BBF is Responding to Hurricane Harvey

BBF is working with Concord, Virginia-based Gleaning For The World (GFTW) following the effects of Hurricane Harvey in the United States. GFTW, with the help of BBF, positioned seven tractor trailer loads of cleaning supplies, food, clothing, shoes, and bottled water sent to nonprofits for distribution in the Houston, Texas area. Based on continuing needs, additional tractor trailer loads will follow BBF is sending medical supplies including face masks to colleague charity, Medical Bridges, based in Houston, Texas. Donated funds will be used for shipping and to purchase other relief supplies. Your help is needed. Please go to www.brothersbrother.org/ donate or send a check to BBF at 1200 Galaveston Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15233.

BBF Staff and Trustee in Malawi

by BBF Chair Charles Stout & BBF COO Ozzy Samad

The third week in July was a very exciting time as it provided both of us with an opportunity to visit our partner hospitals in Malawi, Africa while we were in country for a build for Habitat for Humanity. The trip was both educational and instrumental in helping further cement relationships on BBF’s behalf.

Our first hospital visit began with an early morning tour of the Mulanje District Hospital (MDH), facilitated by Charles and Deliwe Chukuwo. Charles serves as the Malawi in-country liaison and friend of BBF. Deliwe is the Head Nurse at MDH. The tour led by Dr. Pempho Nyangulu, the District Medical Officer, gave us an excellent perspective into the services offered by MDH and the challenges it faces in having inadequate facilities, poor equipment and a lack of pharmaceuticals. Dr. Pempho gratefully recognized the ongoing lifesaving impact of BBF’s donations. The Solar Panels being provided by BBF in partnership with Southminster Church of Mt. Lebanon, Pittsburgh, PA, were of exceptional significance given the regular electricity outages – one of which resulted in the loss of a 17-month-old baby on the operating table in the weeks prior to our visit.

We followed up with a late afternoon meeting with Dr. Khuliena Kabwere, the District Health Officer and most senior medical staff member at the hospital. Dr. Kabwere gave us an on-camera overview of MDH and spoke extensively about the challenges faced in offering services to a regional population of over 600,000 people and BBF’s critical role in supporting the hospital.

The following afternoon we visited the Mulanje Mission Hospital (MMH) and delivered a bone saw and drill, step-down transformers and an X-Ray machine part that we had brought from Pittsburgh to the hospital administrator, Dr. Ruth Shakespeare.

A tour of the very nicely kept facilities then followed led by the hospital matron. Dr. Shakespeare pointed out items and supplies that were donated by BBF and expressed much appreciation for our partnership. Of particular note were the highly regarded goose-neck examination lamps, along with beds and mattresses that were being fully utilized. The mattresses were covered with sheets of vinyl sent by BBF and locally tailored to form a perfectly sealed fit. Dr. Shakespeare spoke eloquently on camera about the hospital’s history, its needs in general and how she saw our relationship growing in the future.

Our last visit was to St. Joseph’s Hospital, run under the leadership of Sister Mercy Kanyumbu. St. Joseph’s is an immaculate red brick facility that has its origins as an orphanage. Sister Mercy was very appreciative of the suits we brought via BBF’s Hand Carry Program. She gave us a tour of the hospital and very proudly showed the autoclave that was sent by BBF.

The other notable items included sheets sent via cooperative shipments with the Franciscan Sisters in Independence, Missouri, hospital beds, mattresses and much utilized goosenack lamps.

After our tour of St. Joseph’s Hospital, we set out to the airport for our long journey back home!

West Virginia Rebuilding Project

by Richard Yount

Decorated Vietnam War veteran and flood survivor Guy Adams of Rainelle, West Virginia received the keys to his new home on July 26th in a ceremony that included the dedication of three other new homes for their respective families. Pittsburgh volunteers Patty Joy, Chuck DeSabato and Richard Yount represented the group of 30 relief workers from the Pittsburgh area who completely framed the house from a bare concrete block foundation over the course of five days during the second week of April 2017.

