



BBF and Gleaning for the World Respond to U.S. Tornado Disasters



Brother's Brother Foundation and Gleaning For The World (GFTW) continue their tornado response efforts. Greater than a million pounds of supplies have been sent to disaster victims in Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky and Indiana. GFTW has staff on the ground assessing needs and administering donations.

BBF and GFTW had a swift response to the deadly tornado outbreak that struck Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Alabama. With over 30 deaths and thousands displaced from their homes, an immediate response was needed from the humanitarian aid community. With the help of BBF, GFTW sent 15 tractor-trailers loaded with food, drinking water, personal care items, cleaning products and blankets to those in need in four states.

BBF Trustee Visits Ethiopian Hospitals



Patient at The Cure facility in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Following a recent trip to a number of African countries, BBF Trustee Thomas Wentling sent these observations about hospitals he visited.

"The Cure facility in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia is absolutely a first class organization that BBF could definitely work with. I was very impressed with the miracles they perform every day. The staff will send me a spreadsheet with a list of their needs with commentary.

"Black Lion Hospital is the other end of the spectrum. It is a government teaching hospital that really makes you realize just how enormous the challenge is. The smells, sights and scope of the afflicted crowded humanity over the grounds makes you realize just how humbling it is that doctors from the West donate their time to immerse themselves into that kind of situation.

Interestingly, it is easier to get pharmaceuticals into Black Lion than a private clinic like Cure, as the government, which includes customs, takes care of its own."

Dr. Jack Demos, BBF Advisory Trustee and founder of Surgicorps International, has worked twice in The Cure facility in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and is hoping to return with a medical team and carry medical supplies with BBF's help.

BBF Notes Surgicorps Work in Vietnam

In the words of a Surgicorps volunteer:

"Surgicorps once again has managed to recruit some of the best doctors, nurses, anesthetists and other helpers to travel all the way to the other side of the world with the only goal to provide medical attention to anyone who reaches out for their help.

"On the 27th of October 2011 all of these hardworking people paused from their everyday lives to make many other lives a thousand times better. Leaving their jobs, routines and their families and friends, these volunteers were willing to go beyond feeling solidarity and take one more step. Spending their own money and time, which we sometimes forget is something pretty hard to find, these special people want to actually make a difference.

"After almost two days of travelling, the first thing any foreigner feels, once off the plane in Vietnam, is a heavy wave of heat that comes with a very particular smell, that I'm sure most will agree is welcoming. This was Surgicorps's ninth trip to Ho Chi Minh City, so for some of the veterans it might even feel like home.

"Another feeling surely no one forgets on a trip with Surgicorps is the first glance of all the hopeful faces that stare back when you pass through the waiting room at the Oral and Maxillofacial Hospital. Faces that would soon be photographed one by one during the screening planned for the first two days. Some would cry, some would be shy, and others that had already been treated before knew the drill and did as told.

"After busy schedules were made, the remaining days were non-stop, especially for the medical staff. These volunteers had no break until their work was done, even if it meant going without sleep.

In this small clinic more than 60 patients would be attended during the following week; 60 smiles in a week were very impressive.

"Vietnam is definitely a fascinating country but these special trips with Surgicorps are unique for a more important reason. Surgicorps changes people's lives. Patients' bodies are mended and volunteers receive more than they give. One trip with these remarkable people and even though you go back home and find yourself with your usual worries and chores, something in you is not the same."

Brother's Brother Foundation has supported the work of Surgicorps founder and BBF Advisory Trustee Dr. Jack Demos for 18 years with donations of medical supplies and pharmaceuticals.



Hospital in Vietnam where Surgicorps worked.

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Country Updates: March 1, 2012

During 2012, BBF shipped supplies to 23 countries including, Bhutan, Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Fiji, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Philippines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Tanzania, Thailand, USA and Uzbekistan

President's Report

by Luke Hingson

Product contributions for January 2012 totaled over \$4,300,000 and product shipments totaled over \$10,100,000. BBF is in the midst of receiving large donations from two of its largest pharmaceutical contributors in the first quarter of 2012. These donations near 1,200,000 units with value over \$50,000,000. BBF's pharmaceutical donations by bottle count are expected to be 50% to 100% greater in 2012 than in 2011. Pharmaceutical donations by dollar value may approach \$200,000,000 for the year and represent up to 150 container load shipments.

BBF Trustee Drew Harvey met with the Zimbabwe Association of Church-related Hospitals (ZACH) in January while visiting United Methodist facilities. Deb McMahon, BBF's newly elected Medical Director will be visiting facilities in Mozambique in early April.



