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Since 1990, PID has been serving the extreme poor in the developing world. Through child sponsorships, micro credit loans, housing opportunities and medical care we aim to transform communities so they can be self-sufficient. We serve thousands of people each year in Haiti and Guatemala who are determined to break the cycle of poverty.

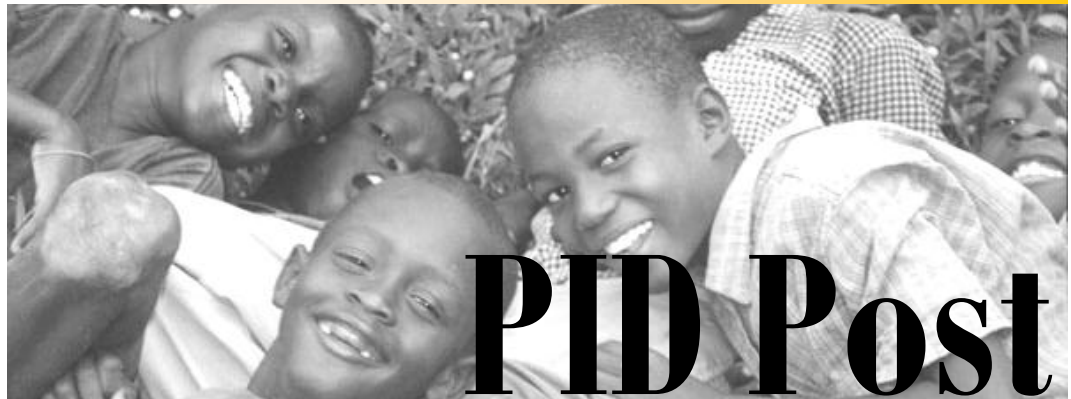
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Committed to FREE Medical Care!

Imagine having to choose between feeding your family or getting medical care for a sick child. For the extreme poor we serve, that is a choice that far too many Haitians and Guatemalans have to face each day. PID's medical program liberates families from that dilemma by providing free, quality medical care.

Our medical program has grown to be the largest of all of PID's initiatives, serving over 30,000 people in both countries last year. Yet with that comes a great need for funding so we can continue to offer these crucial services at no cost to those who need it most.

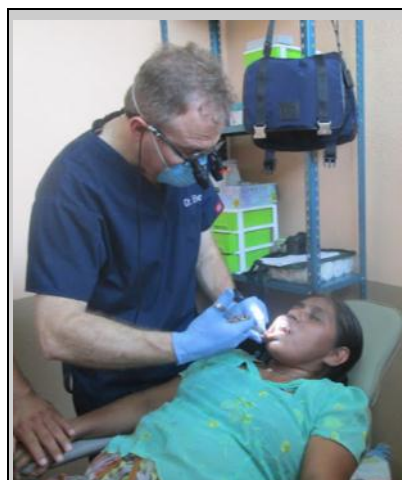
That's why in March we launched PID's First Annual National Fund Drive with the goal of raising \$200,000 for our Medical Program. This is what it costs each year to ensure that our clinics can keep their doors open to the extreme poor.

Funds raised will be used to treat patients, buy medicine and equipment, expand on-site laboratory capabilities, upgrade ultrasound and EKG equipment, and meet other important expenses such as Guatemalan and Haitian staff payroll. You can get involved by making a donation

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Sultan, a new nurse at PID Haiti, treating a severely malnourished baby.



Dentist Ben, treating a grateful patient.

The Dentist is In...Guatemala!

The week of March 10th brought Dentist Ben, from Framingham, MA to PID's Guatemalan clinic. It is the first time we were able to have dental work done in our clinic, a process that took two years to get everything operational. With the help of the Kennebunk Rotary Club, we were able to install a dental chair and have filtered chlorinated water. Dentist Ben pulled teeth all week and entertained the team at night with dental stories. On the last day, there were patients still begging to come in and when we told them there was no more room, they literally cried and asked when we would have another dentist. Ben was greatly appreciated and had the reputation of being a pain free dentist!

Celebrating Another Year!

More than 100 people from throughout New England turned out in March for Partners in Development's 22nd Annual Celebration. They enjoyed delicious food including Haitian specialties, met new friends, reacquainted themselves with old colleagues and were briefed about PID's latest projects.

Dr. Gargi Roysircar, professor of clinical psychology at Antioch University New England, and two of her doctoral students discussed their recent on-site study about the effects of the 2010 earthquake on Haiti's children. Despite the difficulties and trauma many children have suffered, Roysircar characterized Haitian kids as very resilient.