The BBF-sponsored project, partnering with Appalachia Service Project (ASP), provided Mr. Adams and his granddaughter with accompanying live-in room and bedroom furniture, washer and dryer and kitchen appliances—all replacements for those items lost in the June 2016 flood that devastated the area. An additional and completely unplanned, addition to this home was a flag pole with accompanying American/POW-MIA flags to honor Mr. Adams’ service to his country, designed and installed by the volunteers.

ASP and the Greater Greenbrier Long-Term Recovery Committee has built and turned over 30 homes in the ten months following the flood. The group has additional 118 in progress for construction.

Mr. Adams’ home was made possible through the generosity and hard work of Pittsburgh-area donors and relief workers.

Countries Served in 2017

In the first seven months of 2017, BBF shipped requested supplies to 50 countries including Argentina, Belize, Bhutan, Bolivia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Liberia, Malawi, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Ukraine, Uganda, United States of America, Vietnam, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
President’s Report
by Luke Hingson

In the first seven months of 2017, product contributions totaled $50,506,041 and product shipments totaled $55,217,148. Direct shipments and mission trip support went to people in need in 50 countries.

Incoming medical donations for the seven-month period are valued at $47,517,165, which includes 1,054,024 bottles and tubes of medicine. In the same period, BBF’s Medical Program sent 59.5 shipping containers of assistance to countries in need while BBF’s Education Program sent six shipping container equivalents holding more than 71 tons of library books, textbooks and teaching materials.

BBF is proud to celebrate with BBF’s Director of Africa and Programmatic Initiatives Neal Walker who was recognized as one of the Pittsburgh Business Times’ 30 Under 30. Neal has been with BBF for just over a year and has championed our work across Africa. Additionally, his work to improve our processes and measure our impact will help BBF to better serve the needs of patients around the world.

Late June brought BBF staff to the Rotary International Youth Service Summit at LaRoche College near BBF. This program brought young people interested in serving their world together to learn best practices and skills. BBF was honored to be among the organizations invited to participate and provide information to these ambitious young people.

In late July, the Circus Saints and Sinners Club of America, Bob Prince Tent honored Dr. Joseph Maroon as its 2017 Man of the Year. It was a wonderful event for a well deserving individual. Dr. Maroon serves as clinical professor and Vice Chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He is a Heindl Scholar in Neuroscience, the team physician for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Chief Medical Advisor of World Wrestling Entertainment. As a result, the Saints and Sinners made a $5,000 donation to BBF. Many thanks for its generous support.

In late August BBF was pleased to welcome Mark Khouri and Javier Ramirez, our long-time partners from Food for the Poor, to our Pittsburgh offices. While here, the organizations collaborated on various projects to better the lives of those we serve in Latin America and the Caribbean.

BBF-National Capitial Area Report
by David Holdsworth

The NCA office has had a busy summer. Averaging more than 30 medical facility pick-ups each month, the staff has been working diligently to sort and inventory an enormous volume of medical supplies. Aiding in this effort were two summer interns Trevor and Anthony who are both preparing to return to school in late August. During the summer BBF-NCA sent 12.5 ocean going containers to our international partners.

Many visitors have dropped by over the summer. Some have come to learn more about what we do and others to forge deeper partnerships with BBF and their work on the ground. Notably, the former Ambassador to Nigeria visited with our friend Bobby Smith of Hope for Lives in Sierra Leone in early June. During and around the Christian Connections for International Health conference we had several visitors. The conference, held July 13-15 at Johns Hopkins University, was attended by several BBF staff members. Amongst the friends we caught up with were the leadership of the Pan African Christian Hospital Network who took the time to visit our facility in Merrifield and discuss ways that BBF can leverage our resources to improve health across the African continent.

Over the last year BBF-NCA has developed an ever-deepening partnership with George Mason University (GMU). Our office is located just minutes from campus and we’ve been honored to work with interns, student volunteers and student groups over the last year. On July 26th BBF-NCA staff traveled to campus with surgical room supplies to be sorted. Over 20 members of the University Life Staff folded and packed gowns and drapes. Many thanks to GMU for this continued partnership.

In September, the BBF-NCA office will host an event for many of BBF’s charity partners from across the United States who will be attending a conference of the Medical Surplus Alliance. The conference will highlight the coordinated efforts of medical supply organizations.

