



BBF's African Initiative



BBF Vice President of Medical Programs and Strategic Initiatives Liam Carstens, BBF Trustee Drew Harvey, BBF President Luke Hingson, ZACH Executive Director Ms. Vuyelwa Chitimbire and ZACH representative Paulina Thandiwe Leta

BBF recently welcomed a number of visitors with medical connections to Africa.

Mrs. V.T.S. Chitimbire, the Executive Director of Zimbabwe Association of Church-related Hospitals (ZACH), spent three days in Pittsburgh and met with 11 BBF trustees. ZACH has 78 member hospital and 35+ clinics, representing about 35% of the healthcare in Zimbabwe by bed count. ZACH representatives visited with BBF colleagues at CHOSEN in Erie, Pennsylvania and inspected delivery tables to be sent to Zimbabwe.

Father Gerard Nnamunga, representing the Ugandan Spiritans of Duquesne University, made a request to BBF on behalf of two hospitals and two health clinics that



Father Gerard Nnamunga and BBF President Luke Hingson

are part of the Uganda Catholic Medical Bureau (UCMB).

UCMB has 30 hospitals and 240 clinics/centers representing about 28% of healthcare in Uganda by bed count.

David Holdsworth, the Associate Director for Material Acquisitions for Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) International also stopped in for a meeting at BBF's office. ADRA provides assistance to many of the 200+ Adventist medical facilities in Africa which include 20 hospitals. BBF is assisting over 100 hospitals in 10 countries in Africa. Donations include 1,000 hospital beds, 100 operating and delivery tables and a wide variety of medical supplies.



BBF Vice President of Medical Programs and Strategic Initiatives Liam Carstens, ADRA Associate Director for Material Acquisitions David Holdsworth and BBF President Luke Hingson

BBF and ADRA Respond to Critical Needs in the Horn of Africa



BBF and ADRA are working to help thousands of refugees along the border of Kenya and Somalia at the El Wak clinic. BBF sent the clinic a container of requested medical supplies that included gloves, sterilizers, surgical instruments, operating room tables, hospital beds with mattresses, exam tables, wheelchairs and other valuable pieces of medical equipment. BBF and ADRA will continue to work together assisting these refugees in the coming months.



The El Wak clinic, located on the border of Kenya and Somalia

BBF Assesses Work in Honduras



A proud relative shows off a newborn baby boy at Hospital de Area Puerto Cortés. This hospital receives medicine, equipment and medical supplies from BBF and sees an average of 180 births in a month.

During the last week of June 2012, BBF Vice President of Medical Programs & Strategic Initiatives Liam Carstens traveled to San Pedro Sula, Honduras. He met with BBF partners CEPUDO and the Order of Malta to see some of the facilities that benefit from pharmaceutical donations by BBF. Mr. Carstens visited the warehouses of the two groups that are supported by BBF as well as six clinics, four hospitals, a vocational training center, a school and a hospice home. As an immediate result of the assessment performed on this trip, BBF is building a container of medical supplies and equipment for partner agency CEPUDO. In 2012, seven beneficiaries in Honduras received a container of supplies. Forty hand-carried mission trips were also supplied by BBF.



Ruth de Castro, Executive Director of Hospital de Ortopedia Pediaica y Especialidades CURE, a hospital that specializes in pediatric orthopedics, shows Mr. Carstens through the well organized warehouse of the hospital, where donations are stored before use

Country Updates: July 20, 2012

Through July 20, 2012, BBF shipped supplies to 55 countries including Argentina, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, Cameroon, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.

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President's Report

by Luke Hingson

I am pleased to report that in the first six months of 2012, BBF has received substantial support. My thanks goes to the staff and trustees of BBF for their continued good work.

In the first six months of 2012, BBF received 1,758,584 units of pharmaceuticals valued at \$79,597,016 and \$14,471,391 worth of educational materials. As the third quarter begins, BBF anticipates receiving a large offer of medicines in July as well as around 60 tractor-trailer loads of books.

BBF contributed a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to CURE Ethiopia Children's Hospital to reimburse medical purchases for the year ended June 30, 2012.

