

BBF Responds to Earthquake in Nepal

Brother's Brother Foundation (BBF) has partnered with Nepal-based charity Himalayan HealthCare (HHC), ADRA International (Adventist Relief and Development) and others to provide emergency relief in the wake of the magnitude 7.8 earthquake that recently devastated the Kathmandu region of Nepal. This disaster destroyed more than 5,000 schools and has affected more than 8,000,000 people.

Himalayan HealthCare has provided primary healthcare, education and income-generation opportunities in rural Nepal for 23 years. In addition to training health workers, Himalayan HealthCare provides vaccine administration, supplies essential medicines to remote villages and helps patients secure specialty care. With HHC, BBF is supporting Dhading District Hospital, just west of Kathmandu, an earthquake damaged facility. Assistance to the hospital includes generators, medical supplies and logistical support for medical staff that domestic and international volunteers brought in to support this response.



Himalayan HealthCare at work in Nepal
Picture courtesy of Himalayan HealthCare



Dr. Durga & Dr. Vasu Malepati stop by BBF's Pittsburgh warehouse for medicines

BBF is also supporting five international medical teams with more than \$39,600 worth of medical supplies and pharmaceuticals. These volunteers, like Drs. Vasu and Durga Malepati of Remote Area Medical shown to the left, help to ease the strain on stretched local medical facilities.

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Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone Thanks BBF for Ebola Assistance

by Dr. Karen Asher

Dear Luke Hingson and Dr. Deb McMahon,

I just felt that I should write to let you know how much of an impact Brother's Brother has had on the health care in Sierra Leone. The government hospitals and the faith based hospitals are very separate. The government does not share with the faith-based hospitals although we do share any excess we might have with it. During the Ebola crisis all the millions of dollars and containers of supplies that were sent to the government did not ever reach the faith-based hospitals. And yet we care for one-third of the country's population. If it hadn't been for the fantastic effort of Brother's Brother to find and ship soap, chlorine and protective gear, our hospitals would have had to close. In the beginning, we lost many nurses in the southern provinces to Ebola. We found that since the gowns and gloves were so dear, they were wearing them but handing them off to the next shift to use. We gave education on the proper use of protective gear and with your help sent them the supplies they needed. No more nursing deaths occurred in our institutions. Also we lost two of our doctors early on. The first, from Spain, was infected very early on before the disease was understood, and the second was infected in Connaught Hospital, a government hospital where he was moonlighting. None of our other medical personnel were infected in our institutions and we believe it is in large part because of the effort of Brother's Brother and the shipping of supplies.

Brother's Brother is also helping WAEMM in its effort to upgrade the hospitals, post-Ebola. We have a goal of providing basic laboratory equipment and supplies for our 12 hospitals and 40 clinics in CHASL. As we raise money for this equipment you have added this to the supplies you send over. While in Sierra Leone two weeks ago, I conducted our first four day training seminar for five of the hospitals. Now five hospitals, Kamakwie Wesleyan, Panguma Catholic, Kissy United Methodist, Nixon Methodist and St. John of God Catholic can offer their patients complete blood counts with platelet counts, BUN, creatinine, SGOT, SGPT, potassium, amylase, blood sugars and Hgb and hematocrit. These tests will enable the health care providers to give a higher level of care. We were also able to train three of the clinics, Lutheran, United Methodist and Wesleyan on their new machines to do blood sugars and hemoglobin and hematocrit. This will enable them to make some critical decisions on whether to treat a patient or transfer them for admission to a hospital.

Again, I believe many lives will be saved from these tests. Again, please accept my heartfelt thanks for all your organization is doing to team up with WAEMM and CHASL to help the people of Sierra Leone.

Karen L. Asher, D.O.

Medical and Technical Advisors

Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone (CHASL)



Sister Alma Rosa receiving the second consignments of the air shipment on behalf of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the CHASL offices

Countries Served in 2015

In the first four months of 2015, BBF shipped requested supplies to 30 countries including Bhutan, Central African Republic, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Malawi, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, United States of America and Zimbabwe.

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President's Report

by Luke Hingson

In the first four months of 2015, product contributions totaled \$65,672,734 and product shipments totaled \$101,493,130. Direct shipments and mission trip support went to people in need in 30 countries.

