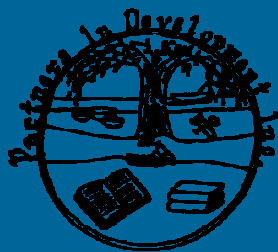


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Haiti's Hold on Lizzy: Why She's Going Back



Making a Difference Lizzy, with a family that lives in the tent city of Damien.

And return she will... we are so pleased to announce her as PID's new Assistant Field Director in Haiti. She will continue her work in the Child Sponsorship Program, as well as helping to host and lead U.S. teams. Lizzy describes her experience and desire to return:

"Ever since my first trip with PID to Haiti in 2009, Haiti has been tugging at my heart, calling me back. My experience in Haiti opened my eyes to the terrible suffering that so many people have to live through. The miserable living conditions and their lack of ability to change their situation. The sickness, death, malnourished children with swollen bellies, falling-apart tents as homes; it's impossible to see these things and not want to help so bad it hurts.

Lizzy Barnes, a recent graduate from UMASS Dartmouth, first traveled to Haiti with PID in 2009 as a volunteer on a team trip. She recently completed a four-month internship there in May 2011, and even before she left knew that she wanted to return.

"Working with PID was wonderful to be able to bring hope to so many of these families. To get children sponsored so they can go to school and get enough to eat. To build houses for those families in the most desperate of situations so they can have somewhere safe and dry to call home. Some of the most exciting times for me while I was in Haiti was going to the tent camps, Damien and Canaan, to add children to the sponsorship program. With Mr. Genois, Samuel, and Isabelle, taking a photo

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Breaking Ground in Canaan!

Tent cities were everywhere in Haiti after the earthquake of 2010. The tent-dwellers were a diverse group: people who had owned fallen houses, people who had rented houses that fell, extremely poor people (a tent being better than the house they used to live in), and people who could not access free rice or goods unless they lived in a tent. Slowly people rebuilt houses, and those who came for rice and goods took down their tents and went home when there were no more free hand-outs. But two groups remained: those who had been priced out of the rental market because of a housing shortage caused by the earthquake, and the extreme poor (still hoping beyond hope for a better life).

Damien (Dah-me-ey) is one of many tent cities that PID worked in following the earthquake. It is one of the poorest and sickest tent cities and we became committed to the families living there. It is 2 ½ miles away from our clinic and situated on a pig farm owned by the agricultural department of Haiti. Earlier this year the Haitian Government began pressuring the tent-dwellers to relocate, even though it is not legal to do so. They have also cut services to force them out, such as no longer sup-



Breaking ground for the first houses in Canaan!

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Working Hard! Lizzy and Mr. Genoio, PID's Child Sponsorship social worker in Haiti.

of a child with a number taped to his shirt, asking his parent or caretaker questions about the child and the family, and knowing that this is the beginning of so much that is going to change for this family. Knowing that by adding this family to PID's programs, they will receive money for the child's education, a small business loan so they can become economically independent, free medical care, and potentially a house.

"One of my favorite things about my time in Haiti with PID was getting to know the Haitian staff of PID and the people who are helped by PID. It was amazing how the Haitian people accepted me

with open arms. Everyone made me feel comfortable, welcome, safe, loved, at home. They took care of me like family. They were so generous, opening their hearts and lives to me. Since I arrived, everyone without exception pitched in to teach me Creole. They told me about the culture, history, shared their music, their beliefs, their lives.

"Why am I going back? It's a calling. While I was in Haiti, I realized this is what I am meant to be doing. One of my Haitian friends asked me what my dream for my life is. I told him it is to follow what God tells me to do. I told him it is to serve the extreme poor, whether it is somewhere in Africa, or right here in Haiti with PID. It was near the end of my internship when Gale first asked me if I was interested in coming back to Haiti to work for PID long-term. I couldn't believe my ears. She was serious about it and so was I. The following day I had to ask Gale to confirm that she really did ask me this, to make sure that it wasn't just a dream. I can't think of anything I'd rather do. I've seen firsthand how PID has changed so many lives, and I feel so honored and excited to now be a part of this change."