Temporary tents were taken down and construction has begun on the third school in Haiti, Marie Clarac. Final payment (\$100,000) was made in June of BBF's original \$400,000 pledge to Food for the Poor (FFTP). In May, BBF's Executive Committee authorized the pledge of an additional \$300,000 to build a fourth school and up to \$50,000 for furniture and other items.

BBF's African Initiative has developed several strong partnerships. One of those is with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR's Director of Global Health, Shannon Trilli, recently visited BBF to discuss projects in Zimbabwe with BBF staff and BBF Trustee Drew Harvey.



BBF Vice President of Medical Programs and Strategic Initiatives Liam Carstens, BBF Trustee Drew Harvey, UMCOR Director of Global Health Shannon Trilli and BBF President Luke Hingson

Tri-County OIC Booky Mobile

by Carol Taylor

June the 6th was the perfect day to visit Tri-County IOC and the Booky Mobile for their Summer Reading Kick-off event. This event was to encourage



Tri-County OIC Booky Mobile

the children of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to sign up for Summer Reading and Math club and to enjoy a day of fun, games and free books. With my trunk filled with books for children from kindergarten through teens I was off to replenish the Booky Mobile with great new books. These books are given free of charge to the kids in a three-county area around Harrisburg. The children are encouraged to share the books with family and friends.

Since 1965, Tri-County OIC Adult Learning Center has provided quality academic, vocational, workforce and family education classes to about 20 sites in Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry and York counties in eastern Pennsylvania. There are programs to help students achieve basic literacy skills, basic workplace foundation skills or family literacy skills. They also provide support services to help students succeed in school and make the transition into continuing education and employment.

The initial focus of Tri-County OIC was to assist older teens and adults to obtain a diploma or develop workforce skills. When programs for younger children were added the entire program blossomed. As the children took their new books home, they begged their parents to read with them. Many parents lacked the skills needed to do so. The parents began to participate in classes for adult learners and families were soon reading together. As Jeffery Woodard the Tri-County OIC executive director said, "At OIC, we train people for life."

Reflections on Work at Mozambique School

by Emily Sikora

In 2008, when I left America to serve in Mozambique as a Peace Corps volunteer, I was anxious. I was 22, I was leaving the only family that I had ever known to go to a country where I knew absolutely no one, and I was expected to learn a whole new language, culture and life-style. I was more than anxious. I was terrified. My anxiety and terror quickly melted away, however when I was received with open arms by the school and community where I would serve as a Science teacher for the next three years. I soon realized that I hadn't left my family behind after all. I had Mozambican uncles and brothers who would make sure that I got home safely every night; sisters and aunts who would worry about my health and would have cooked for me every night if I had let them; and my students, my children, who even on some of my lowest days, would make me laugh.

When my service ended in January of this year, my heart broke. I had to leave behind another family, who unbeknownst to them had given me a sense of security, laughter and love. Not only that, they had helped me blossom and grow into a better person. I know that I can never repay them, but that doesn't mean I shouldn't try. Ever since I started working here at Brother's Brother, I've had a growing desire to possibly send some materials to that small school that had been my home for three and one-half years. Mozambique is often overlooked by American charities because of the language barrier. It's understandable that it's a whole lot easier to donate and lend aid to fellow English speakers. Even French and Spanish-speaking countries will receive aid before Portuguese countries like Mozambique. Even so, there is still a lot of aid and educational materials that would go a long way in the school. The students study English as a second language without any English reading material to supplement their learning. The history and geography teachers teach classes without having any access to maps or globes, the science teachers teach about chemical reactions and cells without ever having access to laboratory equipment or microscopes, and the new government-implemented computer classes are being taught without any computers!

A lot of planning and organizing still needs to take place before my dream becomes a reality. It's a hard thing to ask for donations from people who know nothing about the individuals of whom I speak, but communities like mine embrace American workers and Peace Corps Volunteers every day. If a small part of you would like to thank the types of people that welcome and protect your fellow compatriots, please help me with my project. Perhaps this will be the stepping stone for similar projects in the future for those communities who give us so much.

If you wish help BBF support schools in Mozambique, when making your donation, please make a note Mozambique Education Project. If donating online, please add the same at the bottom of the form in the comments section.



