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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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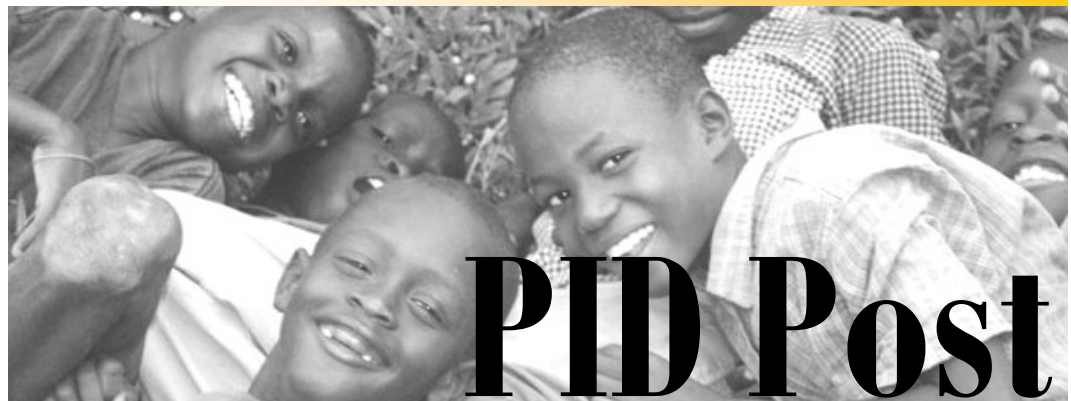
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PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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PID's National Fund Drive - Get Involved!

Have you ever held a severely malnourished baby in your arms and not had enough money to buy formula to feed them? Can you image having three medical emergencies at once and one small car to use as your ambulance? Do you know what it is like to open the gates of the clinic each morning and see hundreds of people who have been waiting since 5 AM, knowing that you cannot accept them all as patients? Or what it is like to see people so sick with diabetes and you have no more medicine to give out? It is very difficult for teams and for our national workers to have to make these decisions every day. Sometimes you just want to cry, scream or run away. But PID has decided to stay.



After the earthquake our clinic went from seeing 6,000 people a year to 50,000. But the earthquake is long gone and so is the extra funding that came with it. The donations of medicine and medical supplies are a mere trickle. The only thing that hasn't gone away is the 30,000 people that come to our clinics in Haiti and Guatemala each year.

Because PID is committed to providing free care for the extreme poor, we are asking you to join us in our new initiative, an **ANNUAL NATIONAL FUND DRIVE** for our medical program. Our goal is to raise \$200,000 a year so we can continue to provide

medicine, lab tests, ultrasounds, EKGs, diabetic and hypertensive care. We want excellent quality care for our sickle cell patients and our prenatal moms.

PID has changed so much in the past three years, but the one thing that has not changed is our commitment to the poorest of the poor. Sometimes we feel lost because we are small fish in a big ocean but the one thing we are sure of is: *We want to have the best medical programs in Haiti and Guatemala!*

If you would like to help us achieve this goal, we are asking you to think about how you are able to participate. If you would like to donate, please do and designate it to our **ANNUAL NATIONAL FUND DRIVE**. If you would like to plan a fundraiser in your community, we can help you. March 2013 is the designated month for our first drive. We will have packets available containing information about the medical clinics, fundraising guidelines and fundraising ideas in January. Please contact the PID office at 978-380-6132 or info@pidonline.org for fundraising ideas and guidelines. Thank you for your help with this new initiative!

Before	After	
		An hour and a half that will forever change his life - Little Kevin recently underwent cleft lip surgery following a lengthy pre-op process. Abby, our Field Director in Guatemala, took Kevin, Carlitos and baby Paula under her wing to help their mothers obtain cleft lip and palette surgery for their infants.
		The surgeries required numerous trips to the hospital, extended travel for mothers and children who rarely leave their village, overnight stays, and long waiting lines. In the end, it was all worth it! Kevin and Carlitos both had success surgeries and are now home recovering nicely. Baby Paula was not able to have surgery yet, as she is still too malnourished and young. They did provide her mother with a special bottle to help Paula with feedings so she can grow stronger. Success stories like these motivate us to provide the best medical care possible to the extreme poor.