During Lizzy's time in Haiti, she became fluent in Creole and has built wonderful relationships with the PID staff, families in the programs, and many people in the surrounding communities. She will be returning to Haiti in late August. Welcome back, Lizzy!

Introducing PID's New Field Director in Guatemala



New Addition! Abby Sawyer, PID's brand new Field Director in Guatemala.

We are so pleased to announce Abby Sawyer as the new Field Director for PID in Guatemala! Abby is a recent graduate of Gordon College, where she majored in Spanish. She has experience ministering and studying abroad in Mexico and Peru and is

fluent in Spanish. She left for Guatemala July 20th and began training with Tali and Marcelin who will be returning to the U.S. later this year.

Abby says, "After my first meeting with Gale a few months ago I started finding connections with PID all over the place. I talked with many people and only heard good things about the work that is done in Haiti and Guatemala. I appreciate the method that PID uses; they truly work as a partnership with the people, not merely as a charity that gives aid and then moves on. I am someone who greatly values relationships and understands the benefits of building trust and friendship. When I went down to visit Guatemala a few weeks ago I was impressed by the sense of community that I could feel between the workers of PID and the members of the village. I am really looking forward to becoming a part of that community. I understand that I have a lot to learn and I am so thankful for this opportunity." **Bienvenido, Abby!**

Farewell to Brooke

It is with sadness that we bid farewell to Brooke Beck. Brooke worked in Haiti since the earthquake, joining PID in October 2010, and recently returned to the U.S. in June of this year. She is currently home spending time with her family. Brooke had a kind and compassionate heart for all of her patients and she will be missed by them. She worked diligently at bringing consistency of care to the clinic. Her dedication to free, quality care and her welcoming smile will be missed by the teams. We wish her the best in her future endeavors.



Opportunity in Haiti

With the departure of Brooke we are in need of a full-time U.S. medical coordinator to compliment the work of Benit, our Haitian medical coordinator. To fill this position we have developed a clinic rotation group currently consisting of three RN's (Alison Childs, Kelly Biago, and Gena Deck), with the goal of adding a fourth. They will each travel to Haiti for one week, three separate times per year. They will work on consistency and quality of care issues, maintaining and developing support contacts in Haiti, as well as developing the prenatal, hypertension, and diabetic clinics with the Haitian staff. If you are a qualified medical practitioner or administrator interested in becoming a part of this team, please e-mail Gale for more information: gale@pidonline.org

Donated Medicine

We are excited about our new partnership with World Health Partners in Maine, a medical company that donates medicine for use in our clinics. We also received a substantial grant from Vitamin Angels of over one million doses of multi-vitamins for children, as well as over 10,000 bottles of multi-vitamins for pregnant and nursing mothers!



U.S. volunteers sorting donated medicine.



Almost done! One of the first PID houses built in Canaan nears completion.

plying water and food. However people have stayed in Damien because they have

no other place to go. PID began searching for land, accepting children into our sponsorship program and teaching classes for small businesses.

PID rejected land from the government because of its desert-like conditions. There was no easy access and no water except what could be hauled up in a

bucket. This was not an ideal place for anyone to live. We learned about an area called Canaan (Ca-nah-ah), a tent city located on the face of a mountain next to highway access. There was plenty of room to build houses and relocate the people from Damien. After multiple meetings with the leaders of Canaan, we struck up a deal. PID would be able to build houses for people from Damien. We committed to a one-to-one ratio. This means we build one house for a Damien family, and one house for Canaan family. Canaan is a perfect place for future growth and development! We are in the midst of beginning multiple projects such as reforestation, providing clean drinking water, and solar energy.

CURRENT UPDATE

We are so excited to announce that in June we broke ground for the first two houses! Forty families from Damien have already been moved to Canaan in tarp houses (materials purchased by PID). Haitian Volunteers from Damien assembled them. Seventy more families are waiting to move from Damien to Canaan, pending the purchase of material for the tarp houses. This move ensure they will have their own land and soon their families will have a whole new future. Purchasing tarp house materials is \$40 per house. If you would like to donate to the 70 families waiting, please ear mark your donation "Canaan Tarp House."