BBF Vice President of Medical Programs and Strategic Initiatives Liam Carstens, Tillman N. Collins, Rancy Wright, Hon. Chris B. Bailey, Edith T. Poah and BBF President Luke Hingson

A Grand Gedeh Association in the Americas, Inc. (GGAA) delegation visit to BBF was headed by its President, Tillman N. Collins. Others in the delegation were Vice President Edith T. Poah, Superintendent of the County Hon.

Chris B. Bailey and Rancy Wright representative from Pennsylvania Chapter GGAA. The purpose of the visit was to express thanks and appreciation to the BBF family for providing health and education materials plus other services to the people of Liberia and to further cement the relationship between Martha Tubman Memorial Hospital in Grand Gedeh and Brothers Brother Foundation. During the visit, the superintendent promised to be of help in Liberia anytime BBF calls upon him. I am planning a trip to Liberia in April 2012.

I am pleased to announce that BBF Medical Coordinator Liam Carstens has accepted the responsibility of a new position at BBF of Vice President of Medical Programs and Strategic Initiatives. Liam is excited to be taking on additional responsibilities, in particular, BBF's expanded work in Africa.



BBF Chair Charles Stout, Vice President of Medical Programs and Strategic Initiatives Liam Carstens, Vice Chair B.J. Leber and President Luke Hingson

Thank You From Esperanza - Hope for the Children, Inc.

Dear Brother's Brother Foundation,

Esperanza - Hope for the Children, Inc. would like to thank you for your continued support for our medical mission work in Honduras. We first began volunteering in Honduras nearly 11 years ago. Since then, we have continued to return to the same village (Flores) for the past 10 years and built our home there so that we could truly express our commitment to this village. It certainly has given us credibility within the community and your support has enhanced others' trust in our care.



The medications which you have provided have afforded us the opportunity to treat both common ailments and more complex medical conditions. We have also been able to share our knowledge of these medications with Honduran doctors so that they may gain insight into possible treatment for their patients.

Word has certainly traveled many hours that Americans visit this particular community. We have developed many trustworthy connections within the Honduran medical and social service agencies and for that we are extremely grateful.

We now have the opportunity to spend extended periods of time in Honduras and will be returning at the end of January 2012 for a six week period. We hope that we can rely on you for continued support of medication, foot-wear and medical equipment.

Currently we are involved with two extensive programs. The first involves our collaboration with Plan USA/Honduras to bring clean water to Flores. The second one is to assist the public hospital in nearby Comayagua to upgrade their facility and equipment. Our focus will be on their neonatal and pediatric wards.

Please know your donations have made a significant impact in the lives of this community.

With our gratitude,
Emily Collins
Founder

BBF and USAID Support Liberia with Education Program



Representatives examine BBF donated materials

Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield also took the opportunity to encourage the youth to actively seek out opportunities to better themselves and the country instead of waiting for the government or an NGO to bring them assistance.

The Liberian Vice President lauded the program for providing a realistic solution to some of the capacity development issues plaguing Liberia. The Vice President went on to say, "USAID Advancing Youth couldn't have come at a better time."

Following the official launch attendants were invited to view the wares of local artisans who will be involved in training the youth through USAID Advancing Youth program. School officials were also invited to select books donated by Brother's Brother Foundation for use in their schools.

United States Ambassador to Liberia Linda Thomas-Greenfield joined representatives of the Liberian Office of the Vice President, Ministries of Education and Youth and Sports at the YMCA gymnasium on Monrovia's Crown Hill to officially launch the newest United States Agency for International Development (USAID) development intervention in Liberia's education sector.

The new program, called USAID Advancing Youth, is a five year, \$35 million program aimed at addressing the educational and work skills needs of Liberia's youth. This program launched in February 2012.

In her remarks, Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield said that the new program was the "right program at the right time" as the country's youth represent one of Liberia's greatest potential assets, and that helping Liberia's youth is something near to her heart.

"Both the President and I agree that if given the resources and opportunities, these young people can help fulfill the President's dream of having Liberia be a middle income country by 2030," said Ambassador Thomas-Greenfield.

Mission Trip Program March 1, 2012

So far in 2012, BBF has supplied 59 mission trips to 19 countries.

Thank You Letters

Global Medical Brigades in Honduras

I am the president from the Global Brigades of New Hampshire medical mission group and we recently took a trip to Honduras. Brother's Brother Foundation generously donated medicine and supplies to our trip which proved extremely helpful and allowed us to treat 1,300 Honduran patients over four days. Global Brigades offered triage, consultation, dental care, a pharmacy and treatment for both adults and children.

