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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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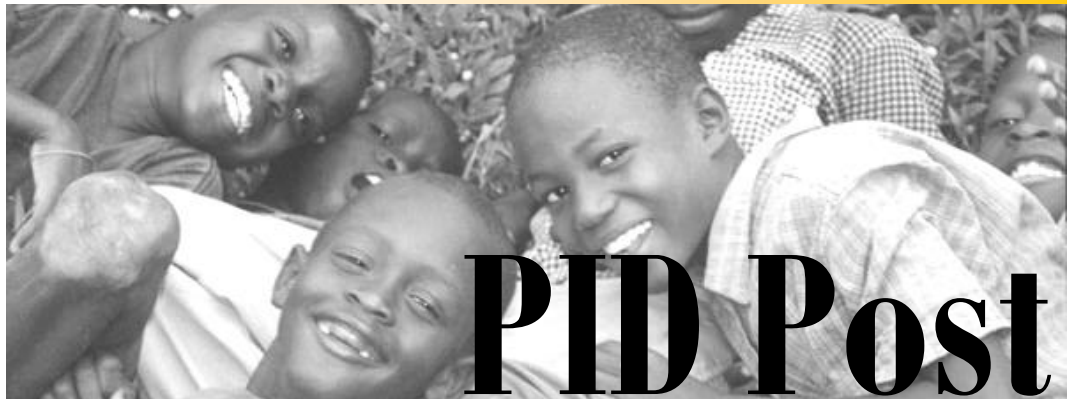
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PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Winter 2013-2014

Expansion To Third Country Announced!

PID is pleased to announce the addition of our third country, the United States. In keeping with our goal to serve the extreme poor we have chosen two areas in the US to begin our work: Glendora, Mississippi and Pine Ridge, South Dakota. In 2014 we will begin our program in Glendora with the start up in South Dakota in the following years. Glendora is one of many small towns in the Mississippi Delta region struggling under the weight of extreme poverty. It would be nice to say inequity no longer exists in our country, but in the Mississippi Delta there are still complicated forces that, along with lack of opportunity, seek to cripple and paralyze African Americans into hopelessness and inaction.

There is no grocery store in Glendora, no gas station, no school, no doctor. There is a little restaurant, a "juke joint", a post office and a couple of little convenient stores. There is also a large building that has been made into a civic center.

At the Citizens Thanksgiving celebration and town meeting, we (Gale Hull and Julie Dillard)



Glendora, Mississippi home in need of repair

had the chance to share the work of PID and our ideas for Glendora. Some of the citizens shared their hopes for the town, older folks just listened, tired of hearing about programs that haven't made a long term difference in their lifetime, and others came because it was free food. The resounding cry from those who spoke was, "do something for the kids of Glendora."

As is the PID model in Haiti and Guatemala we always want to start with kids and something

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Annual Benefit Exceeds Goal!

For the 13th year in a row PID's Annual Benefit has proven to be a wonderful evening of raising support and awareness for our work in Haiti and Guatemala. Nearly 200 people gathered in Newburyport for delicious food, rocking music, native crafts, and of course the silent and live auctions.* Nine children were sponsored at the event and we exceeded our goal by raising over \$53,000!



Attendees had the privilege of hearing from a special guest speaker, Juvenal Fils. Juvenal is a former translator at the PID Clinic in Haiti and is now attending college here in the United States. He spoke from the heart about how PID's programs have changed his life. President Gale Hull then shared the big announcement everyone was waiting to hear...the third country that PID is expanding to: THE UNITED STATES! (see lead article for details) Many thanks to all who made the Annual Benefit a great success!

**Some auction items are still available. Call the office or visit the website for more info.*



The center of town in Glendora, Mississippi

measurable to successfully start the project. Everyone we talked to in Glendora asked us to help them, help their young people and help their kids.

In Glendora, the drop out rate is high. Even those who do graduate are often functionally illiterate. When visiting the area Head Start Program we were happy to see committed teachers, smart kids and an excellent program. We were impressed with the Elementary School and the High School. There is also a state funded after school program the children attend. So why are they not having success?

Lack of at home support and program sustainability are two of the issues that were mentioned that hold these bright kids and poor delta communities back. A long standing history of knowledge

passed down orally isn't supported by the current educational model dependent on the written word. After watching, listening and planning with several of the town leaders and citizens we believe that we have come up with a few beginning

programs that will work.

Our first programs will focus on KIDS and increasing home support. Sustainability becomes a problem as the town doesn't have enough money for electricity to run the program or for anyone living there that can do the training. PID will train and then hire a qualified person to run the computer skills and training program. You can sponsor this program for \$30 a month.