Emergency Children

Have you every seen a child that is classified by the UN as in the danger zone for malnutrition? They usually look very old for their age because their skin bags off of their little bodies. They weigh 6lbs when they are 4 month old, or 11 lbs when they are 14 months old, or 17 lbs when they are 3 or 4 years old. They cry all the time, because so far life has not been kind to them.

They cry because they are so hungry and because they hurt.

These kids die if immediate action is not taken. These are our emergency children. It will cost between \$60-\$90 a month for many months to get them to where they can be healthy again. To be able to see them smile instead of cry. Even with two sponsors for each child it is not enough most of the time. Almost all of our kids do survive, but it is not without heroic effort by the staff and teams traveling with PID. In Guatemala the national staff has been known to take turns visiting homes to make sure the kids are eating daily until they are out of danger. In Haiti, the staff makes unbaked peanut butter national cookies .

We are most thankful to our donors who see these little children online, on the blog and on facebook and run to sponsor them. If you are one of these special people you can donate to our emergency child fund so we can take these kids in immediately as we look for a long term sponsor or you can watch for one of these very special kids and become a sponsor and find out what it means to save a life of one of our emergency and what them grow into a healthy child and then adult.

Insert photo of peanut butter baby from Lizzy



Dulce Coroy graduated from a technical high school this fall. She earned a degree in preschool education and plans to study at the university level with the help of PID.

The Higher Education Program:

Donors wanted to help produce nurses, teachers, doctors and architects!

We have students who are eager and able to continue their education through college. The cost in Guatemala for high school and college is about \$1000 a year—not a lot by US standards, but impossible for young people where the family income of \$90 a month must often cover all the needs of a family of 8-10. Although they are willing to work while studying, a large part of what they earn must go to pay for food for their siblings. How can they manage to get the education their abilities fit them for?

These families are poor in a way we cannot even imagine. The higher the level, the more expensive the education; in Guatemala, education through 6th grade is paid for by the state. The state even provides books and some supplies. Seventh through ninth grades are also provided by the state and tuition is free, however the students must buy all their own supplies, books, etc. It can be a couple of hundred dollars—a lot for a family with a monthly income of \$90. To go beyond ninth grade, the students must attend private schools in the nearby city. Tuition, transportation, books and supplies, dozens of fees all add up to nearly \$1000 a year. College and university are somewhat more—very reasonable by American standards but hopelessly expensive for poor villagers.

PID's child sponsorship program helps keep the students in school through ninth grade, but after that, they need more help than \$30 a month can provide. Through our Higher Education Program, donors can agree to help a student finish high school or even attend college. Donors can make a donation to the general higher education fund or they can sponsor a specific student.

PID works with the local schools to identify talented, motivated students. These students are invited to enroll in the PID English program. There we not only teach them English, but learn to know their abilities, dedication to their studies, and plans for the future. The English students receive help in identifying vocational goals and applying to higher education programs. Those who are accepted into the programs can apply for financial aid from the PID higher education program. PID will monitor their progress and supplement the little they can come up with so that they can continue their studies. Both the students and our staff are thrilled with the potential this program has to produce future leaders who are educated and motivated to succeed.

Attention Child Sponsors!

What are your monthly sponsorship payments? 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 still just as thankful to have you as a sponsor.



**Want to become a sponsor?
PID has many kids on our waiting list.**

Meet Jean Paul. He lives in Cite Soleil, one of the worst slums on earth. Jean Paul lives in a tiny tin shack with his parents and 4 siblings. He would like to go to school, but his parents cannot find work and have no money to send him. \$30 a month, will forever change his life with food and education. To see all available kids, please visit our website, www.pidonline.org

Get Involved

Take Action

Help Us Help Others



Ho, Ho, Ho!

Christmas Presents for Kids! Tis the giving season and we appreciate your generosity. If you wish to send the child you sponsor a Christmas gift,

please be advised we can only accept monetary gifts this year unless you are traveling with us. Air-line luggage restrictions have limited what we are able to bring to Haiti and Guatemala and our need to get other supplies there is great.

