

## BBF Responds to Oklahoma Tornado Disaster



related disasters in the United States during the past two years.

Brother's Brother Foundation (BBF) worked with Gleaning For The World (GFTW) to send immediate relief to those in need due to the devastating tornadoes in Oklahoma. BBF paid shipping costs for seven tractor trailer loads of relief supplies including blankets, water, shoes, cleaning supplies and baby items to Church of the Harvest in Oklahoma City.

Working with GFTW, BBF has helped to send over 40 tractor trailer loads of requested donations following Hurricane Sandy and other weather



## BBF Medical Coordinator Visits Haiti

by Ilva Letoja

BBF Medical Program Coordinator Ilva Letoja recently returned from a week-long trip to Haiti where she visited Food for the Poor (FFTP) distribution sites and beneficiaries, including 12 clinics and hospitals, that receive BBF medications. Ms. Letoja spent two days in Port-au-Prince, where she visited the FFTP Haiti warehouse, medical clinic and feeding program. FFTP is BBF's largest recipient of pharmaceuticals with shipments reaching its destinations across Central America and the Caribbean.



FFTP Haiti Distribution Director Jozeth Guillaume, FFTP Miami Gifts In Kind- International Operations Manager Javier Ramirez, BBF Medical Program Coordinator Ilva Letoja and Scott Gillenwater, physiotherapist at Hospital Bernard Mevs/Project Medishare in Port-au-Prince, Haiti

During her visit to Port-au-Prince, Ms. Letoja also visited Georges Marc Institute, a K-12 school

in Port-au-Prince whose construction was partially funded by BBF. Ms. Letoja also visited Hospital Bernard Mevs, a small but specialized hospital run by Project Medishare, that receives medical supplies and equipment from FFTP and BBF. She also visited Baptist Mission Hospital serving the suburban community of Kenscoff and reviewed supplies and pharmaceuticals from BBF.



BBF Medical Program Coordinator Ilva Letoja and pharmacist at OFATMA Hospital in Cap-Haitien, with medication donated by BBF.

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## Brother's Brother Foundation Virginia Grand Opening

You are invited to the Grand Opening of  
**Brother's Brother Foundation Northern Virginia**

2730 Prosperity Ave., Fairfax, VA 22031 - Suite #110, Dock #5  
(in the back of Prosperity Business Campus)

**Saturday, July 27, 2013, 12:00 PM\***

### Program

Welcome by B.J. Leber, Chair of the Board, BBF

Remarks by Luke Hingson, President, BBF

Remarks by Dr. Barry Byer, BBF Trustee & Founder of CrossLink International  
Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Congratulations by Local Chamber(s) of Commerce & others

A BBQ Luncheon will be served at 12:30 PM

RSVP by July 19 to [randerson@brothersbrother.org](mailto:randerson@brothersbrother.org) or phone 703-992-9210

\*If you'd like a personal tour of the warehouse and more detailed information about BBF's mission, vision and operations please arrive between 11:00 - 11:45 AM.

## Countries Served in 2013

As of July 1, 2013, BBF has shipped requested supplies to 48 countries including Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Belarus, Belize, Cameroon, Chad, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, United States of America, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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## President's Report

by Luke Hingson

Thanks to the tireless efforts of BBF's Board and staff, the first six months of 2013 were very strong. During this period, product contributions totaled \$72,820,292 and product shipments totaled \$63,884,716. Direct shipments went to people in need in 48 countries. BBF appreciates the time and effort that Trustees have given to BBF's ongoing efforts in the first half of the year.

Liam Carstens and I visited four pharmaceutical companies with BBF Trustee Bob Verscharen during May and June. Two of these companies are long-time donors Actavis/Watson and Global Impax.

BBF Trustees have been very supportive of our efforts in Virginia and we are looking forward to the grand opening of our new warehouse there on July 27th.

BBF has received many visitors over the past few weeks. News of these visits are often posted on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/BrothersBrother](http://www.facebook.com/BrothersBrother). We are expanding the work that we do in coordination with a number of new charity organizations. The photo below of Professor Sudeep Vyapan was taken recently during his visit to Pittsburgh. He is a board member of Advocates for World Health, located in Tampa, Florida. Professor Vyapan was in Pittsburgh as a guest speaker during the recent environmental conference held at Phipps Conservatory.

Representatives of the Lions Club in Paraguay also stopped by to discuss continuing work in Paraguay. BBF's previous



Professor Sudeep Vyapan, Director of HCC Sustainability at the Institute of Florida Studies and Trustee of Advocates for World Health recently visited BBF with BBF Trustee Ron Miller. During his visit, there was extensive discussion on best practices regarding the gathering and distribution of hospital supplies.

work with that organization includes shipping it fire-fighting supplies, medical supplies and equipment as well as humanitarian items such as shoes. We also discussed needs and possibilities with Universidad Maria Auxiliadora in Paraguay.