PID President, Gale Hull, recognized three volunteers for their outstanding efforts,

including Webmaster, Jamie, and Isaiah Hull (Gale's son), a long-time member of the Board of Directors. They are moving to Sweden but will continue to support the work of PID.

Martha Murray was also recognized for coordinating the Annual Benefit for the past 12 years, which brought in over \$37,000 in 2012! She is handing that position over to someone new (we are still looking for her replacement!), but she will continue volunteering as PID's Trip Coordinator.

Gale also showed pictures of how well some of the emergency children have thrived since first entering the program. Celebration for what's been accomplished and hope for the future were the themes of her message. Many thanks to all who attended!

A Third Country?

The new PID Research & Development Team has begun meeting to explore the possibility of PID expanding into a third country! We are excited to have PID Co-founder, James Hull, join the team. He says, "This project represents an exciting period in PID history, and I am glad to be part of the effort to determine potential viabilities of working in a third country, and how, in the process, we can build on the core values and methodologies that the organization has developed over the years." More to come... stay tuned!



Putting the finishing touches on the house.



Michelda, with her sponsor, Lauren and her son.

Good-bye tent, hello home

Michelda Da Jean Baptiste lived in the tent city of Damien since the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti. She entered PID's Child Sponsorship program and was picked by a generous woman named Lauren, "I started sponsoring Michelda after my first Haiti trip in July 2011. During my second trip, January 2012, I realized she had lived in a tent for 2 years – half her life – and asked Gale whether I could fundraise for a house. I raised enough money; construction started last summer, and they were putting finishing touches on it during my 4th trip in February 2013, when my 18-year-old son and his friend joined me and helped work on the house."

Michelda's family has moved into their new, safe and permanent home in Blanchard, Haiti thanks to the tireless

efforts of her sponsor. The current cost of building a PID house is \$3,500. This is so low in part because of the volunteer teams that attend Service Trips, giving of their time, talents, and resources to sift sand, shovel cement, and push the trusty PID wheel barrows. If you'd like to donate to the Housing Program or go on a Service Trip, please visit our website: www.pidonline.org

How far can you make \$30 go? Imagine feeding a child and sending her to school each month with a dollar a day. Meet Brendi Julissa. Brendi goes to school in Desierto and has two older sisters and one younger sister. Brendi lives with her sisters and parents in a small house made of cement blocks with a tin roof and a dirt floor. Her father works as a day laborer and his salary sustains the family. Unfortunately he does not make very much money and the family must find a way to survive with only about \$4.60 each day for the six members of the family. Brendi and her family eat tortillas with rice or beans and pasta. She has been waiting for a sponsor for 1^{1/2} years.

\$30 a month will forever change her life with food and education.



Brendi Julissa Juarez Palacios, #1002 G

Attention Child Sponsors!

Last year, rising costs in Haiti and Guatemala forced us to raise the monthly sponsorship amount from \$25 to \$30. If you are one of the people still paying \$25 and can afford to raise your payment to \$30 a month, we would be very grateful. If you cannot, we are grateful for your continued support at your current giving level.

Want to become a sponsor?

PID has many kids on our waiting list. Visit our website, give us a call, or stop by the office!

Get Involved

Take Action

Help Us Help Others



Medical Trip participants prepare medicine at the mobile clinic in Desierto, Guatemala.

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to the National Fund Drive or by hosting a fundraiser.

We want to thank the PID supporters who have already jumped on board, including Susan Moses, Cynthia Jones, and Carla Panciera, who hosted a fundraising dinner of Haitian and Guatemalan cuisine in April. Also, this July, a group of students from Upper Iowa University will embark on a 2,000 mile bicycle trip from Iowa to Washington, D.C. to raise awareness and money for PID. Katherine Farren-Eller, Assistant English professor, has been on multiple service trips with PID and is helping to lead the effort. "[We] are so excited about this! We want people to ride with us, even if it is just for the day," said Farren-Eller. "This will not be a pleasure trip. We will be biking 75-plus miles a day,

camping, and not eating a lot of expensive food. It's going to be bare bones so that most of the money raised can be donated to PID," she said. "The biggest thing for me is giving our students a chance to give back to the community...by seeing the world from a different point of view." Farren-Eller explained. For detailed information about the trip including their route, visit the PID website.

Please join us in our commitment to providing free, quality medical care for the extreme poor by participating in PID's First Annual National Fund Drive! Contact the office to receive more information and ideas for ways to get involved!

Amazing Volunteers!

In January, PID hosted its first Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon with over 30 people in attendance! After enjoying a delicious meal, volunteers were thanked by Gale for their selfless efforts in supporting the work of PID.

