

FIELD NEWS



HURRICANE DORIAN



Hurricane Dorian, one of the most powerful storms ever recorded, devastated the Bahamas leaving tens of thousands of homes and businesses destroyed. Relief aid experts stress that there are immediate emergency needs required before the long journey of rebuilding begins. It's no secret that water, food, medical care, clothing, and shelter are essential for the Bahamas' hardest hit communities. At Brother's Brother Foundation we realize there's so much more that's lost and that's needed in this crisis. That's why Brother's Brother Foundation is partnering with several organizations in the Bahamas.

One of our partners is Puerto Rico Rises. This grassroots network facilitated the generous gifts of thousands in donated goods being delivered to those impacted by Hurricane Maria in 2017. As Hurricane Dorian moved over the Caribbean last weekend, those recipients are choosing to help others in that same spirit. BBF and Puerto Rico Rises are facilitating the donations of thousands of relief items from Puerto Ricans to the Bahamians affected this summer. We know this is a long-term effort. After Hurricane Floyd, Abaco Island took many years to rebuild, so BBF and our partners are committed to getting the islands and its residents back to normal. Your donation to BBF will help turn the tide in supporting all efforts and preparing to rebuild.

WORLD WATER WEEK

By Lauren Colella



As the new coordinator of the WASH (Water, Hygiene, and Sanitation) program at Brother's Brother Foundation, I am very excited about the opportunity to expand our impact and utilize BBF's capacities in order to ensure that more people around the world have access to clean water and quality sanitation services. With outbreaks of diseases like Ebola and Cholera expanding in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East, the time to act is now. My hope is that Brother's Brother can coordinate with members of affected communities in order to provide sustainable solutions that are accessible to all.

During the final week of August, I had the pleasure of attending World Water Week, a conference generously hosted annually by SIWI, the Stockholm International Water Institute. World Water Week is focused on the United Nations' Agenda 2030, specifically the Sustainable Development Goal 6, which is to "ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all." Groups from around the world came together to learn and share their findings from work in the WASH sector.

Throughout the conference, I met a diverse group of change makers working in the WASH sector in order to explore the types of interventions they are implementing. Among these were representatives from SIWI, One Drop, Swiss Fresh Water, Water4, WaterAid, and Splash, as well as others. Each had a unique perspective and area of expertise and contributed to the contextualization of a broad and expansive sector.

I made an effort to learn about each of the actors in the WASH sector with whom I came in contact. Talking to the program's director at Splash, Mike Kollins, I learned in depth about its work in South Asia and Ethiopia. Splash's work in schools and orphanages emphasizes the importance of hygienic behavior change in maintaining health and preventing disease. Their implementation of filtration systems, handwashing stations, and educational materials ensures that children in public schools do not suffer from avoidable diseases.

Over the course of five days, I attended over fifteen seminars related to different aspects of the WASH sector. These seminars included information from the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Inter-American Development Bank, PepsiCo Foundation, and SIWI as well as researchers and government representatives from Uganda, Ethiopia, Finland, Sri Lanka, and Sweden, among others.

The more I listened, the more I realized that each organization's actions do not exist in a vacuum, but contribute in unique, meaningful ways to the context through which we understand the WASH sector. Clearly, non-profit organizations, governments, research institutions, and policy influencers must work together to ensure that the maximum amount of aid can reach beneficiaries.

Looking forward, there will be opportunities for us to utilize the existing resources of potential new partners in order to expand our impact. As BBF begins to strategize plans for implementing a WASH program, we are excited to be at the forefront of sustainable planning and solutions.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Ozzy Samad

While fortunately not causing a major amount of damage to Puerto Rico or the U.S. mainland, as we have seen from extensive news coverage, Hurricane Dorian absolutely devastated Abaco Island in the Bahamas. BBF is working with a number of organizations to aid in the recovery and rebuilding efforts in the affected areas. This includes evaluating the needs on the ground as we implement BBF E-4 Disaster Response Program under Sarah Boal's lead.

BBF has received needs assessments directly from the Bahamas Ministry of Health and through our partners, some of whom are listed below. For your review, we have summarized the current status of our Hurricane Dorian response below.

I. Implementation Partners and Response:

- 1. Food for the Poor** - Food for the Poor (FFTP) intends to work through the Diocese of Nassau to distribute both medicine and supplies. We have made an offer of antibiotics and hypertensives and are awaiting a response. BBF is in almost daily discussions with FFTP as to the island's evolving needs.
- 2. Puerto Rico Rises Sara Lopez** - BBF worked extensively with Sara Lopez of Puerto Rico Rises (PRR) after the hurricanes of 2017. PRR has collected relief supplies in both Puerto Rico and Florida. PRR has four containers staged in PR and twelve in Florida. We intend to assist with the shipment of some of the collected supplies to the Bahamas.
- 3. Luis Garraton, Inc.** - Luis Garraton, Inc. was instrumental in our response to the hurricanes in Puerto Rico and has offered to utilize their business relationships in the Bahamas to help with distribution of supplies and material.
- 4. Bahamas Ministry of Health** - BBF is working directly with the Ministry of Health and has made an offer of supplies and equipment to assist with disaster relief.
- 5. Adventist Disaster Relief Agency** - BBF has had multiple discussions with ADRA and looks to collaborate with the organization in the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) areas, as we formulate a formalized response.

