Brother’s Brother Foundation & Gleaning For The World Respond to Flooding in Missouri

Brother’s Brother Foundation (BBF) is working with Gleaning For The World (GFTW) in the aftermath of the recent flooding in Missouri. In response to this disaster, GFTW is delivering 7,000 bottles of water, 30,000 blankets and other supplies to Neosho, Missouri. The press is estimating 20,000 people are displaced at this point with additional rain and possibly additional flooding on the way. This is expected to be a record-setting flood with ten rivers overflowing. GFTW expects to ship several tractor-trailer loads of water and blankets to a FEMA warehouse to be distributed by the Adventist Disaster and Relief Agency and churches in the area.

BBF Thanks Its Many Wonderful Volunteers

BBF was the fortunate recipient of 3,350 donated volunteer hours in 2016. Of this total, 2,400 hours were given to BBF by volunteers at BBF’s National Capital Area (BBF-NCA) warehouse. The Independent Sector recently announced that the latest value of a volunteer hour is $24.14 - a 2.5% increase from 2015’s value. That figure, estimated from data collected in 2016, shows the incredible contributions volunteers make to our communities and our country.

Currently, 63 million Americans volunteer about eight billion hours of their time, talent and effort annually to improve people’s lives and the natural world. With the new value of volunteer time, these Americans are contributing approximately $193 billion to our nation annually.

Over the past several years volunteers have played a major role in BBF-NCA’s operations. The tons of medical supplies generously donated by regional healthcare providers requires an enormous amount of time and labor to sort and prepare for shipment.

BBF’s Pittsburgh office has recently welcomed a new kind of volunteer. Working with VOCWorks, a number of Pittsburgh-based Giant Eagle supermarket employees have joined the BBF team on a short-term basis. These individuals have been able to volunteer at BBF while they are on light duty assignments. Pictured below are Ratan and Bhim, both members of the Nepalese community in Pittsburgh, who have brought smiles, laughter and hours of work to the sorting room.

Recent BBF Events

On Saturday, April 1st, Brother’s Brother had the honor of receiving the 2017 Jim Wilmut Humanitarian Award from the Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH). BBF and CCH have been working together closely in responding to the ongoing aftermath of Hurricane Matthew across Haiti.

The BBF Pittsburgh Young Professional’s Board held a delightful event on the evening of April 12th. In celebration of National Grilled Cheese Day, a happy hour friend-raiser was held at The Yard in Market Square in Pittsburgh. A few dozen individuals joined the group to get to know BBF better and share in the simple joy of the childhood favorite. The event was the first for the group this year.

Countries Served in 2017

In the first four months of 2017, BBF shipped requested supplies to 38 countries including Argentina, Belize, Bhutan, Cameroon, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Fiji, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Kenya, Kosovo, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Ukraine, United States of America, Vietnam and Zimbabwe.
President’s Report
by Luke Hingson

In the first four months of 2017, product contributions totaled $28,236,397 and product shipments totaled $41,513,083. Direct shipments and missiontrip support went to people in need in 36 countries.

In coming medical donations for the four-month period are valued at $25,271,827, which includes 528,956 bottles and tubes of medicine. To date, BBF’s Medical Program sent 30.5 shipping containers of assistance to countries in need. BBF’s Education Program sent eight shipping container equivalents holding more than 69 tons of library books, textbooks and teaching materials.

Recently, Dr. Boniface Mobit Fogwe, Director of Health Services Presbyterian Church in Cameroon (PCC Health Services), and Dr. Ngoe Anthony Nesoah, Director of Surgical Services for the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, visited BBF staff and volunteers in both BBF locations. The goal of their visit was to develop a closer partnership between PCC Health Services and BBF. Dr. Fogwe reported, “Today I have addressed the volunteers, thanking them for the great work they do to support us and many other Christian faith-based church hospitals in Africa and the third world.”

BBF supported the Presbyterian Church’s medical work in Cameroon in 2017 with a shipment of hospital beds. Health services are provided by the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon through three hospitals, three health complexes and nineteen health centers. Dr. Nesoah stated, “The need is great; however, I am very convinced we in the PCC have found in the Brother’s a family we can work with to see our dream of upgrading our health services to be able to serve our people better.”

The doctors also visited BBF partners CHOSEN in Erie, Pennsylvania and Medwish in Cleveland, Ohio.

BBF Supports a West Virginia House Rebuilding Project

In the immediate aftermath of the devastating flooding last summer in Rainelle, WV, Brother’s Brother responded with water and cleaning supplies. Providing for the first needs of community members as they begin the back-breaking work of recovering from a flood is critical work that BBF was proud to be able to share with its neighbors. The long-term recovery of the region will take years to complete, but this spring BBF was honored to be able to assist just a little more. A team of alumni, students, parents and friends from Baldwin High School near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, traveled to Rainelle to help build a new home for a family displaced by the flooding. This team, led by retired teacher Richard Yount, gave up their spring breaks to travel to Rainelle and work on the project. Over the ten days that team members were there, a tremendous amount of work was completed.

