



## Moving Forward When We Feel Like We Are Standing Still

### PID On The Move

If you are a donor, a team member, staff member, someone in the program, or a volunteer, you know that PID is always moving. Whether planning trips, packing suitcases, communicating with sponsors and donors, traveling or working in the field, we are hands on; and that is what we love about our work. With the lockdown for Covid-19, we learned who PID is when we are forced to stand still. It has been a learning experience every step of way.

### PID -Alive And Well Even if Your Mail Tells You Otherwise

If you happened to have your MAILED in donation returned with a label saying, "vacant building, no forwarding address" then drove by the office and saw the "174 High Street" sign laying on the ground, please know that we are still hard at work, some remotely and some in the office! While we don't know what happened to the sign, we have figured out the mail problem.



**If you pay online** – Take no action.

**If you pay by bank check or personal check**- we strongly encourage you to switch to online donations. **Please visit [www.pidonline.org/donate](http://www.pidonline.org/donate) to set up your online payments.**

**If you do not have internet or have to mail a personal or bank check,**

***Use this address exactly as it appears below:***

**Partners in Development, PO Box 901, Ipswich, MA 01938.**

If you have questions please email [marin@pidonline.org](mailto:marin@pidonline.org).



Children in Haiti can carry many things on their heads...but using a backpack is much easier. **BACKPACK FUNDRAISER**  
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**The end of paper newsletters for PID has arrived unless you told us otherwise. A letter was sent to everyone receiving paper newsletters. For those of you who answered, you will receive the newsletter according to your designated choice. For those who did not respond, this will be your last paper newsletter. You may go to website, [www.pidonline.org](http://www.pidonline.org) and sign up to receive the newsletter via email or paper or call the office (978-380-6132).**

## Backpack Fundraiser



*Because of the fundraiser we have shipped 50 backpacks to Mississippi and 48 to Haiti. Lets keep the backpacks flying while no one else can!*

## Help us get these brand new backpacks out of the warehouse and on the backs of the kids who need them

Due to the civil unrest in Haiti we have not been able to send our annual Christmas party team for two Christmases. The Christmas party team had purchased hundreds of backpacks for all the kids sponsored in Haiti. But because no one has been able to travel to Haiti, and it looks like it will be awhile, these nice backpacks have been sitting in our warehouse! We have decided that the children deserve these nice new backpacks, but shipping is expensive. Our solution... a fundraiser! We have posted these backpacks to our Etsy site. There are two options. (1) You can make a digital donation of \$15 or other amount on the Etsy site and buy a trip to Haiti for a few backpacks. You can also request that it go to the child you sponsor, or it will go to any child in our sponsor-

ship program. (2) If you choose the purchase/send a backpack option considering **posting a photo of your backpack and tag us @partnersindevelopment on Facebook & Instagram!** You can also designate your sponsored child to be the recipient of the one that will be sent to Haiti.



**GOAL: 700 backpacks**

Check out our Facebook page for weekly updates on how many backpacks have made the trip.

## Legacy Planning for PID

Are you a long-time supporter who is worried about what the future holds for PID? Or would you like to give, but are unable to right now? Consider including PID in your estate planning. Legacy planning is a great way to continue supporting PID beyond your lifetime. You can bequeath a specific amount, a percentage, or set up a continued plan that will fulfill your giving goals after you have passed. Talk to your attorney about including PID in your estate planning to ensure the life changing work you've supported during your lifetime can continue for years to come. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (978)380-6132.



## HAITI UPDATE

On August 1st, kids returned to school make up the time they missed from their early departure in the spring. The country still is experiencing civil unrest. While Covid is a concern, the Haitians are dealing with it according to the guidelines in Haiti. The clinic remains open and is packed every day as we are the only clinic open in the area.



## Welcome Dr. Emile Ketsia

All of our PID staff would like to extend a grand welcome to our new Primary Care Physician in the Haiti Clinic. Dr. Ketsia was born in Haiti and travelled to the Dominican Republic to attend medical school. She returned to Haiti to finish up her last year of residency and one year of social requirements in order to achieve her Haitian Medical license in General Medicine. She is very dedicated to working with those whom are living in extreme poverty. Dr. Ketsia is our first female full time Physician in the Haiti clinic and has been such gracefully received by both staff and her patients. She is extremely hard working and we are happy to welcome her onboard. Welcome Dr. Ketsia!