Incoming medical donations for these first four months were valued at \$64,625,411, which included more than 842,626 bottles and tubes of medicine. Fourteen medical containers were sent to countries in need during this period.



BBF Board Chair Tom Wentling



Bobby Smith receives award at BBF Spring Gala



BBF Trustee Robert Peirce taking the podium shortly before receiving the Dr. Robert A. Hingson Fellow Award

The value of incoming education donations in the first four months was \$1,011,564. Outgoing education shipments during this period totaled more than 251,992 books.

BBF recently held a Spring Gala in Arlington, Virginia where BBF honored a number of exemplary people for their service in times of crisis and through continuity of service.

Bobby Smith, founder of Hope for Life in Sierra Leone received the award for Caring in Crisis for his work with Ebola relief. BBF Trustee Dr. Barry Byer was recognized for his work with the Virginia Hospital Center Medical Brigade and received the award for Caring in Continuity. Trustee Robert Peirce was honored for his commitment to the mission of BBF and support of work in Liberia with the Dr. Robert A. Hingson Fellow Award.

Global Problems Global Solutions 2015

Brother's Brother Foundation co-sponsored the 10th annual Global Problems, Global Solutions (GPGS) conference, held this year at LaRoche College on April 9 and 10. The conference discussed progress, plans, and initiatives related to the U.N. Millennium Development Goals.

GPGS examined a pressing issue that affects the global community. This year's topic, "Saving Our Children: A Global Issue, A Local Response," highlighted child refugees, lessons learned from working with children in emergency contexts and local literacy efforts.

Maureen Dunn, Chief of the Family Immigration and Victims Protection Division of the Office of Policy and Strategy for US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of the Department of Homeland Security delivered the keynote address. In her role, she supervises a team of subject matter experts in family immigration and visa for victims of human trafficking, domestic violence and other crimes. She oversees the drafting of immigration policy and regulations that impact vulnerable youth and families. Her talk, "Children Migrating Alone: Causes, Responses and Recommendations," highlighted the plight of children coming from Central America to the United States and the extremely dangerous and hazardous conditions they encounter.

Additionally, local experts highlighted the history and global impact of vaccinations along with safety and health concerns.



BBF and LaRoche College staff with program speakers

BBF National Capital Area Welcomes David Holdsworth as New Executive Director

On May 4th, David Holdsworth joined Brother's Brother Foundation as the Executive Director of the National Capital Area office. David comes to the position with seven years of experience in donated goods management for ADRA International. David also has a managerial background in higher education, airport management and economic development. "It is a very exciting time at Brother's Brother Foundation," said Mr. Holdsworth. "I am honored to be joining the team at the National Capital Area office to support the continued growth of donated medical supplies and equipment for those in the greatest need around the world."



From left: BBF President Luke Hingson, BBF-NCA staff Richard Goddard, BBF-NCA Executive Director David Holdsworth, BBF-NCA staff Dinita Thomas, BBF-NCA staff Thad Adkins, BBF Board Member Dr. Barry Byer and BBF-NCA staff Debbie Baucom

BBF History: Pushing the Rest on Immunization

Following the extraordinary success of Dr. Robert A. Hingson's invention of the jet injector inoculation device and in wiping out smallpox in Liberia in 1962-1963, pressure began to mount on other international health organizations. The World Health Organization (WHO), for instance, rushed to verify the eradication of what had been an intractable disease. One physician sent to Liberia by the WHO attempted to modify Dr. Hingson's methods—his use of mass inoculations using jet guns and his innovative dilution of the smallpox vaccine to make available quantities stretch to meet the demand. The physician was unable to replicate results and deep skepticism set in. That was until a second investigation concluded that the physician had improperly employed the jet gun and had used expired vaccines; the second round of studies verified Dr. Hingson's methods to be effective and worthy of imitation. Shortly thereafter, a team from the U.S. Public Health Service traveled to the Tonga Islands and successfully inoculated its residents using the new methods. Similar trials conducted in Jamaica and Brazil were conclusive: Dr. Hingson had made an unparalleled breakthrough in combating disease.

