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**SATURDAY, Oct 21, 2017**  
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If you don't receive your invitation by Sept 15th, purchase tickets or donate to our Annual Fund Drive online at [www.pidonline.org](http://www.pidonline.org)



## WHERE MOUNTAINS AND MEDICINE MEET—AUX CAYES HAITI



By Gale Hull

High in the mountains above Aux Cayes where the mountain stretch for miles and houses are far and few between, people walk many miles for medical treatment.

Medical treatments are so hard to access that it is easier to ignore health problems and die. After the hurricane, PID partnered with a local church to provide a mobile clinic to bring medical care to the people of Aux Cayes, and now medical providers can sign up to help! Each team must consist of four licensed non Haitian medical providers able to work in a low resource area with limited comforts of home. Teams stay in a clean modest hotel with meals and water provided, travel two hours up and down mountains with access to an outhouse during the day, and spend time at the beach on the way home!

Join other medical professionals and translators in an Aux Cayes service trip team for a life changing experience and see the many smiles on the faces of those you treat. Email [trips@pidonline.org](mailto:trips@pidonline.org) about our upcoming trips:

OCTOBER 23—30 TWO SPACES AVAILABLE  
JANUARY 22—29  
MARCH 19—26  
MAY 21—28  
JUNE 4—11

## AN ARC OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKERS

By James Hull

Last Saturday, I met with two of my research assistants from PID's department of history and social justice. To develop course material, we were tracking historical and contemporary movements for social justice in the four regions in which PID operates. Accordingly, the discussion turned to ways of avoiding burn out for activists and educators committed to the long process of engaging political and macro-economic forces perpetuating the extreme poverty PID addresses through its whole life transformation programs. We three took solace in Martin Luther King's conviction that the arc of the universe bends toward justice. But as King well knew, that arc bends slowly. Moreover, history serves up periods in which the forces of political and macro-economic injustice grow so entrenched that the arc appears to move not at all.

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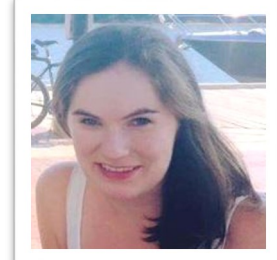
**Megan Hammerle—Ipswich office**

Megan graduated from Danvers High School this past year. Megan has completed her internship and stated “Partners in Development is such a great organization. While working along side the office staff, I knew that I was making a difference in someone’s life everyday.” Starting this coming fall, she will attend the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst to study business management.



**Tayla Bagley—Ipswich office**

Tayla began interning with PID in July and will remain in the program through the end of January. She attends Endicott college, where she will graduate this year with a Criminal Justice and Political Science degree. Her goal is to one day be an office holder in our federal government.



**Emily Travers– Haiti Program**

Emily will be working as an assistant to Sandra Noel , Field Director in Haiti, while Sandra is on maternity leave. Emily traveled with us to Haiti and Guatemala many times while in high school with her church youth group. She went on to receive a BS in economics from Tulane University. She is currently finishing her MSc in International Public Policy at the University College in London . She will join PID in Haiti in November .

**To learn about internship program opportunities in Haiti, Guatemala, Mississippi, and the central office in Ipswich, MA, check out [pidonline.org/participate/volunteer](http://pidonline.org/participate/volunteer) to fill out an application.**

**WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET– PID HAITI**

*This year PID received some very special donations for Haiti programs and participants.*

**SMILES FOR RICE AND BEANS**

Besides a delightful and successful summer program for over 500 children this year, a July service trip team fundraised to buy rice, beans, and oil for each child to bring home and share with his or her family!



**MAKING MALNOURISHED KIDS HEALTHY AGAIN**

A group of five Ipswich Middle School students—Jackie, Lauren, Monica, Pejae, and Louisa recently met with Gale Hull, President of Partners In Development to learn about Haiti for a school project. With the new knowledge, they decided to take action. They placed a jar next to their school presentation and raised several hundred dollars to buy vitamins—one of the ingredients in our special cookies that helps severely malnourished kids thrive.

**WHAT DO YOU MEAN WE WON'T RUN OUT OF MEDICINE THIS MONTH?**

We are excited to partner with a new organization in Haiti that distributes free medicine. In the last shipment we received 31 boxes of new medicine including antibiotics, hypertensive medications and medicine for diabetes.



## VOLUNTEERS WHO CHANGE THE WORLD

By Rosita Maeks-Anderson

PID volunteers make great strides to support PID programs by volunteering many hours each week in our child sponsorship program, service trips program, warehouse, and PID crafts retail store!

The child sponsorship team including Kincade, Lizzy, Liz, and Maria is working hard; and the numbers show it with a 25% growth of the program compared to last year. This dedicated team not only keeps track of sponsored children in Guatemala, Haiti, and the Mississippi Delta, but also communicates with children's sponsors.

Martha, our trips coordinator will soon be joined by Kristen to assist with trip coordination. In an effort to work with more colleges, universities, and organizations, a service trips PR team will be created. Sue and Lizzy have begun the outreach process by researching contacts and creating service trip fliers!