BBF-NCA Report
by David Holdsworth

BBF-NCA had a very active first quarter in 2017. With the support of the BBF-NCA Advisory Council, BBF Trustee Amy Hammer hosted an informational evening on the Foundation’s work at the Bethesda Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland. Clark Seipt, Executive Director of Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH), spoke about the impact of BBF’s support to CCH in response to the destruction following Hurricane Matthew in Haiti.

Medical Materials Collection

In each of the first four calendar months of 2017, BBF picked up more than 30 donations from hospitals or other material donors. BBF-NCA received large donations from 29 donors in the first quarter totaling 129,818 pounds. Donations of medical supplies and equipment came from top donors Inova Fairfax, MedStar Southern Maryland, University of Maryland Medical Center, IMA World Health, and the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association.

Medical Supply Shipments

BBF-NCA has packaged 71 mission trip shipments in the first quarter of 2017. Haiti, Dominican Republic and Honduras were top destinations. BBF-NCA shipped seven forty-foot containers in the first quarter of 2017. Two were sent to Haiti in partnership with the Medical Benevolence Foundation. BBF-NCA also sent containers to the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Nigeria.

New BBF Staff

BBF welcomes Erik Ryan and Carolyn Santora to the BBF Pittsburgh staff. Erik is BBF’s new Executive Director of Finance and we are very pleased to have Carolyn joining us as BBF’s new Administrative Assistant.
BBF-Supported Medical Mission Trips

Times Square Church Medical Mission in Haiti

The New York City-based Times Square Church medical mission team recently returned from a trip to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. With the help of 60 pounds of basic medical supplies and 139 bottles of medication donated by BBF, the team provided medical and vision care to more than 300 patients at the Clinique Sur Appel De Delmas.

University of Florida Foundation in Ecuador

In the first four months of 2017, BBF supplied 126 medical mission trips to 35 countries.

Solid Rock International in the Dominican Republic

The Oklahoma-based medical mission team, Solid Rock International, recently returned from a medical mission trip to the Clinica Christiana in San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic. With the help of 97 pounds of medical supplies and more than 200 bottles of medication donated by BBF, the Solid Rock team provided medical and dental care to more than 600 patients, including 81 surgical operations.

Global Smile Foundation in Ecuador

Massachusetts-based Global Smile Foundation recently reported on its medical mission trip to Hospital Leon Becerra in Guayaquil, Ecuador. This fantastic team of volunteers provided dental care to hundreds of patients, including 83 cleft palate surgeries and 700 other dental procedures and cleft services. BBF contributed 60 bottles of medication to this mission, continuing a relationship that has helped thousands over the past 29 years.

Gateway Medical Society Mission to Haiti

Gateway Medical Society, based in Pennsylvania, recently went on a medical mission trip to the House of David Community Health Center and two nearby schools in Thomassin, Haiti. BBF provided medical supplies to the effort which provided medical and vision care to more than 200 patients.

Samuel Merritt University in Panama

A medical mission team from Samuel Merritt University in Oakland, California, recently reported on its trip to the Hands for Americas Clinic in Batata, Panama. With the help of 61 pounds of medical supplies and 558 bottles of medication contributed by BBF, the team provided medical care to roughly 450 patients.

BBF’s Mission Trip Program in 2017

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60th Anniversary Galas in 2018

It’s hard to imagine, but Brother’s Brother will be turning 60 in 2018. We’re planning two gala events to celebrate this milestone.

The first will be held in the NCA area at the Inova Conference Center on May 19th. Our second event will be held in Pittsburgh at the Heinz History Center on September 20th. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend one or both of these events as we celebrate 60 years of BBF’s work.

If you would like to join the planning or host committees for either event please contact Karen Dempsey, our VP of Development. She can be emailed at mail@brothersbrother.org or reached by phone at 412-321-3160.

BBF Supports Circus Saints and Sinners Club Man of the Year 2017

Dr. Joseph Maroon, M.D. is a busy man! He serves as clinical professor and Vice Chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC). He is a Heindl Scholar in Neuroscience, the team physician for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Chief Medical Advisor to World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE). The Circus Saints and Sinners Club of America, Bob Prince Tent (CS&S) is recognizing his many amazing accomplishments by naming him its 2017 Man of the Year!

The CS&S will be holding its annual dinner on July 17, 2017 at the LaMont Restaurant in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania celebrating the incredible work of the year’s incredible individual, with proceeds benefitting Pittsburgh charities such as the Chuck Noll Foundation for Brain Injury Research and BBF.

For more information, contact Anthony DiNardo at 412-431-6971.

The Nyadire Connection

Save the Date

The Nyadire Connection (TNC), will be holding a friend-raising event at BBF Pittsburgh and Calvary United Methodist Church located on Pittsburgh’s North Side on Thursday, September 21, 2017, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. TNC is a faith-based, non-profit organization that supports a United Methodist Mission in Nyadire, Zimbabwe, offering aid to a hospital and rural clinics, primary and secondary schools, an orphanage and many other services to the community. TNC will showcase its relationship with BBF, sending ocean container shipments to Nyadire. Please join us for more about TNC, appetizers and desserts at both locations. Guests will walk from one location to the other mid-evening. Tickets will be sold for $25. For more information, please contact Deborah Little at 412-562-3923.

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