**WELCOME DR EMILE KETSIA**

## PERU UPDATE

Currently Peru is having an upswing in Covid-19 cases. While they are on lockdown, Nelly continues to work and make sure families in the program have food. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family as they grieve for the loss of their father due to Covid-19.

## A Special Letter of Encouragement from PID HAITI to All

07/27/20

To the sponsors from the Child Sponsorship staff of Partners in Development, Haiti

Thanks to all the people who are bringing their supports to Partners in Development (P.I.D)

It is in a spirit of gratitude and pride that the sponsorship staff seizes the opportunity in this circumstantial period to say thank you to all those who decided to accompany PID and help overcome this moment despite the difficult situation in the world, especially the United States. You were never discouraged from bringing your support to the poorest. We know many social difficulties, food, health, security and you are always there to bring your support. There would never be PID without Gale, Tali and you. We never expected your support during this period which is the time of Corona's illness where it is not only Haiti but the whole world. The virus is killing many people and so many are hospitalized in the United States as far as we know.

We ask you to continue to respect what the health personnel's ask you to do, to be able to protect your life and the lives of your family. We wish the Lord continue to take good care of you and bless you and your family. We love you so much!

### GUATEMALA UPDATE

The country is still in lockdown and the kids are out of school. The Higher Ed group is working online, which is a new experience for them. Younger children are working at home with guidance from the school. PID continues to refill prescriptions for those with chronic conditions, although the clinic remains closed for check up.

### In the Spirit of the Times We Announce Our Virtual

Each year our Annual Benefit raises an average of \$45,000-50,000 helping all of our programs. We originally hoped we would be past the Covid crisis and all would be back to normal, but that didn't happen.

Watch for your invitation and directions for this new PID experience still under design by our newly formed benefit committee.

Sami Pinaud will head the committee made up of Gale, Tali, Rosita, Cherith and Aubrie.

We hope you will join in to make our benefit a success.

### MISSISSIPPI UPDATE

In Mississippi, house number 5 is under construction. The Glendora Health and Wellness Center is still closed, but we hope to be able to open one day a month starting in September. The kids summer program started out having field trips to the park in Greenwood, but had to stop all out of town trips.



**Staff cooks and feeds 40-50 kids and elderly daily in Glendora**

When Olivia Cilia, RN, Livia Donofrio, RN, Mandy McCormack, RN, and Lisa McGoldrick, RN, who are all Endicott Masters candidates, elected the Global Health in Nursing Program, no one had given any thought that we would be soon be in the midst of a pandemic. Traditionally, the intensive course work culminates in an international trip to implement a health related project designed by the students. This year would be drastically different. Scrambling for an international internship site during a pandemic was not easy, but Partners in Development, based Ipswich, MA, stepped up to the challenge. Through technology and working together with the students, ever-important health delivery and prevention could be achieved from afar. The projects developed by the four nurses focus on a village in Guatemala and children of the Mississippi delta.

Working with the staff of an existing clinic developed by PID in the southern village of Ixtapa in San Antonio, Suchitepequez, Guatemala, the nurses have developed a program focused on children in this village. Through song and a picture book, the children will be educated on basic hygiene skills that will aid in the prevention of COVID 19 and other transmissible diseases. The nurses are also developing a manual specifically designed for teams traveling to Guatemala and other locations on service trips in the future. Working collaboratively through frequent online meetings, the local staff in Guatemala has been an integral part of the planning and development of the book and music. The local staff will be responsible for implementation and will participate in evaluation. They have also helped with translation and input on the local culture.

The needs of the children of the Mississippi Delta will be addressed through a Health and Wellness Center operated by PID in Glendora, MS. In the summer, PID Mississippi routinely feeds 40-50 children and elderly people per day, but this number has increased more recently as the school district closed due to Covid-19.

The nurses will address the long term health needs of the children, such as hypertension, obesity, and poor nutrition. This will be accomplished through a cookbook designed specifically for children. The local staff will incorporate cooking lessons in the afterschool program. This will be accomplished using locally available and home grown foods using recommended nutrition guidelines. A food processor and other kitchen utensils will be donated to the after school program.