II. Donations received: To date, BBF has received approximately \$90,000 in Dorian designated funds. Additionally, we may utilize up to \$20,000 of funds remaining from the previous Eden Hall E-4 donation for disaster relief efforts. Given the scope of the disaster, your continued generosity in assisting us financially to respond to the disaster, would be greatly appreciated.

III. News Coverage: BBF has received considerable exposure in print media, on the radio, and on local TV, since Hurricane Dorian hit the Bahamas. Sarah Boal has been actively speaking to local media in her role as head of Disaster Response, along with interviews given by BBF Board Chair, Phil Jones, and myself.

Some of the radio and TV coverage can be found on our website at <https://brothersbrother.org/media/in-the-news/>.

Please accept our heartfelt thank you for your ongoing support regarding this and other BBF projects. Your involvement is vital to BBF's ongoing success.

Our focus at Brother's Brother is to promote sustainable development in the areas of healthcare, infrastructure, disaster response, and education.

BBF WELCOMES NEW STAFF

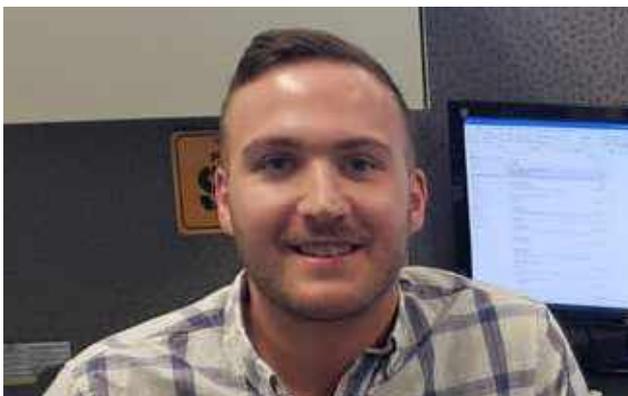
Brother's Brother Foundation is pleased to welcome four new members to our team in Pittsburgh. Their skill sets experience and enthusiasm will complement the existing team as we all work towards a better future for all of our recipients. Coming from a variety of backgrounds, Javier, D'Khorvilyn, Tanner, and Andrea will ensure that our work can be carried out more thoroughly and efficiently.



Javier Janik, Assistant Director of Disaster Response. Javier recently joined BBF after finishing graduate school at University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. His background includes working in the banking industry and being involved with a number of non-profit institutions. Javier is working with Sarah Boal to expand BBF's Disaster Response program with the intent of becoming program manager.



D'Khorvilyn Tyus, Pulse Fellow. D'Khorvilyn is a graduate of the College of Wooster in Ohio and is part of the PULSE - Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience, program. She will be with BBF for a year per the program's parameters and will be assisting Neal Walker with various projects. Some of these include evaluating online potential partner submissions and working on a cost structure analysis for a sustainable clinic proposal.



Tanner Rowe, Inventory Management and Logistics Coordinator. Tanner joined us from the Eminent Group, Inc. and has a background in transportation management. Tanner will serve as Velimir Letoja's backup for the inventory system, assist program managers in making logistical arrangements for their shipments, and coordinate the movement of supplies and equipment between various BBF locations. He is a 2016 WVU graduate.



Andrea Sibolova, Graduate Research Assistant. Andrea is a graduate of La Roche University and the University of Presov, in Slovakia. She has bachelor's degrees in International Relations and English and French language and literature. She will be working with BBF for a one-year period under the terms of the optional practical training experience program. Andrea is working with Mary Ryan to help sort and catalog BBF's supplies donations.

LOIZA EMERGENCY CLINIC IN PUERTO RICO

On behalf of the medical team that works at Loiza's Emergency Clinic, we want to thank Brother Brother's Foundation for all of your efforts and the generous donation of medical equipment and supplies to our institution. When we started working with Ms. Sissy Pham and AESARA Foundation we never thought that we could receive so much help and support. Now, thanks to both organizations, we stand in a better position to provide quality health care to our patients.