As we grow in our partnership with Glendora we will continue adding a business development program, job training, a housing program and a medical program.

While we are growing into this new partnership we invite you to join us on our first trip to Glendora, February 23rd.

The people of Glendora are trying hard and believe that Partners in Development is an answer to their prayers. In a place in our country where hope is in short supply, PID brings hope. We believe that good things will happen there as we work together for community transformation.

FRIENDS OF THE GLENDORA PARENT EDUCATION AND LIBRARY PROGRAM

PID will open a small library for parents and children to read together and learn how to support what the kids are learning in school. **We hope you will become a friend of the Glendora library program with a \$30 a month donation.**

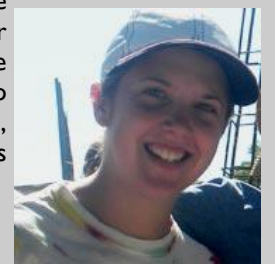
COMPUTER SKILLS AND TRAINING PROGRAM

Although kids have access to computers from Head Start to High School, there is nothing at home to reinforce this and give the kids time to practice and really develop skills to secure future jobs. Glendora can do the training. They were able to acquire 7 computers and desks in good shape and ready to be used. **You can help the next generation train for a job by becoming a sponsor of this program for \$30 a month.**

Saint Joseph's College Celebrates 10 Years with PID!

This January, Saint Joseph's College of Maine is sending two teams of faculty and students—57 in all—to PID's sites in Haiti and Guatemala. This year officially marks the College's 10th Anniversary with PID. The College sent their first team to Haiti back in 2004. Back then the group was much smaller, only 10 people. They built the foundation of a duplex that proved to be strong enough to eventually withstand the Haitian earthquake of 2010. A team was scheduled to return to Haiti in 2005, but political unrest caused that trip to be cancelled. In 2006, Saint Joe's followed PID to Guatemala and became the first team to work in Village Concepcion. They were met by the mayor at the airport and arrived at a village festively decorated with streamers and balloons. Hundreds of locals gathered to meet and welcome these new foreigners, and television crews were there to capture the scenes. That team set a strong precedent by building the first PID house in Guatemala, staffing a medical and dental clinic, distributing hundreds of pounds of donations, and digging a water line through the village. From 2007-2010, Saint Joe's continued to send teams to Guatemala, and each year, they grew in numbers. By early 2010, Haiti had stabilized

politically, and the College made plans to return. Then, suddenly the earthquake hit. The needs were dire, but the logistics were dicey. Only essential personnel were needed. So in 2011, the College stayed on in Guatemala. Finally in 2012, things had settled enough to return to Haiti. Since then St. Joe's has sent teams to both sites. Over the past 10 years, hundreds of students have participated with many staying involved beyond their trips. Some have chosen to sponsor children, or have volunteered for PID as summer interns. In 2008, the College was pleased to award Gale Hull an Honorary Degree for her tireless efforts with PID. This Degree represents the very special relationship Saint Joseph's College has with PID, and we look forward to its continuation well into the future!



"One of my professors said that the only way you grow as a person is by getting outside your comfort zone. Going to Haiti was definitely stepping outside my comfort zone, and I truly think I have changed because of it. I gained a new perspective about myself and the world I live in." - Catherine Carter '13, psychology (pictured above)

Get Involved

Take Action

Help Us Help Others

Staff Update

Job Opportunities

WELCOME - A warm welcome goes out to Julie Dillard, our new program director in the U.S., in the Ipswich office.

Julie says, "I am very grateful to be joining Partners In Development as we begin our new initiatives in the U.S.A. Gale and I first met about 15 years ago when I was introduced to the work of PID. I have long been a believer in PID's approach to international development. I am more and more convinced that the



Julie in Guatemala in 2005

16 years I spent as a social worker/child advocate and my 12 years in higher education administration and program development, have provided a unique blend of skills and experience needed for the upcoming tasks. I look forward to learning a lot from Gale

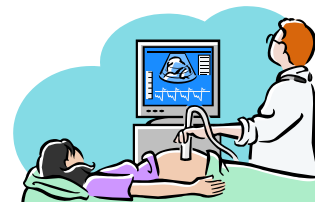
and doing my best to serve the poor in Mississippi and later on in Pine Ridge South Dakota."