The education of the global health advanced-practice nurse addresses not only current

## Office Updates, Hours, Trips



Currently the office is open but with varying hours as most of the staff is working remotely. If you plan to come to the office please call ahead at 978-380-6132 to make sure someone is there. Masks are required, so we thank you in advance for wearing one when you visit.

Trips have been canceled through the end of 2020. Beginning in 2021, we will reevaluate on a monthly basis to project when we will reopen for team travel. Please email [in-fo@pidonline.org](mailto:info@pidonline.org) if you have any questions.



The warehouse is closed for donations at this time as we regroup and wait for teams to start traveling again. We are only accepting monetary donations at this time.

For the most current updates on PID and our work please follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

## A Sad Farewell to our Beloved Doctor Paul

We were shocked and saddened to hear our primary care physician in the Haiti clinic passed away unexpectedly. Dr. Paul was loved by so many. He worked for more than 8 years side by side with both our Haitian staff and hundreds of American medical personnel. He touched the lives of so many people, and he was so committed to his patients. When roads were blocked during the political unrest and he was unable to travel back and forth to work each day, he moved into the clinic so that he could continue to care for his patients. Dr. Paul was that type of person. He was very honorable, kind and intelligent. His big smile and laugh could light up a room. He has affected thousands of peoples lives and has left us with sadness in our hearts because not only was he an employee, coworker and a physician; but he was a friend to all. We are so grateful for the years we had working with Dr. Paul. He will not be forgotten.

## Special Acknowledgements

Kate Earl Funk gave in honor of Robin Earle  
Sara Holt gave in honor of "our dog Scout, who we lost in January—age 15"  
Twila Westermann gave in honor of John Jacob's birthday  
Brooke Toomey in honor of Joan Toomey for Mother's Day  
The Toomey Hsieh Family Fund gave in honor of Joan Toomey and Shigeko Hsieh  
Mr. & Mrs. James New, II in memory of Rev. David A Kerr  
Linda Barnes gave in honor of Lizzy's birthday  
Sandra Barnes gave "in honor of Lizzy Koah's birthday, Love Gram & Pop"  
Joan R. Galvin gave in honor of Jim & Jeanne Leffer's 50th Anniversary  
Nicole Kerr gave in honor of Robin Kerr's birthday  
**A special thank you to those who donated to our PPE fundraiser !!**



**Farewell Dr Paul . You will be missed.**

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## Covid, 19, George Floyd, and the Call to Social Justice

**By James Hull—PID co- founder and instructor in history and social justice**

The covid crisis has exposed the ugly underbelly of systemic inequality in the four regions in which PID operates. The US African American community presents no exception. Low income and historically marginalized populations with less access to social services and salubrious environments suffer greater co-morbidity factors and succumb to the virus at disproportionately higher rates. Moreover, these populations often enjoy neither the economic luxury of "sheltering in place" nor the bureaucratic status with logistical capacity to access public relief packages. These raw realities have created public awareness within PID's four regions of the need to address gross inequity and systemic injustice within their social, economic, and political institutions. Without appealing to concepts of compassion and justice, which should have motivated decades ago such remedial action, basic rationality now informs advantaged groups that the simmering vulnerabilities of any marginalized sector of their fellow citizens can threaten the viability of their whole society through disease or social unrest.

Accordingly, a public dialogue is now emerging within these four regions between parliamentarians, economic elites, and popular movements to address systemic causes of poverty and gross inequality. In the US, the recent death of George Floyd has accelerated the demand, which the covid experience had already precipitated, for such public dialogue and concrete action. As MLK insisted, racial discrimination in the criminal justice system—of which police brutality serves as merely one example—represents only a surface layer of systemic racism. The fundamental injustice roots in historical institutions of economic oppression and inequity and in the dominant cultural narratives that justify the arrangement by rendering it invisible. But covid-like events or Floyd incidents quickly undermine such narratives. When they present simultaneously, they deliver both a devastating blow to the dominant apologetic and a clarion call to correct historical injustices.-----For more about social justice struggles and the regions in which PID operates, look for the fall issue of the *PID Journal of History and Social Justice*, which I will offer online next month.