The historic events of September 2017's hurricanes were probably the most challenging times in our clinic's history. We were already struggling with budget cuts and the lack of appropriate resources to take good care of our population. That's why when we witnessed the coordination to receive the donation we were encouraged. But in our wildest dreams we never we thought that we were going to receive at once more help than ever before! And, while we still working hard to acquire additional and much needed equipment, this timely and opportune donation provided much needed immediate relief.

We look forward to continue this great collaboration for the benefit of the residents of Loiza. We are in a great deal of debt to you. So please, if you find yourself traveling to Puerto Rico, please stop by; allow us to thank you personally. Hopefully you will see for yourself the way in which the lives of many people are now better thanks to your efforts.

Cordially,
S. Encarnacion
Emergency Room Supervisor



Julia M. Nazario, Mayor of Loiza; Phil Jones, BBF Board Chair; Robert Mangino, KDKA Radio Personality; Laura Kelly, BBF Vice President of Global Partnerships and Development; Ozzy Samad, BBF President; and Neal Walker, Director of Program Development & Evaluation.

EDUCATION PROGRAM SENDS SCHOOL DESKS

by Rebecca Jones

BBF has been working with groups in St. Croix and sent a container of desks and chairs to a Seventh Day Adventist school in Christiansted. We also sent a container of school books with Life for Relief and Development to a group in Somalia. BBF most recently sent a box of books to a Peace Corps Volunteer in Samoa and to another Peace Corps Volunteer in Zambia. We received a large donation of books from St. Teresa of Avila School.

Recently, Becca Jones and Laura Kelly attended a volunteer event at George Mason University where faculty participated in making 400 hygiene kits. The kits contained towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, and lotion. The kits will be used with our Med-Surg Program. We also hosted sorting events in Pittsburgh for Axa Advisors as well as Allison Park Church where volunteers helped us sort and organize all of our medical supplies.

BBF-SUPPORTED HAND-CARRY MED-SURG TRIPS

WORLD PEDIATRIC PROJECT IN ST. VINCENT

by Melanie Snellings



Dr. Gary Tye's pediatric neurosurgery team evaluated 59 children in clinic and performed seven surgeries. The most common conditions seen by this team are congenital hydrocephalus and other spina bifida-related conditions. Surgeries provided on this trip consisted of shunt placements, shunt revisions, excision of

hemangioma and removal of titanium plates. Many islands in the Eastern Caribbean region lack resources for specialized surgical care and there is no pediatric neurosurgeon in the region, so patients and their families have to pay for travel as well as care, which they often cannot afford. World Pediatric Project and Dr. Tye work out of St. Vincent and provide free diagnostic and surgical care for children from there as well as surrounding islands.

SCALPEL AT THE CROSS IN PERU

by Danielle Ellerbe



One small child, Santiago, sustained a catastrophic leg deformity following a moto-taxi accident when he was just a few years old. As he grew, this prevented Santiago from being able to ambulate well and/or participate in recreational activities appropriate for children his age. Unfortunately, these limitations would magnify and cause him to

be marginalized by society the older he got. Thanks be to God, Santiago's life course was dramatically altered back in July 2018 following a complex surgical procedure performed by Dr. Peter Cole of Scalpel At The Cross whereby the affected limb was straightened and made functional again. Santiago returned for his one-year follow-up appointment in July 2019, and joyfully ran circles around the large field near our clinic to show us his straight and functional leg!

CIRCLE OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL IN MALAWI



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CORE VOLUNTEERS



Paula Harvey, Karen Gist, Gail Jones, and Jean Stout are a core group of volunteers that have given hours of their time to help BBF sort through the generous donations of its donors.

We're always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping BBF sort medical supplies, please contact Rebecca Jones at 412-321-3160 or sign up online at <https://brothersbrother.org/join/volunteer/>.



OUR SEAL OF TRANSPARENCY



Since its start, Brother's Brother has been dedicated to the goal of connecting people's resources to people's needs. Our organization is non-partisan, nonsectarian, and aims to help people of all ages, backgrounds, and nationalities.

Because of this, we find that it is important to be transparent in all of our endeavors. Year after year, Brother's Brother Foundation has been awarded for our efficiency and transparency, two values that we want to continue to uphold.

As supporters of BBF, you can be certain that we are using each and every donation to serve our beneficiaries around the world.

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 the first eight months of 2019, BBF received 173 gifts in honor or memory totaling \$108,637. For additional information about BBF honor or memory cards, please call 412-321-3160.

HONOR/RECOGNITION



COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

BBF's new Combined Federal Campaign number is **12228**

Brother's Brother Foundation is pleased to announce that financial support from federal employees continues. Many thanks to both our new and renewing CFC donors.

Look for BBF in the fall 2019 campaign brochure. For donors who are not government employees, please remember that some employers match individual donations. Ask about your employer's matching gifts program.

This is a great way to give to BBF.

Thank you!

