo Fuerte and ministries within it to continue their service. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve in Guatemala!

May God bless and keep you,

Lexi Schmidt

St. Peter Medical Mission Team



St. Peter Medical Mission Team members at work in Guatemala

October 2011

I am writing this letter to thank you for your generosity to the Honduran Relief Fund. Your support has had a profound impact on the people of Ojojona, Honduras.

We have just completed our fourth year of medical mission trips to Honduras. In those years, we have rendered medical care to over 7,800 people. Our care has included general medical care as well as dental, eye, gynecologic and cardiology care.

Another achievement of ours over the past four years was in shipping hospital beds to Honduras. With the help of BBF, we were able to ship 240 hospital beds to Honduras which had a significant impact on their healthcare system.

Several years ago, we were able to identify a ten year old girl with a significant heart problem who could not walk 20 feet without being profoundly out of breath. She underwent subsequent heart surgery and has had a complete recovery.

During last year's mission trip, we met a 38 year old male school teacher with a spinal cord tumor, Mr. Juan Perez, who had become paralyzed while playing soccer. He had been able to regain some improvement in his paralysis, but not to the point where he could provide care for his family. Juan's most pressing concern was to be able to provide financially for his family's well-being. Through the grace of God and the help of many people, we were able to bring Juan to the United States for surgical intervention on his spinal cord tumor. Juan has had an almost complete recovery from his surgery at Heritage Valley Beaver and is back working as a school teacher.

During this year's mission in Honduras, we were able to help a family whose members have become friends of ours during the past four years. This family's loved one needed a permanent pacemaker and unfortunately, in Honduras, if you do not have the money to purchase a permanent pacemaker, there is no government help. Our organization was able to secure a pacemaker for this woman and I am happy to report it was implanted and she is doing well.

On our most recent trip to Honduras, we were able to provide cardiology care, identifying two young girls who both had a hole between their left and right ventricles. These girls have been referred to an international team of cardiothoracic surgeons who will perform open heart surgery on them to repair their ventricular septal defects.

Once again, I thank you for your generosity which has been life changing for the people in Ojojona, Honduras.

Sincerely yours,
Robert D. Madder, D.O.
Honduran Relief Fund



Patients waiting at clinic

BBF and United States Agency for International Development Help Students in Philippines

The Philippines is a developing country composed of 7,107 islands, clustered in three island groups - Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. With a population of approximately 100 million it is the 12th most populated country in the world. The official languages are Filipino (Tagalog-based) and English. There are 17 regions, 81 provinces, 138 cities and 1,456 municipalities.

BBF has a long history of education work in the Philippines. Since 2008 alone, BBF has sent 36 containers. This amounts to 1,027,180 books with a value over \$31 million.



Students of Gallego Elementary School School's Reading Program in Mindanao

2011 Mission Trip Update

As of November 1, 2011, BBF has provided medical supplies to 236 mission trips to 41 countries.

Thanks to the H.J. Heinz Retired Employee Volunteers

Many thanks to the members of the H.J. Heinz Company Retired Employees Organization for the 820 hours of donated time assisting BBF thus far in 2011. Their extra efforts during BBF's Japan response are greatly appreciated. In particular, BBF thanks Trudy File for her coordination of the H.J. Heinz volunteers.



Members of the H.J. Heinz volunteers attending a BBF event. Photo by Robert Tate



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Year-End Giving



As 2011 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.

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!



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 384 gifts in honor or memory that totaled over \$35,000. 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.

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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