We have been pleased since then to welcome even more volunteers, including Erin Brin who recently began helping in the US office. She says, "My service trip to Guatemala really opened my eyes. The poverty is devastating. I realized how fortunate I am to live in comfort and to have the opportunities that I do. I wanted to help PID in their efforts to make people's lives better." It's people like this and so many others that make our work possible. Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers!

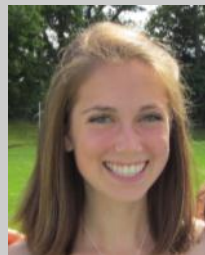
If you want to get involved, there are still volunteer positions open:

Medical Warehouse Volunteer: Once a week; must have an understanding of medicine; sort, inventory, help look for medical donations and order meds as needed.

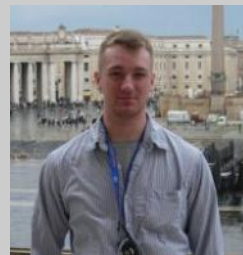
Annual Benefit Coordinator: Help plan and execute PID's yearly fundraiser.

Our Army of Interns!

Our Intern program has continually grown in recent years. We are very grateful for the hard work and time our interns have dedicated to PID's work with the extreme poor. This year we welcome several wonderful interns to work side-by-side with our staff in Haiti and Guatemala. Some are veteran interns returning to work with PID and others are new to the program, yet they all have the common desire to share their talents to enrich our work. A big thank you goes out to all of our interns who have joined the PID team, striving to make a difference. (More are coming in the summer months as well...)



Julia, returning to Guatemala



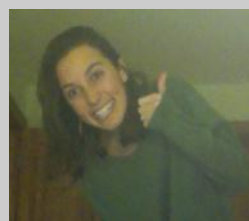
Patrick, heading to Haiti



Rachael Cooper, returning to Guatemala



Emily, Guatemala Intern



Lauren, going to Guatemala



Daniela, currently in Guatemala

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:

Doug Spanks gave in honor of Gene Nelson. From Sara Vorpahl, Kyle gave in honor of his Masco teachers, & Geneva donated in honor of her sixth grade teachers. Susan Jones Moses gave in honor of Betty & Bill Jones. Penelope Johnson gave in honor of Steve, Kate, Chandler, Rollin, & Wade Atkinson. Ella & Arkady Serebryannik gave in memory of Dmitry Kushner. Noreen Sheehan gave in honor of Cynthia Jones. Rita Shewbridge gave a gift to Blanca Aguilar's family in honor of Tom & Carol Shewbridge. Sarah Moniz gave in honor of Kellyann Moniz. Mary Thomas-Vallens gave in gratitude for Dr.

Siskind's care. William Woods gave in honor of Tamara New. Priscilla Merriam gave in honor of Richard & Ruth Merriam. Linda Barnes gave in honor of her mother.

Janice Varnau donated a house in Haiti in honor of Mick & Marydee Daily. Peter Jones gave in honor of Susan Jones Moses & Cynthia Jones. Slone Epidemiology Center at Boston University gave in Memory of Rita Krolak and in honor of Michele Helgeson & Susan Kamrin. Mark & Carol Bedrosian & Elizabeth Kauffman gave in honor of Ray Spiecker's birthday. WD & Priscilla Delea & Amy DeSilva gave in honor of Ray Spiecker's birthday. Russell Johnson & Bebhinn Daly gave for Sydney's 10th birthday. James & Joan Lennon gave in honor of Rev. Ruth Merriam's birthday. Alexander Hardman gave in honor of Amanda Hardman. Scarlet Shell gave in honor of Emi Shell. Cindi Donnellan gave honor of Kathy Joyce. David Boyer gave in honor of Sue McDonald.



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This year marked the 20th anniversary of the Strings Welcome Spring concert. Proceeds benefit three children in Haiti sponsored by Trudy Larson and her students. This year each student placed a sticker on their instrument with the pictures of their sponsored children and a quote: "Ask me how playing my violin supports Haitian Children." Many thanks to all involved in this wonderful effort!



Gifts in Kind are people donating their time and talents, as well as donations of medicine and needed supplies. We sincerely appreciate all who have contributed these resources to PID. Here are a few examples:

Many thanks to Immanuel Baptist Church in Ipswich, North Shore Community Baptist Church in Beverly, and Our Lady of Hope Parish in Ipswich for sending teams to work in the PID Warehouse, sorting, shelving, inventorying, and much more!

A big thank you to Eric & Barbara Priestly and "Ahead" for a donation of more than 2,000 brand new polo tee-shirts for Haiti & Guatemala!