We were extremely pleased with our experience with Brother's Brother. All staff that we communicated with were very helpful, respectful and prompt. All of the materials that we expected to receive came in a timely manner and in good condition.

We would love to work with BBF in the future.

Elizabeth Eden
President of Global Medical Brigades
University of New Hampshire



The Beautiful Heart Foundation In the Philippines



I am back from my 11 weeks sojourn in the Philippines. I had the opportunity to serve more than 1,000 poor sick patients (and were given free medicines coming from your organization) in places like Matina Pangi in Davao City, Barangays Mayamot & San Jose in Antipolo, Gloria Vista Subdivision in Rodriguez, Rizal, Barangay Holy Spirit in Quezon City including more than 1,000 toys and pieces of candies and chocolates distributed. We were also able to feed more than 1,000 malnourished children in the months of December 2011 up to February 9, 2012. I also shared about P200K, about \$5,000, and P500K, about \$12,000, worth of medicines given to the typhoon victims in Iligan City, and Cagayan de Oro in Northern Mindanao.

Thank you for all your support.

Dr. Anacleto B. Millendez, Founder
The Beautiful Heart Foundation

Surgical Instruments to Haiti

Dear Brothers Brother Foundation,

On behalf of our group of volunteers and the Hospital Albert Schweitzer, Deschapelles, Haiti, thank you very much. Your gift of surgical instrumentation and information regarding the possible donation of an autoclave and steam compressor will provide an opportunity for surgical services to be given to the Haitian citizens now and for years to come.

On April 1st, 2012 a small group of medical volunteers will leave Pittsburgh and fly to Port-au-Prince, Haiti, then travel several hours to Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Deschapelles, Haiti. The group is led by Dr. William Swartz, Chief of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at UPMC Shadyside Hospital. Dr. Swartz has provided surgical services to the citizens of Haiti yearly for the past six years.

Dr. Richard McGough, Orthopedic Oncologic Surgeon at UPMC Shadyside Hospital will return to provide orthopedic surgical services. Several Anesthesiologists will volunteer during this trip. Surgical support staff will include Bonnie Scavo, Physician Assistant and Art Coleman, Surgical Technologist.

I will take photos of our group and our patients and share them with you when we return to Pittsburgh. The document of donation from Brothers Brother and the instrumentation will be presented to the hospital upon our arrival. I will obtain a signature of acceptance and return it to you upon our return to Pittsburgh.

Thanks again for everything!

Bonnie Scavo



BBF Short-Term Medical Program Assistant Alex Wolfinger, Bonnie Scavo and BBF Short-Term Mission Trip/Inventory Team Leader Ilva Letoja

Global Problems Global Solutions



March 30-31, 2012
La Roche College
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Friday Night Keynote Speaker
Ambassador Donald Steinburg
*Deputy Administrator at the U.S.
Agency for International Development*

Saturday Plenary Speaker
Max Finberg
*Director, USDA Center of Faith-Based
and Neighborhood Partnerships*

GLOBAL PROBLEMS, GLOBAL SOLUTIONS

POVERTY & HUNGER: GLOBAL PLAGUES

Saturday Panelists

Ambassador Anthony Quainton

Distinguished Diplomat-in-Residence at American University

Tara Reynolds Marks

Co-Director of Just Harvest

Susan Rauscher

Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Inc.

For a schedule of events and to register, please visit laroche.edu/global.

Lunch is available on Saturday for \$6.

Conference registration is required and space is limited.

Registration is free, but participants are asked to bring non-perishable food items for donation to Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

New BBF Intern



Greetings,

My name is Thaddeus Adkins and I am the new intern at Brother's Brother. As an intern, I pull double duty assisting with the education program and the mission trips program. I've only been here a couple of months, but I can tell the work I'm doing at BBF is helping a lot of people who appreciate our donors' generosity.

When I'm not at Brother's Brother, I'm a full-time student at the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. After I graduate, I'd like to continue my work in international development, possibly at a development contractor in Washington, DC. I'm very grateful for the practical, real-world experience Brother's Brother has afforded me, and I'm very happy to be here.

Gifts that Grow

In 2011, BBF received over \$25,000 in donations from 56 individuals who requested that the staff of BBF process a donation from them on a monthly basis. Donors like this are key to sustainable growth of BBF's programs. For more information, call Karen Dempsey or Donna Englehardt at 412-321-3160.

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 2012, BBF received 72 gifts in honor or memory that totaled over \$8,000. 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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