Emily Sikora teaches a class in Mozambique

Mission Trip Program July 20, 2012

So far in 2012, BBF has supplied 184 mission trips to 38 countries.

BBF's Work in the Philippines with the Rotary Club of Makati's Books Across the Sea Program



The Rotary Club of Makati prides itself with its string of long-running projects that have, as the cliché goes, passed the test of time. It is "sustainability" tried and tested. The most prominent among them is Books Across the Seas, or BATS, as we have come to call it. BATS fell in our lap, in a matter of speaking, when the United States Information Service (USIS), which was then running it, invited the Club to take over the project sometime in 1988. The project stood on its link with the Brother's Brother Foundation (BBF), a Pittsburgh-based organization that supplies the books and other educational materials distributed to schools and libraries throughout the country.

No better proof is there of the project's sustainability than its uninterrupted run for 23 years. This success owes to several factors—one, our strong ties with the Brother's Brother Foundation, which supplies the books we give away; two, the support of Allied Bank, which has made available for our exclusive, rent-free use, a huge warehouse for storing and sorting out the books prior to release; and three, our link-up with Rotary Clubs from the farthest end of North Luzon to the farthest end of Mindanao.

There is a fourth, very important factor: the decision a few years ago to ask our partners to make a small donation for every book they receive—P5 for hard bound books and P3 for smaller ones—to cover expenses for freight, broker's fees and other charges, and allow us to give books to recipients who are not able to make the donation. This is the one single measure that has ensured and continues to ensure the project's sustainability. The project has also been able to conserve the seed capital given to the Club by USIS and Allied Bank, a reserve that we can tap in case of emergencies.

Since 1988, the project has distributed nearly 14.5 million books to some 50,000 schools and libraries and has logged several milestones, notably a partnership with the USAID in mid-2000's to provide 3 million books to schools in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao; a linkage with district governors initiated by PDG Sid Garcia to bring the Club's partnership with Rotary Clubs to the district level; and the expansion last year of the project to a parallel program called Computers Across the Seas (CATS) in partnership with the HMR Group to offer refurbished computers and genuine Microsoft software to eligible recipients. This last item is an initiative of BATS Chairman Jay Savage, who is the Business Development Manager of the HMR Group. This year the project plans to continue to promote the Club's partnership not only with the districts but also with individual clubs, while working directly with schools, PTAs, service organizations, and NGOs. It also intends to assist Peace Corps volunteers.



BBF books in the Philippines

In the long run, Jay envisions the further strengthening of ties with Rotary Clubs and districts. Foreseeing the demand for books outstripping supply, he sees a need to give priority to our Rotary partners "to strengthen RC Makati's leadership role and secure its stature as 'the best Rotary Club in the Philippines.'" When a project has run this long, it goes without saying that it owes many people and institutions. Jay Savage reserves the biggest thank-you for the Brother's Brother Foundation, its President, Luke Hingson, as well as its Books Coordination Manager, Carol Taylor. He also thanks the Allied Banking Corporation, especially Atty. Yollie Albano, as well as the hardworking Rotarians and staff of RC Makati—his predecessors, Dick Grott and Bud Melvin, who kept the project going for many years, and the hardworking BATS staff, Ron Dotaro, coordinator, and Sally Padilla, warehouse manager, who are helping Jay run it today.

Source - <http://www.makatirotary.org/projects/BATS.pdf>

BBF Supports the Work of Surgicorps in Bhutan

by Mario Gutierrez - Surgicorps Volunteer

One of the unique and wonderful aspects of Surgicorps is our desire to include a variety of individuals on the surgical missions to experience firsthand what we do, and interact with the people and culture of the places where we go. This past April, the team in Bhutan was composed of 28 individuals, the largest team to date. In addition to our core group of surgeons, anesthesiologists and nurses, our team included a budding young third year plastic surgery resident, a medical student from the United States and one from New Zealand, and a volunteer preparing to enter medical school. Also for the first time our Bhutan team included dentists. Dr. William Manteris, the leader of the dental team, who on his own, has traveled internationally providing volunteer dental care to those in need, joined a Surgicorps team for the first time. Willie brought a team of two young dentists who conducted educational and restorative care for more than 1,000 children and adults in several isolated rural villages during our week in Bhutan.

