

## **BBF Supports Earthquake Relief Efforts in Nepal**

When the Nepal earthquake happened in April, BBF immediately mobilized to assist. Partnering with Himalayan Healthcare, BBF was able to get needed assistance and supplies to remote areas of Nepal. BBF's resources helped with helicopter rescues, and purchases of food, medicine and tarpaulins in conjunction with Himalayan Healthcare. Below are two reports from mission trip coordinators who took donations to Nepal.



*Children in Nepal receiving aid*

*Our team has returned safely from Nepal. The bulk of our time was spent supporting the doctors and nurses of Kathmandu University Hospital at Dhulikhel, nearly half of whom lost their own homes, but stayed to attend to the surge of patients in the aftermath of the earthquake. The hospital is 20 miles east of the city and serves the entire Kathmandu Valley and much of eastern Nepal. Over 1300 surgical procedures were performed since the first earthquake, and perhaps double that number of patients have been evaluated and treated at this location.*

*We were there during the second 7.3 earthquake on May 12th, which was much closer to us and collapsed many structures weakened by the first, also prompting landslides in the mountain*

*and valley areas to create countless new casualties handled at Dhulikhel. We moved the entire hospital, except ventilated patients and the O.R., outdoors again under makeshift tents and tarpaulins, and slept outside as well in our own tents and bivouacs. It was best described as a war zone without enemies.*

*There are 18 remote outreach clinics/villages served by Kathmandu University; the international teams divided these areas to assist since many had not been reached at all with aid since the first earthquake. CardioStart focused on two villages, each one a few hours away by the makeshift mountain roads. The first village was affected by a landslide that unearthed nearly 800 homes; there are a few unbelievable frames in the video from members of the Dhulikhel team who were there when this happened and had to be airlifted out. We supported construction of emergency shelters built by students at the Kathmandu University School of Engineering who developed a quickly and easily assembled prototype with local materials that included a homemade water filter, oven and small generator.*

*In the second village, we provided not only clinical, medical supply, food and water filtration support, but were able to 'rebuild' a school for 300 children that had been completely destroyed; the structure will not be assessed for many months, if at all, based on circumstances and remote location. Our team purchased and put up 13 classroom size tents for 25 schoolchildren each, with 'windows' and double fly heavy duty construction to endure the upcoming monsoon season. The beautiful children rushed to help us with smiles, delight and pride.*

*Needless to say, the support from colleagues, friends, family, strangers and every gracious individual involved meant so much. All of whom had a part in this from home helped just as integrally as we did on the ground in Nepal.*

*With sincere thanks and respect,  
Dr. Emily Farkas*



*Nepalese woman receives check-up from Dr. Malepati*

*Thank you to the best team from the 'Burgh! The Nepalese people truly appreciated the care that was provided. We are grateful that we were able to respond to people that did not have any access to care. The pictures provided tell some of the story. We met a few older people who survived two major earthquakes in their lifetime. We used most of the supplies and medicines donated by BBF. What we did not use was donated to the local primary health center in Sindhupal Chauk District. The Nepalese people are*

*spiritually very strong and we enjoyed the hospitality of locals, who shared their food and culture. Thanks again for a wonderful job.*

*Sincerely,  
Dr. Malepati*



*Dr. Durga & Dr. Vasu Malepati of Remote Area Medical stop by BBF's Pittsburgh warehouse for medicines*

## **Two Year Anniversary National Capital Area Open House**



**Saturday, July 25th**

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## **Countries Served in 2015**

In the first six months of 2015, BBF shipped requested supplies to 46 countries including Barbados, Belize, Bhutan, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, United States of America, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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## President's Report

by Luke Hingson

In the first six months of 2015, product contributions totaled \$124,660,841 and product shipments totaled \$145,009,943. Direct shipments and mission trip support went to people in need in 46 countries.

Incoming medical donations for these first six months were valued at \$122,700,114, which included more than 1,450,000 bottles and tubes of medicine. Seventy-three medical container equivalents were sent to countries in need during this period.

The value of incoming education donations in the first six months was \$1,924,489. Outgoing education shipments during this period totaled more than 259,000 books.

BBF continues to respond to needs in Nepal and has received more than \$270,000 in cash donations to help with these efforts.



BBF Board Chair Thomas Wentling and President Luke Hingson recently met with Pittsburgh Nepalese community leaders. They included Shushil Acharyua and James Joshi as well as DZI Foundation Trustee Dwight Mathis to discuss future plans to bring aid to Nepal.