BBF-NCA invites volunteers in the Fairfax/Falls Church Virginia area to call Richard Goddard at 703-992-9210 to arrange a weekday schedule for sorting medical supplies. BBF recently received this note from a volunteer who participated in this activity.

I just went to my last night of volunteering with my church group at Mosaic District Church and wanted to say thank you! I hate that I am moving and will no longer be able to come to any of the Wednesdays.

I have looked forward to those evenings and trying to go through as many pallets as possible. Richard is wonderful. He is always so kind and he made it fun for all of us. It was quite an adventure opening the boxes and seeing what we would find.

I just wanted to say thank you for the work you do and allowing me to volunteer.

Sincerely,
Kandace Roe

Report from Zimbabwe

BBF Trustee Drew Harvey was in Zimbabwe for two weeks in August 2017 visiting the Nyadire United Methodist Mission Hospital. Over the years, BBF has supported the facility, often with the help of partner organization The Nyadire Connection, with medical supplies and equipment including hospital beds, surgical tools and exam tables. BBF takes great pride in supporting the medical professionals of the Nyadire United Methodist Mission Hospital, enhancing their already significant contribution to improved health care in northeastern Zimbabwe.
BBF-Supported Medical Mission Trips

Global Health Education Outreach in Cameroon

Matuh Ntumngia Awunti, President and Founder of Global Health Education Outreach, recently went on a medical mission trip to Cameroon to educate, raise awareness and distribute medical supplies to remote hospitals and clinics in the northwest region of the country. In preparation, she stopped by BBF to pick up a donation of 149 bottles of pharmaceuticals and intraocular lenses that are used in cataract surgeries as well as 41 pounds of medical supplies. Some of these supplies will be delivered to the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon Health Services, an organization BBF has worked with several times in 2017 as part of its Africa Medical Initiative.

Nanka School Project’s Mission Trip to Nigeria

BBF supported the Georgia-based Nanka School Project’s recent medical mission trip to the Ofubobi Maternal and Child Hospital in Agbiligba, Nigeria with a donation of medical supplies and 195 bottles of medication. Over ten days, the team provided free medical care, which included blood sugar tests, screening for eye diseases and dispensing free medication, supplements and reading glasses to about 400 patients.

World of Hope’s Mission Trip to the Philippines

BBF supported Tennessee-based World of Hope’s recent medical mission trip to Philippines with a donation of 860 bottles of medication. The team put this medicine to use, providing medical care to more than 500 patients at Balogo, Calatrava in the Romblon province and Isla Pegado, Philippines. A majority of the patients, many who received treatment for asthma, allergies, diabetes and hypertension, mentioned that they had not seen a medical professional in years.

Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders

BBF recently cultivated a continued partnership with the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders. This program, which began in 2014, is the flagship program of President Obama’s Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) that “empowers young African leaders through academic coursework, leadership training, mentoring, networking, professional opportunities and support for activities in their communities.”

The fellows are between the ages of 25-35 and represent 48 countries across Sub-Saharan Africa. They are leaders in public service, business, civil society, healthcare, education, agriculture, human rights and technology. While in the U.S., they participate in academic and leadership institutes at different colleges and universities. Duquesne University in Pittsburgh hosted 25 of the 1,000 fellows accepted this year.

Thanks to ongoing partnerships with GlobalPittsburgh, Coro Pittsburgh and Duquesne University, many of BBF’s staff attended networking events with the fellows during the month of July 2017. It was a great opportunity to engage and see how we can better assist their countries.

Despite their full schedules, the fellows involved in the healthcare, public health and/or non-profit sector made it a point to visit our Pittsburgh facility on two separate occasions. This gave us the opportunity to speak with them one-on-one and to discuss how BBF can provide support to their future endeavors.

For some of the fellows who have returned home, BBF-NCA was able to provide medical supplies through BBF’s hand-carry program. We look forward to continuing and growing this partnership with the fellows who have since returned home and with the fellows who will participate in the program for years to come.
Pittsburgh and Calvary United Methodist Church located on Pittsburgh’s North Side

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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 the first seven months of 2017, BBF received 126 gifts in honor or memory totaling $13,532. For additional information about BBF honor or memory cards, please call 412-321-3160.

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