Our team also included a number of non-surgical volunteers like me who provide a variety of needed support services for the team. This includes everything from patient data entry and record-keeping, organizing and maintaining the supply room, entertaining and comforting kids and families before surgery, helping with patient flow during pre- and post-op clinics, and generally providing a helping hand at times when things get a bit hectic during the surgery days.

When all is said and done, Surgicorps and its growing family of volunteers is really about sharing our love for humanity and bringing smiles to the faces of those we touch — and who touch us.



On Friday, May 4th, Dr. Jack Demos and his father, Tony Demos, had the distinct pleasure to represent Surgicorps at the Tarayana Fair in Thimphu, Bhutan and to accept a Certificate of Appreciation from the Tarayana Foundation. The Foundation recognized Surgicorps' s six years of service to the Bhutanese people. They accepted this honor on behalf of the Surgicorps family

BBF supported the Surgicorps April mission to Bhutan with various medications including Amoxicillin capsules, Amoxicillin clavulanate, Ciprofloxacin, children's and infants' Ibuprofen, Naproxen, Setonet vitamins and antibiotic ointment. The donated supplies were valued at over \$19,700.

BBF and Surgicorps urges anyone who wants to volunteer for mission work in 2013 to refer to the dates below. Be sure to plan ahead and to contact the Surgicorps office with your intent as soon as possible.

January 19-26 - Ethiopia
April 12-23 - Bhutan
August 10-17 - Guatemala
September dates to be announced Zambia
November 1-12 - Vietnam

Mylan Classic Golf Tournament



BBF will be receiving donations related to the sale of gallery tickets for Mylan Pharmaceutical's golf tournament, Mylan Classic. The tournament will be played at Southpointe Golf Club, Canonsburg, PA, August 27 - September 2, 2012. To

donate, please visit <https://www.mylanclassic.com/buytix/BROTHERSBROTHER/>

Noteworthy

Giving In Honor/Memory

Did you know? You can send a donation to BBF in honor or memory of a friend or loved one and BBF staff will send a personalized note at your direction. Thus far in 2012, BBF received 129 gifts in honor or memory that totaled over \$14,900. For additional information about the BBF honor or memory cards, please call 412-321-3160 and ask for Donna.

Saints and Sinners: Save the Date

The Officers and Board of Directors of the **The Circus Saints and Sinners Club Bob Prince Tent** are proud to announce KDKA Radio 1020 AM's **MR. LARRY RICHERT**

as their

**2012 MAN OF THE YEAR
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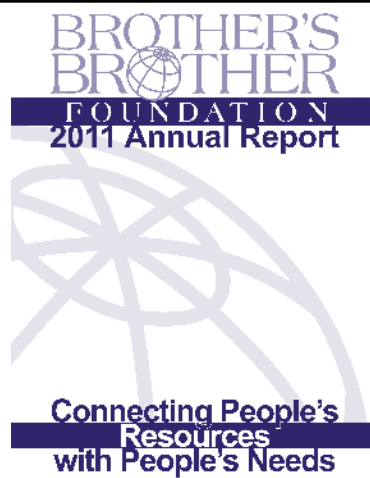
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\$75 per person - \$600 table of 8

Proceeds will benefit Brother's Brother Foundation and other charities. For reservations and for more information about the awards banquet, please call 412-276-1359

BBF Annual Report Now Online

Brother's Brother Foundation is pleased to present its 2011 Annual Report. This document is available on our website in .pdf format which will require Adobe Acrobat Reader to view. As with all of BBF's online publications, the file size will be large enough that it may take a few minutes to download on slower internet connections. The audit of BBF's 2011 financial statements and BBF's IRS form 990 are available at www.brothersbrother.org.



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 2012 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!



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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California - 100% of your donation is tax deductible. 99% of donations go toward shipping and distributing medical, educational and humanitarian resources to those in need.

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Georgia - A detailed description of BBF's programs and activities will be provided upon request.

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