Haiti Field Director: The applicant must be fluent in Creole, work well with teams both traveling and national, understand basic financial management and be able to use QuickBooks, spreadsheets, and googledocs. Must be willing to move to Haiti and make at least a 2 year commitment. Must be culturally sensitive. The position will begin June 1, 2014 with US office training and then July 1 for training in Haiti. If you have a desire to work in an international setting or would like more information please contact at Gale@pidonline.org

Mississippi Field Director: Starting in 2014, PID will be looking for a field director for our new location in Glendora, MS. Must be culturally sensitive and willing to make a 2 year commitment. Must be willing to relocate to Mississippi. Must be able to work well with teams, have a basic understanding of finances, Quickbooks and how to use spreadsheets. Must be creative and like to work hard and make a change in the world around them. If you are interested in this position please contact Gale via email at Gale@pidonline.org

MATCHING GRANT OPPORTUNITY

In Guatemala, we have always provided ultrasounds for the mothers in our prenatal program, however, the number of women has been restricted by PID's ability to pay for these ultrasounds. Ultrasounds helps identify problem pregnancies, saving the lives of mother and babies. After traveling to Guatemala with us several times to work in the clinic and on the water filters, Dr. Tim Frey has raised a matching grant challenge. He will donate \$1 for every \$2 donated to PID to purchase an ultrasound machine for our clinic in Guatemala. He feels the ultrasound will help provide better services while expanding our prenatal care and enable us to save more women and babies. Our goal is to raise a total of \$8,000 for this life saving ultrasound. WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US! To donate to this matching grant initiative, please write "ultrasound" on your check memo or make a note on your online donation.



WATER FILTERS IN GUATEMALA

On another note, Dr. Tim was pleased to report that 70% of our water filters are crystal clear. The remaining 30% need repairs or the owners need to be retrained in proper use. One hundred percent, here we come!



MIDWIFE TRAINING PROGRAM IN HAITI

In Haiti, we continue to expand our midwife training program as 74% of women deliver their babies at home. This 16-hour training teaches lay midwives to identify emergency births and provides sterile birthing kits for all of the births they attend. Through a generous grant we are able to expand our area of teaching, provide ultrasounds, prenatal testing, birth control and classes for the moms-to-be. A big thank you to our sponsor!

YEAR END NOTES

As 2013 draws to a close, we want to thank everyone for their generous support and donations. If you would like to make a year-end donation to be included in the tax year ending 2013, your donation must be postmarked no later than Dec 31st. You may refer to the website for the document called "Important Information for our Donors" if you need more information. Tax receipts will be sent out in January for supporters who have donated over \$100 dollars during the calendar year (others upon request). If you would like to make a donation for our NEW PROGRAM IN THE US, please put Glendora on the memo line. Thank you one more time for all of the work that we were able to do because of your support!

We wish all of you a safe and *Happy Holiday Season* and a *Happy New Year!*

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:

Bethany, Andrew, Rafelina, Meredith and Jack Plante made a donation in loving memory of Stephen Robert Plante for a house in Haiti.

Doug & Rev Marj Spanks gave in honor of Sela Nelson, PID's Child Sponsorship Program volunteer.

Russell Guilmartin contributed to higher education in honor of Julie Merriam, our intern in Guatemala the past two summers.

Nancy Teeven gave in honor of Elizabeth Spaulding.

C. Daggett gave in honor of Frank Daggett.

Special thanks also go out to those with creative initiatives to support our work:

Local Brownie Troops 75340 and 88180 are joining forces to help children in Haiti and Guatemala. The second graders have been learning about poverty and invited PID to come speak about our programs. The girls were asked to imagine life without running water, an indoor kitchen, toys to play with, or money for a doctor's visit and brainstorm creative solutions to those obstacles. They came up with great ideas and a stronger sense of appreciation for all that they have. For the month of December they will be collecting donations at the Doyon Elementary School in Ipswich for their counterparts living in Haiti and Guatemala. Thank you, Brownies!



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Changing The World One Pedal At A Time

We are excited to announce a new nationwide annual fundraiser being established to raise money and awareness for PID's work in the USA. The committee is comprised of Upper Iowa University faculty and students who will ride bicycles on a 600-mile journey over the course of just nine days from Fayette Iowa, through Northern Nebraska and finish in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, one of PID's newest locations. Their hope is to boost the local economy, hosting educational events, and organizing service-learning projects at the end of the ride. Event check-in will take place at Upper Iowa University on May 31, 2014. They are setting up speaking engagements for the riders to talk about Partners In Development, finding people willing to feed and house them, and contacting the media along the route to spread the word of their endeavor. If you are interested in riding next year or learning more about the trip, please check out their online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/36QCC88> Information is also available on PID's website.



We look forward to this partnership and the success of future rides!

Happy Bikers - Day 15 of the 2013 summer ride, hosted by Upper Iowa University!