The warehouse is organized by many, but we are lucky to have Deb, Gina, Ann, Judy, and Barbara who come in each month ready to pack bags and organize the warehouse. Items include donations of medicine, clothing, suitcases, and other resources that benefit PID field programs.

The PID craft products we hope to exhibit soon in several craft fairs throughout the year. Merrily, Sue, and Dre have all worked on creating a wonderful calendar of craft fair possibilities for PID crafts. We are happy to announce that we will be at this year's Topsfield Fair on Saturday October 7, 2017!

Thank you so very much to all of our volunteers in the PID office. Your dedication to individuals living in extreme poverty shows that you all have hearts of gold!

### 2017 ANNUAL BENEFIT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We need the following volunteer positions filled on **Saturday, October 21, 2017!**

- Clean up crew
- Coat Check Monitor
- Kitchen Assistants
- Photographer

Email [volunteercoordination@pidonline.org](mailto:volunteercoordination@pidonline.org) to learn more!

## AN ARC OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE WORKERS (CON'T FROM PAGE 1...)

During such times, those of us committed to the struggle keep the light defiantly burning that exposes structural injustice and imagines a more humane order.

For perspective here, and as antidote to burn out, I situate myself in a long history of social activists who incrementally labored away during periods of social and political darkness and eventually witnessed their humble efforts bear palpable fruit. Likewise I embrace the fellowship of a long tradition of justice advocates who never saw their goals realized. Yet these patient citizen-activists served as indispensable links to their fellow workers, who came after them and built on their labors, bringing the project to a critical mass in which results did present. The histories and current dynamics of Haiti, Guatemala, the Mississippi Delta, and Peru brim with such inspirational figures and social justice movements. It is an honor to use our US citizenship to support the goals of such indigenous activism and to reshape some of the less helpful policies of our own government in the histories of these regions.

Also, I draw attitudinal support from the concept of prophetic witness. Accordingly, when I look to the Hebrew prophets, I note that few of them lived long enough to witness the reforms generated by their railings and exhortations on behalf of the poor and oppressed. Jeremiah, for example, succumbed to a public stoning; and Isaiah perished inside a log that his fellow citizens sawed into three pieces (with him in it) as a commentary on the prophet's suggestions for social-justice reforms. Likewise, Dr. King enjoyed the Promised Land from the top of a metaphorical mountain, rather than from the inside of a

legislative hall. The lesson here, I think, is that we are called not so much to be successful as to be faithful. Transforming the political and macro-economic environments in the areas in which PID operates is beyond our individual pay grades. But as members of an ongoing tradition of social justice advocates, the arc of the universe and the weight of history bend our way. -- -If you would like to help bend it a bit further, come join us in PID's department of history and social justice. Send me an email. I am james@pidonline.org

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH A GLASS OF CLEAN WATER

Our long awaited solar water filter arrived in Haiti. It will be released from customs after August 31. We are grateful to everyone who helped us along the way!

The water filter will produce up to 5000 gallons of clean water a day. For the many dehydrated people waiting at the Haiti clinic, it will provide hydration making it easier to do accurate lab testing. Over 300 staff and program participants can drink as much as they want. Our dental suite will be able to open. This is what PID is doing with our clean water. What are you doing with yours?

If you are interested in our clean water program in Haiti or Guatemala call 978-380-6132 for more information.

## CREATING A DONATION THAT LASTS

Every donation is important to Partners In Development, but you can make your donation even more special. Give a gift in honor of a special event or in memory of your friend or loved one. Designate it to a program that is close to his or her heart.

**In honor of Ms. Jane Kuphal** , David Anderson made a donation to the medical program in Haiti.

**In memory of Nancy Rauh** , Rebecca F. Loos, Brett & Julie Woodland, and Joan K. Graham donated to the clean air program in Guatemala . With all of these, and previous donations, 23 families received eco friendly stoves purchased by PID. Improved air quality , reduced respiratory infections and, decreased fuel usage are a few of the many benefits of these stoves.

If you are interested in making a donation in honor or in memory of a special person, please call the PID office for more information . 978-380-6132.



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### WONDERING WHY PID IS SENDING YOU PHOTOGRAPHS OF JEWELRY?

You may be wondering why PID is sending you photographs of jewelry! We haven't changed our Whole Life Transformation Model – but we are selling jewelry and other gift items.

These handmade gifts support our program for economic development. The crafters of our jewelry products live in both Haiti and Guatemala. They work hard to not only produce crafts for the PID crafts store and online at [etsy.com](http://etsy.com), but also to produce crafts for the wholesale market.

PID pays the crafters higher than fair trade wages for their work. The profits are donated into the PID program of their choice, and this year crafters in Guatemala chose the Malnourished Child program. We hope to increase our program budget by \$100,000 (not close right now, but growing slowly). Here is the breakdown of what each purchase contributes to: 25% to supplies and shipping, 25% to crafter pay, and approximately 50% to a PID program that is closest to their heart.

#### How can you help?

**Purchasing gifts for the holidays?** Check out our PID craft store located at 174 high Street in Ipswich, MA.  
**Shop online?** Go to [www.pidonline.org](http://www.pidonline.org) to our craft store and have them shipped right to your door!  
**Know a store that might be interested in carrying PID crafts?** Call us at 978-380-6132. Happy Shopping!!