If you decide to send a monetary gift, please indicate whether you would like PID staff to give the families cash or if you would rather our field directors purchase things that are needed for the child. To get a gift to your child before Christmas, please send your payment to PID before December 18th.

Annual Benefit Success!

Our first Dinner Dance and Silent Auction was scheduled to take place a few days after the 9/11 attacks. With the somber mood of our country, we considered canceling the fundraiser. Instead, we held it the event, sold out of tickets and raised \$17,000. Through the Dinner Dance, people found a way to help others and see real results.

Now over a decade later, it continues to be our biggest event of the year. It takes a small army to orchestrate invitation mailings, securing auction items, finding sponsors, creating and serving a delicious dinner. But because it is for such a great cause, our helpers are always eager to lend a hand.

This year's Dinner Dance and Silent Auction was no different. On Saturday, November 10th, close to 200 people joined PID at Nickelson Hall in Newburyport, MA. Through ticket sales, sponsorships and the not-so-silent-auction, over \$40,000 was raised this year to benefit PID's programs.

A huge thanks goes out to all of you who made this possible!



Have you liked us on Facebook? It's a great way to stay connected with our staff in Haiti, Guatemala and the US! Find us at:

www.facebook.com/PIDonline

Have Suitcase, Will Travel!

A busy travel season is shaping up for 2013. We offer numerous trips to Haiti and Guatemala that give you the opportunity to work one on one with the people we serve. Trips do fill up, so contact us if you would like to get on a team list. Individuals and groups welcome. For more info, email Martha@pidonline.org, call (978) 380-6132, or visit www.pidonline.org

Dec. 27 - Jan 3, Haiti (M,C) St. Joseph's

January 3 - 10, Guatemala (M,CO) St. Joseph's College

January 3 - 13, Haiti (M,CO) Gordon College

January 10 - 17, Guatemala (M,CO)

January 13 - 20, Haiti (M,CO)

February 6 - 13, Haiti (M,CO)

February 17 - 24, Guatemala (M,CO,CH)

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March 10 - 17, Haiti (M,CO) Bridgewater State University

March 10 - 17, Guatemala (M,CO)

March 17 - 24, Haiti (M,CO) UMass Dartmouth

March 17 - 24, Guatemala (M,CO) Endicott College

April 14 - 21, Haiti (M,CO)

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May 5 - 12, Guatemala (M,CO)

May 15 - 22, Haiti (M,CO)

May 22 - 29, Haiti (M,CO) Upper Iowa University

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May 29 - June 5, Haiti (M,CO) North Shore CC

June 5 - 12, Haiti (M,CO) University of Scranton

June 17 - 28, Guatemala (M,CO,CH) Gaithersburg Presbyterian

June 19 - 26, Haiti (M,CO) McMurry University

June 30 - July 14 (CO, CH) ASL Sports

July 3 - 10, Guatemala (M,CO) Greely High School



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:

Elizabeth Hernberg gave in honor of Annie Fyffe

Elizabeth McGovern gave in honor of Maggie & Greg's wedding

Trace Salter gave in honor of Erin & Emma Brin

Katherine Peters gave in honor of Neil Armstrong and Brooke Beck

If you would like to donate in someone's honor, in memory of a loved one or as a special gift, you can make a contribution on our website www.pidonline.org or send a check with a note of how we should acknowledge your donation.

Checks can be sent to: PID, 55 Market St, Suite 201, Ipswich, MA 01938.



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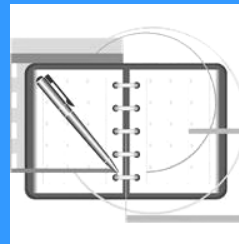
Extra, Extra!!! News of Note!



Address Update!

Please be sure to update the contact info you have for PID. Our PO Box is officially closed. All mail can be sent to:

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Mark Your Calendar!

You are invited to PID's Annual Celebration on Sunday, March 3, 2013. This year's event will be held at Boone Hall, part of Ascension Memorial Church, 31 County Rd., Ipswich.

Join us for the latest updates, learn about our future, see your PID friends, shop for crafts, desserts, coffee & more!