Update: Tutoring Program In Guatemala

Molly Fargeorge and Ellen Craven, two interns in Guatemala who are running an intensive tutoring program, sent us this update: "The program has gotten off to a promising start. There is a formal classroom at the clinic all set-up and ready just for [the students'] use, complete with a desk for the computers, extra tables and white boards and lots of donated supplies. The eleven English and typing students seem excited and have been dedicating 6 hours a week (or more) to various learning activities, computer programs, games and conversation. They've even

spent time interacting with members of the group trips, playing games and learning songs and dances to review their new English vocabulary. During the conversation hours, they have at least one formal grammar lesson each week taught by Molly and I. They also spend several hours doing different lessons with the typing software and Rosetta Stone. Some of their other review activities include Saturday morning movies in English and scavenger hunts, as well as American card games and board games."



Pictured Left & Right: Guatemalan students working diligently in PID's new tutoring program.

Keep up the good work, Molly & Ellen!

Intern Spotlight

PID is blessed to have a wonderful group of interns that play a key role in the operation of our programs. We are excited to introduce them:

Sandra Sonley, a recent graduate from Gordon College, is going to Haiti for a year-long internship beginning September 2011. Sandra says, "For the poor, the quality of their health, education, and safety are all linked. I want to experience the practical ways that PID addresses these areas of poverty."

Nicole Moss is interning with PID in Haiti as well, and will be there for at least three months beginning September 2011. She says, "Having studied methods of international aid, I believe strongly in helping others help themselves and that is exactly what PID is all about."

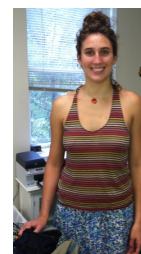
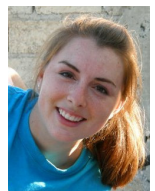
Dan Pfistner, a Junior at Gordon College, has been in Haiti since June and will return at the end of July. He has been working on the Small Business & Mortgage programs, as well as updating financial record keeping. Dan says, "I wanted to come because I am anticipating a career in some kind of economic/ community development, and I really believe in the holistic approach that PID has."

Vanessa Valdes will go to Guatemala for a three-month internship beginning in September. She is a graduate student at Arcadia University in PA and has extensive international travel experience.

Megan Murray attends the University of New Hampshire studying Environmental Science and will go to Haiti at the end

of July to help research and launch a recycling program there. **Mike McGee** will be going to Haiti as well to help with the recycling program. He is a graduate of the University of Delaware.

A warm welcome to all of our interns!



Left: Nicole Moss Center: Sandra Sonley Right: Dan Pfistner Top Right: Megan Murray

Let Your Light Shine

While every donation is special to Partners In Development, many supporters have given gifts from the heart in honor or memory of their friends and loved ones. We would like to acknowledge these noteworthy contributions:

Cyril & Cecilia Deck, in honor of their daughter-in-law, Gena Deck.

Bottomline Technologies, donated on behalf of their employee, Joseph Cheslock.

The Toro Company Giving Program donated in support of their employee, William Secord, who went on a PID trip to Haiti last December.

Judith Spiller, in memory of Ann Grinnell's sister, Martha.

Judith Oleson, in honor of her daughter, Gabriela Holm's birthday.

Tara Moore donated a house in Haiti in honor of her grandmother.

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William & Kathleen Woods, in honor of Tamara New, M.D.

Joanne M. Moar, in honor of Jack Manderson and his very young friend Steph Thermophile, a child that he sponsored in Haiti.

And last but certainly not least, many thanks to all those who donated in honor of Gale Hull's birthday. Happy Birthday, Gale!



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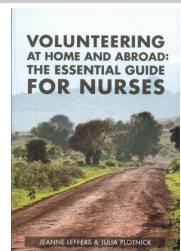
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"Volunteering at Home and Abroad: The Essential Guide for Nurses," by Jeanne Leffers & Julia Plotnick gives practical advice for medical professionals desiring to use their skills in developing countries. PID is cited as a select volunteer organization for people to travel and work with.



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