At the same time, recent advances in science combined with the new inoculation method painted an optimistic picture. Health professionals had determined that any lifeform—including microbes—needed to achieve a critical mass in order to propagate itself. In other words, not everyone in a region had to be inoculated in order for cases of infection to plummet exponentially (this phenomenon is known as "herd immunity"). Scientists had also developed a dry vaccine that functioned better in tropical climates. BBF's immunization model proved infectious and in 1965-1966, the WHO and the U.S. AID created missions to Africa and Asia to wipe out measles and smallpox. Meanwhile, Brother's Brother was charged with sending medical missions to tropical areas in Latin America, continuing its legacy of innovative and speedy assistance to those most in need.

[Source: Cyril E. Bryant, Operation Brother's Brother (New York: Pyramid Books, 1968).]



Dr. Hingson stands next to Dr. Albert Schweitzer with several other doctors in Gabon, West Africa

2015 Medical Mission Trip Reports

Powell Butte Christian Church Mission to Uganda



At the beginning of February a team of nine individuals from KingdomWork Ministries International through its partnership with Powell Butte Christian Church in central Oregon took a medical mission trip to the Kween Subcountry in Uganda. This team, headed by veteran trip organizer D.C. Lundy served over 800 individuals in clinics throughout the bush. Upon their return to Oregon, Mr. Lundy shared the following with us:

"All of our clinics are traveling clinics. We carry and pack in all of our supplies each day to the village where we are scheduled to serve. The locals literally come out of the bush and their huts to see us and to get treated. We always see more women and children than men, but we serve all without prejudice.

"At Sundet we were informed that they had not seen a medical team or individual since Uganda was a colony of England, which was in the 1950's and before. We were their ray of medical hope in the last 50+ years. They were in poor condition, and in that village alone we had seven hospital referrals."

Though D.C. has taken over two dozen trips to the region in the last decade, the needs of the people far outpace the available resources. This was KingdomWork's 10th medical team to visit the region. Working with BBF since 2010 the teams hand carry the medicines and supplies that they'll need to treat their patients. Setting up their clinics in primitive conditions, they often provide the only care villagers will see in any given year.

College of William & Mary Global Medical Brigades in Honduras

There was a lot to be thankful for in Mata de Platano, Honduras during the second week of March. In this small village of fewer than 500 homes only about half have latrines and the leading cause of death in children under age five is strep throat. A team of medical students from the College of William & Mary came to help. During their three day visit to the town they treated over 700 patients.

While William & Mary has been sending teams through Global Brigades for years, this was the first time that they partnered with Brother's Brother. The team was able to take 60 bottles of medications and 59 pounds of medical supplies with it through this new partnership. These supplies helped the team to serve its patients during its visit.

The clinic the team worked in was set up in the local school which provides education through 8th grade. As a part of their time there the medical students ran a children's health education program. As a part of this program they taught students about brushing their teeth, washing their hands and eating a healthy diet. They also handed out toothbrushes to all the kids who participated. Maren Leibowitz, the team's student organizer stated, "It is really incredible how happy these kids are to receive something as mundane to us as a toothbrush."



Shipment to the Ukraine

BBF and the U.S. Ukraine Foundation worked together to send a 40-foot container of medical supplies that will support eight medical facilities in the Ukraine. Part of this shipment was collected by Dr. Alexander Kirichenko, Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA.

Upon arrival at BBF's Pittsburgh warehouse, the supplies were blessed by Fr. Timothy Tomson of St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in McKees Rocks, PA and BBF's own Richard Goddard who also serves as a Baptist preacher. The supplies were then driven to BBF-NCA by Mr. Goddard to join the rest of the shipment.

The container was loaded in late April with more than 20 tons of basic medical supplies and equipment that is now on its way to central and eastern Ukraine, where the need is great.



Fr. Timothy Tomson of St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in McKees Rocks, PA blesses a collection of supplies.



Dr. Alexander Kirichenko, surrounded by the supplies he gathered at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. Photo courtesy of Emily Skopic



BBF-NCA staff and U.S. Ukraine Foundation members gathered at container loading at BBF's Virginia location. Photo courtesy: www.vadynguliuk.com

BBF's Mission Trip Program in 2015

As of April 30, 2015, BBF supplied 161 mission trips to 24 countries.

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BBF Spring Gala Thanks



Thank you to all of our sponsors and auction donors for making the 2015 Gala 'Caring Through Crisis and Continuity' a fantastic success. Your generous support allows BBF to continue to connect people's resources with people's needs worldwide.

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