## BBF Africa Medical Initiative

by Liam Carstens

In the first six months of 2015, BBF sent a total of twelve donations to recipients throughout Africa. These include seven shipments of 40' oceangoing containers, three donations of pallets of materials for other container shipments and two air shipments to our partners in Malawi, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Zimbabwe.

These shipments highlight several partnerships that BBF has with U.S. and international groups. In Sierra Leone, BBF worked with the Healey Foundation, the Virginia Hospital Center, Hope for Lives in Sierra Leone and the Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone to get needed medical supplies and equipment to hospitals and health centers. BBF worked with Life for Relief and Development to get a container of hospital equipment to Somalia.

## BBF NCA Report

by David Holdsworth

BBF National Capital Area (BBF NCA) collected three truckloads of medical equipment and supplies from Geisinger Health System in Scranton, PA. The donation included 26 pallets of medical supplies, fifteen examination tables, four infant examination tables and three hospital cribs, with a total weight over 15,000 pounds.

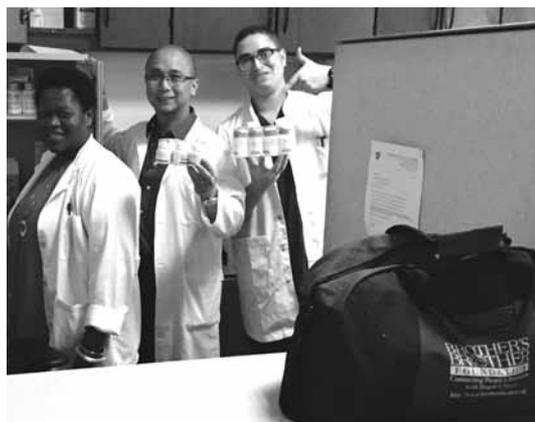
BBF NCA staff met with the new supply chain director for MedStar. Since that meeting BBF NCA has made collections from three MedStar hospitals including MedStar St. Mary's in southern Maryland. This is BBF NCA's first pickup from St. Mary's. MedStar Georgetown hospital offered 250 mattresses that will be available in July.

BBF NCA has completed over 30 medical mission trip shipments in June, a new record!

Pending projects include container shipments to South Sudan (ADRA) and Sierra Leone (Healey Foundation).

## BBF Medical Director, Dr. Deborah McMahon in Mozambique

In the second quarter of 2015, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Global Health Track medical residents elected to spend up to two months of their training providing health care in Mozambique. The residents work closely with Mozambican medical students and patients at the Catholic University of Mozambique's Sao Lucas Health Center under the supervision of the health center's medical director. The health center provides primary medical care and HIV care to an underserved population, over half of whom are women, infants and children. Brother's Brother regularly supplies these teams with basic medications to carry there since the health center experiences stock outs and shortages. Through a coordinated effort with Brothers Brother's



Sao Lucas Health Center's team with BBF medicines

own Medical Director Dr. Deb McMahon these trips carry much needed medication to Beira, Mozambique. The Sao Lucas Health Center team members (medical director, pharmacist, and physician) have gratefully acknowledged receipt of the donated medications in their pharmacy.

## BBF Education Program: Ghana Book Project

by Jessica Capretti

In November of last year BBF was awarded a grant from the Pittsburgh-based Ayers Foundation to send educational materials to Ghana as part of our involvement in the Ghana Book Project. This grant allowed BBF to prepare and ship a container of teaching materials and over 19,000 textbooks to long-time partner, the Rotary Club of Tema, with plans to send another shipment in July.

During its first year, the Ghana Book Project benefited nearly 320 schools with 100,000 students. To date, BBF has donated more than 1.6 million books to the project through our partnership with Rotary Club of Tema. Over the past three years alone, BBF has sent ten containers of 147,696 books (163 tons) to benefit RC Tema's education programs.

Ghana is the fifth largest beneficiary of BBF supplied educational materials, receiving over 2,800,000 books since 1961.