Representatives of Provider Supply Chain Partners, a Highmark Company, visited BBF to discuss the possibility of helping us help others around the world. From left: Highmark Inc. Director of Logistics and Distribution Services Ray Clegg, BBF Vice President of Medical Programs and Strategic Initiatives Liam Carstens, Highmark Inc. Director of Logistics and Distribution Douglas Kassab, Highmark Inc. Director of Logistics and Par Management Services Mike Polaski, BBF Medical Program Coordinator Ilva Letoja and BBF President Luke Hingson.



Ramon and Myraam Vargas and Norma Rozman standing with BBF Vice President of Medical Programs and Strategic Initiatives Liam Carstens during their visit to BBF in June. While here, they thanked BBF for its work with the Lions Club in Paraguay and discussed new opportunities to assist in Paraguay's medical education and medical treatment fields.

## Mission Trip Program

by Kevin Meszaros

BBF's Mission Trip Program has had a very active first half

of 2013, supplying 182 mission trip groups with 64,622 bottles and items for trips to 38 countries around the world. The period has been the busiest on record for the Mission Trip Program. One of the fastest growing groups in terms of requests has been Global Brigades, who have chapters at many universities around the country. It coordinates the efforts of the student teams at each university to send



BBF Mission Trip Coordinator Kevin Meszaros with BBF Medical Director Deborah McMahon, M.D.

more frequent medical assistance to the areas they serve. BBF is proud to be able to support Global Brigades and all the other mission trip groups that bring critical life-saving medical assistance to those who need it.

## BBF's Africa Initiative

by Liam Carsten

In the first half of 2013, BBF sent sixteen oceangoing containers and several smaller shipments to recipients in eight countries in Africa. During this period, BBF donated the contents of five containers to Liberia where BBF collaborated with Global Health Ministries (GHM) on a shipment of medical equipment and supplies to be shared by Phebe, Curran and Ganta Hospitals. BBF also worked with CHUMA International to ship one container each to St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital, Redemption Government Hospital and ELWA Hospital, all in Monrovia. BBF also shipped from Pittsburgh a container of lab equipment, hospital beds, scrubs and supplies to Martha Tubman Memorial Hospital in Zwedru, Liberia.

Also from the Pittsburgh warehouse, BBF partnered with ADRA International to send a container of medical equipment and supplies to recipients in Ghana and a container of medical supplies with a water purification system to Northern Kenya. Additionally, BBF provided two birthing tables and one operating room table to Bongolo Hospital in Gabon following a visit to BBF by Dr. Kier Thelander, the program director for the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons. BBF also sent a container of equipment and supplies to Gisenyi Hospital with Operation USA in California and Go Beyond the Cross in Rwanda. In June, BBF and the Medical Benevolence Foundation donated a container of purchased operating room equipment and medical supplies to be distributed to hospitals in Malawi.

BBF sent three oceangoing containers filled with needed medical supplies and purchased medical equipment to Zimbabwe during the first six months of 2013. Two containers of purchased operating room tables and pallets of gloves and other supplies were received by BBF's partner, the Zimbabwe Association of Church-related Hospitals, which will be distributed to member institutions. The third container was shipped with GHM and will be shared by a number of hospitals.

BBF has sent four oceangoing containers to Tanzania so far in 2013, with two each going to the Catholic Archdiocese of Arusha and the Diocese of Moshi. Both of these groups represent networks of hospitals and clinics that benefit directly from the items sent by BBF.

BBF plans to ship approximately 25 containers of requested medical items to hospitals, clinics and other institutions in more than six countries in Africa throughout 2013.

## Mission Trip Program 2013

As of July 1, 2013, BBF supplied 182 mission trips to 38 countries.

## Global Medical Brigades, University of California, Davis in Honduras

June 2013

We just returned from our June trip to Honduras. Our mission was made possible by Brother's Brother Foundation's generous



donation. We set up a medical clinic in the community of Mata de Platano. Many of the patients that came to the clinic had traveled for hours by foot, and several had waited over 24 hours for the chance to see a doctor.

Our clinic consisted of around eight physicians of varying nationalities (American, Cuban, and Honduran), several dentists, a pharmacist and 34 student volunteers.

Throughout the day we all rotated through triaging the patients, working in the pharmacy, observing the doctors and working on public health with the community members. Patients from the host and neighboring communities

had the opportunity to see a physician and interact with a licensed pharmacist.