## BBF History: Moving to Pittsburgh

The relocation of Brother's Brother to Pittsburgh 47 years ago has everything to do with a predicament Dr. Robert Hingson faced in a Staten Island hospital's maternity ward in 1941. During a night shift, a woman about to give birth was brought to him. She was in severe pain. Given her history of heart problems, Dr. Hingson quickly determined that she could not receive anesthesia by conventional means without grave risk. He remembered a method, two French doctors in 1901 used to apply anesthesia, by injecting the spinal column through the tailbone. The effect was to suppress pain in the middle portions of a person's body while keeping them conscious. Though the method had never been attempted on an expectant mother, the resourceful doctor believed the same principle would apply for his patient and carefully administered the treatment. The woman was soon relieved of her pain and had her baby without complication. Calling it the continuous caudal analgesia, its success in that moment of crisis led Dr. Hingson to believe he had stumbled



BBF Founder Dr. Robert A. Hingson with radio news anchor Paul Harvey

on to a revolutionary procedure. After additional research and prototyping, he partnered with a manufacturer to develop a specialized needle for such injections. News of the breakthrough spread rapidly and by 1968, eight million women in the United States had given birth, their pain eased, with Dr. Hingson's injection.

Because of his distinction in the field, Dr. Hingson worked for 18 years as chief anesthesiologist at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Performing his job and running an increasingly successful charity was a challenge but in 1968, Pittsburgh issued him an even greater one. UPMC offered Dr. Hingson a total of three professorships in anesthesiology: one at the School of Medicine, another at the School of Dental Medicine and a final one at the school of Public Health Practice. But Dr. Hingson's crowning offer was to become the Chief of Anesthesiology for Magee-Womens Hospital. The opportunity was too good to pass up and along with Dr. Hingson came the foundation. Since its move almost five decades ago, Brother's Brother has added to the city of Pittsburgh's distinction as a hub for medical innovation.

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

## 2015 Medical Mission Trip Reports Surgicorps in Bhutan

BBF recently sent 804 bottles of medication with BBF Advisory Trustee Dr. Jack Demos who shared the following report: Dr. Robert Schemmer, a dermatologist from Canada, joined the Surgicorps medical team as a first time volunteer to Bhutan in May 2015. He treated monks at the Rinpung Dzong Monastery as well as patients in the clinic. His services were much needed and appreciated by the Bhutanese people. Surgicorps will hopefully incorporate these services into future trips! Thank you to Dr. Schemmer for sharing some of his daily blog posts.

**Day 2** – up at 5 AM and the surgical team was in the operating room by 6:15. I went along for some supplies and am now waiting to see patients at a local monastery that should be interesting. Meanwhile the surgeries, which will number about 15 cases per day, are busily underway. Interestingly, about half of the team members are young, refreshing that so many people are up to this challenge, willing to offer their time and go to the expense of a very worthwhile cause.

**Day 5** - A lot of infectious skin diseases here, along with common ones like I see in Canada. I cannot take any photos in the operating room for patient privacy but will try to send a few (if I get them from the official photographer) to give you an idea of what the surgeons do here. Tomorrow it's back to the monastery after some hospital clinics to see the monks, the children are so cute and it almost breaks your heart that 6-10 year olds have been taken there to get an education as their parents are just too poor to raise, feed and educate them.



Dr. Robert Schemmer with monks receiving glasses

**Day 6** – Surgicorps team members are expected to multi-task and one of my tasks today was not only to see the monks with their skin problems, but also to do some simple refraction for reading glasses. The sheer joy on the monks' faces, both old and fairly young, when they tried out their new reading glasses, was heartwarming.

**Day 7** – The week of work passed quickly and over 70 surgeries were performed by the team of plastic surgeons, anesthesiologists and nurses and other volunteers and as for myself I saw between 125-150 patients visiting the local monastery three times with another visit planned tomorrow as there were a few children that not only had skin diseases, but also pink eye. The skies are brilliant today, the air is fresh and what more could one ask for.

## Children of the Americas in Guatemala



Children of the Americas (COTA), a Kentucky-based medical mission organization that BBF recently supported with medical supplies, has been working in rural areas of Guatemala since 1988. Over its 27 year history, hundreds of volunteers have traveled to remote areas of Guatemala through COTA's partnerships with the Guatemala Ministry of Health and the Office of the First Lady of Guatemala to provide medical care to areas that rarely receive it. Each year's efforts are focused on one remote region of the country where around 100 volunteers, together with medical equipment and supplies, are brought to perform a number of surgical procedures, in a variety of specialties, in addition to clinical care and dentistry. The volunteers love working with the "hard-working, warm hearted" people of Guatemala as is evidenced by COTA's remarkable 80% return rate, despite team members having to fund the costs of their own trips.

Jody Greenlee, COTA's Vice President, sent BBF the following touching story from COTA's most recent trip "Baby Beverly was an inpatient for two weeks at the host hospital COTA was working in during our January 2015 team visit. The Guatemalan physicians did not have the ability to operate on an infant so small and medically fragile.

They asked COTA for help. Because of her small size and starvation status, we were reluctant, but our surgeons realized that Beverly would not survive much longer. Born with pyloric stenosis (stomach muscle overgrowth), she was not capable of ingesting formula and had not had nutrition for several weeks. The surgery was a success and the baby was discharged home to her parents a few days later. Reports from her Guatemalan parents indicate that she is doing very well."



## Global Smile Foundation in Ecuador

Global Smile Foundation, a longtime partner of Brother's Brother Foundation that has received more than \$17,800 in pharmaceuticals thus far in 2015, recently shared with us the story of Linda. Linda is a medical student in Ecuador and a volunteer with the Global Smile teams that visit Guayaquil to provide life changing cleft palate and dental surgeries to the citizens there. Nineteen years ago Linda was the recipient of one of those surgeries. At the tender age of three months her mother brought her to Global Smile for her first surgery. Today Linda pays it forward, helping others who will one day use their smiles to light the world.

Global Smile Foundation exemplifies the kind of partner with which Brother's Brother loves to work. Its dedication to patients and long-term commitment to the communities it serves have lasting impacts in the state of world health care. Global Smile, focusing on facial congenital deformities with special emphasis on cleft lips and palates, currently has a team in Trujillo, Peru. Serving on this team are doctors from Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Newton, MA, Brookhaven Memorial Hospital in Patchogue, NY, NYU Langone Medical Center in New York, NY, UC Riverside School of Medicine in Riverside, CA, University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, Edwards Hospital in MA and Nemours Children's Hospital in Orlando, FL. These dedicated professionals will serve alongside Dr. Usama Hamdan and dedicated medical professionals and students from the areas where they serve. Here is a picture of the entire Global Smile team on its recent trip to Ecuador.



## BBF's Mission Trip Program in 2015

In the first six months of 2015, BBF supplied 254 mission trips to 39 countries.

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## New BBF Staff and Interns

Frank Seanez, a native Pittsburgher, joined BBF in April as a warehouse assistant. A graduate of Oberlin College and Pitt Law School, he moved out west in 1983. Frank worked with Education and Health agencies in New Mexico and Arizona state governments. He also worked for the Navajo nation and with many of the Native American tribes of the Southwest. Frank's experience in serving people with disabilities centered on special education, vocational rehabilitation and social security disability determination. His work in the development of Native American health facilities required coordination with Federal and tribal governments as well as not-for-profit corporations and health facility accreditation agencies.

"I appreciate the opportunity to work for a charitable foundation that makes such a difference worldwide," Frank said, "and I'm glad to be doing it in my hometown where I can catch a lot more Pirates games!"



Qadir Q. Anderson attended Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania. Upon completion of his summer internship with Brother's Brother Foundation, he will receive a B.S. in public health. In addition to his major, he also focused on philosophy which he says greatly opened his mind to the world in which we live. His courses as well as experiences developed his aspirations in non-profit leadership and led him to an internship with BBF. He aspires to lead or develop a non-government organization that can continue providing quality efficient service to those in need. He is originally from the Pittsburgh area, born and raised in the east side of town, graduating from Penn Hills Senior High School. Some of his interests and passions include traveling, reading and creating works of art.

Almila Kakinc is interning at the BBF National Capital Area office. An avid NPR: Morning Edition listener, Almila heard about BBF in a segment covering the West African Ebola outbreak and BBF's work. She deeply connected with BBF's commitment addressing medical and educational needs while simultaneously reducing environmental wastefulness.

She graduated from Mount Holyoke College in May 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology and English Literature. She also received a Five College Consortium certificate in Culture, Health and Science, which allowed her to further focus her studies on public and global health. Her areas of interest include reproductive health and rights, medical ethics, healthcare accessibility and alternative medicine.



## 2014 Annual Report Now Available Online

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2014 Annual Report

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Also available are all of BBF's Field News newsletters released since 2009.

### Brother's Brother Foundation Thanks:

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Allegra Print & Imaging, Pittsburgh

## Noteworthy

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