Global Medical Brigades at UC Davis would like to thank everyone at Brother's Brother for helping us accomplish our mission of providing access to medical services in rural areas like in Mata de Platano. We have attached several photos from our trip. Thank you for your generosity.

Best Regards,

Global Medical Brigades at UC Davis--Honduras Brigade



## Women for Women of Sierra Leone

June 2013

Thank you BBF, for continuing to send again and again to the African country of Sierra Leone, so that we can continue to provide free health care and free education to the many poor and less fortunate. The nearly 500 bottles of medicines were greatly appreciated.

Women for Women of Sierra Leone USA (WWSL) would not have been able to continue its ongoing first-rate work without your sacrifice. Since the 1990's, you have continued to actively participate, sending to Sierra Leone, being our brothers' and sisters' keepers, so that they too can rise up and walk.

Your active participation means a life extension for our brothers and sisters in Sierra Leone, who are still inwardly and outwardly

suffering from the aftermath of the blood diamond war. Active participation means our young girls, especially, in the Eastern and Northern provinces of Sierra Leone, can continue to receive free education, become educated and cut down on the myth of our "young girls being property of men."

Thank you again, to all who have actively participated, sharing your time, your talent, and your wherewithal, so that WWSL humanitarian work throughout Sierra Leone can continue.

Women for Women of Sierra Leone



## Global Medical Brigades, University of Pittsburgh in Honduras

May 2013

Brother's Brother Foundation generously donated medicine which helped make our mission trip to Honduras this year an incredible success.



In our one week brigade we saw 900 patients and helped people with a host of problems from diabetes and hypertension to neurofibromatosis and hepatitis.

Once again thank you so much for your generous donation.

Amy O'Donnell,  
Global Medical Brigades at University of Pittsburgh

## Operation Straight Spine in India

April 2013

Our trip to Kolkata, India was a huge success! We performed

14 surgeries in nine days. It was exhausting, but well worth it. There is nothing better than the smiles on those children's faces. I would



like to extend my thanks and gratitude, as this trip would not have been possible without your help. Thanks again BBF for everything and I look forward to working with you again as next year's trip is already in the planning stages.

Sincerely,  
Johanna Ziegler

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## BBF Medical Coordinator Visits Haiti (continued)



Father Geordani, head of ASAP of the Catholic Diocese of Cap-Haitien, standing by medications donated by BBF in ASAP's warehouse.

Ms. Letoja also spent a few days in Cap-Haitien, where she visited an organization named ASAP, the main recipient of BBF medications in Haiti, and met with Msgr. Kébreau, the Archbishop of Cap-Haitien. ASAP is run by the Catholic Archdiocese of Cap-Haitien and supports a number of rural clinics and dispensaries as well as urban hospitals. Ms. Letoja was impressed by ASAP's facilities and the valuable work done there in the community ASAP serves. While in Cap-Haitien, Ms. Letoja visited nine clinics and hospitals that receive much-needed medicines from BBF.

Among the facilities visited was a small clinic in Shada, a densely-populated slum in Cap-Haitien, which serves a community of over 25,000 people and provides them with basic health care and free medications. Ms. Letoja was pleased to make a small monetary donation on behalf of BBF to the clinic.



BBF Medical Program Coordinator Ilva Letoja and Monsignor Kébreau, the Archbishop of Cap-Haitien



## New BBF Intern Ross Brown

Ross Brown, our summer intern, is a senior at Colgate University, located in Hamilton, New York. Ross is pursuing a double major in history and philosophy. He is also the president of the university's model United Nations society. In his spare time, Ross plays the trombone and intramural hockey. Ross is eager to learn about the day-to-day operations of an international organization. He plans to become a lawyer focusing on international or criminal law.

## Save the Dates

**Mylan Classic**  
Golf Tournament  
July 29 - August 4, 2013

Southpointe Golf Club  
360 Southpointe Blvd  
Canonsburg, PA 15317  
<http://www.mylanclassic.com/>

**Surgicorps**  
**A Night on the Town**  
Dinner, Auctions & More!  
Friday, October 4, 2013

Sponsored by W. G. Tomko, Inc.  
Sheraton Station Square  
300 W. Station Square Dr.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
Tickets at [lesposto@surgicorps.org](mailto:lesposto@surgicorps.org)  
or 412-767-4185

### Brother's Brother Foundation Thanks:

H.J. Heinz Retired Volunteers  
Allegra Print & Imaging, Pittsburgh

## 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. In 2013, BBF received 161 gifts in honor or memory that totaled over \$12,213. For additional information about the BBF honor or memory cards, please call 412-321-3160 and ask for Donna.

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