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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.

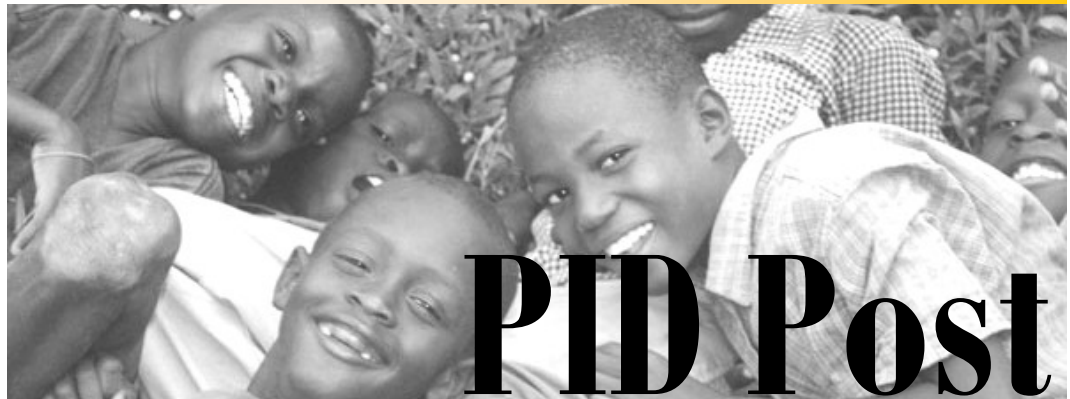
We serve thousands of people each year in Haiti and Guatemala who are determined to break the cycle of poverty.

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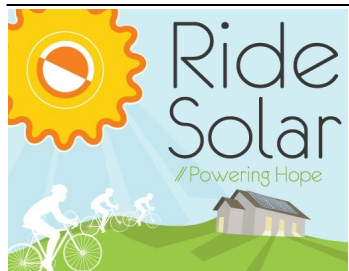
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PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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Anyone who has traveled to Haiti knows how strong the blazing sun is there. Now, PID will take advantage of the natural resource as the clinic prepares to go 100% solar!

Chris Byers traveled with PID to Guatemala as a student chaperone years ago. Now with a new career in the solar industry, Byers knew just who to contact when his company was looking to do a fundraiser for a solar project abroad. Advanced Solar Industries in Pennsylvania coordinated, Ride Solar, a bike ride with over 60 riders that raised \$13,000 for the project. They coined the phrase "Power & Hope" and partnered with students from Messiah College's engineering department to transform PID's clinic in Haiti into a solar operation.

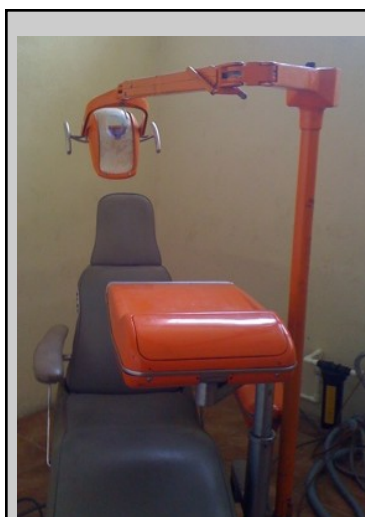
Electricity in Haiti is spotty at best, and when it is available the "brown" electricity often burns out equipment. The clinic, which serves

Haiti Clinic To Go Solar

30,000 patients each year, cannot even keep medicines refrigerated in its current condition. With solar energy, PID will be able to always have x-ray machines, the centerfuge, refrigeration, ultrasounds, and computers in working condition.

"Not having electricity could be a costly decision for people's lives," said Byers of Advanced Solar Industries. "We are motivated by the strength and meaning of this project."

Byers traveled to Haiti in January with two students from Messiah College to do a site evaluation. They found the clinic to be an ideal location with a flat roof, no shading and walls for security. The group prepared the equipment and shipped it through Christian Aid Ministries. On May 15, Byers, a co-worker and five students from Messiah will travel to Haiti to install the system. They expect the installation will be complete in 3 to 4 days and then they will be able to monitor it and work out the kinks. Our thanks goes out to this group for helping to transform the clinic!



Say Ahhhh!

Expect to see pearly whites next time you are in Village Concepcion. PID's new clinic in Guatemala is now fully equipped with a dental chair thanks to the Kennebunk Rotary Club and the Church on the Cape in Maine. With the chair, PID will now be able to offer its patients in Village Concepcion free dental care!

A local dentist, Dr. Manfredy, offered PID his services (free of charge!) if they could find a dental chair. Manfredy has been treating the kids in the child sponsorship program for years, also free of charge because he believes in PID's work. Norm Labbe and Jack Manderson traveled to Guatemala to install the chair and it's plumbing earlier this spring.

Now up and running, the dentist will see patients once a week in the clinic. He anticipates seeing 60 to 75 patients each month providing cleanings, fillings, extractions and more. PID will pay for the dental supplies as Dr. Manfredy continues to work free of charge.

Expanding Education

Program to offer more higher education possibilities



Above, Leybi is attending nursing school with PID's help and now works in the medical clinic doing triage

-By Sela Nelson

When PID began working in Concepcion Ixtacapa, Guatemala, there were about 125 children attending the local primary school. Grades 1-6 were offered at the school, but very few children finished all six grades and no one in the village had gone beyond sixth grade. About three years later, the daughter of the first family PID helped graduated from ninth grade. It was a first for the village, but not a last. PID requires that the children who are sponsored attend school. PID also helped repair and expand the school building. Seeing this, the

Guatemalan government responded with additional improvements. Because of

this focus on education, schooling has become the expected norm in Concepcion. The village school now offers grades K-9, and last November the first class of 9th graders graduated. The present school year opened with about 600 students in school.

In January and February of this year, my husband and I were in the village teaching English to eight of the students who had been in that first graduating class. They are all enrolled in further education—equivalent to our high school. They are seeing new possibilities for their lives and some are even dreaming of attending the university to become nurses, doctors, and high school teachers. Their younger siblings and cousins are eager to follow their example. There is an education explosion in Concepcion Ixtacapa.

However, there is a problem. The main reason children were not continuing in school in the past was economic, and the economic concerns remain. Child sponsorship helps with the cost of education through 9th grade. After that, tuition is no longer free and the cost of books and supplies is much higher. Education is not expensive by our standards in the US---books and supplies could cost at least \$100 and tuition would be another \$400 or even more. This is a lot of money for a family whose annual income may be under \$300. PID helped start this explosion and we will help sustain it by offering special sponsorships. The students are telling us their plans and their needs. This will go on our website by the end of May—possibly sooner—in the hopes that individuals will sponsor a specific child for a specific program of education. These young people are extremely bright and unbelievably hard working. They are the hope for a Guatemala that will rise above the present poverty. Check out our website and see for yourself what a one time donation can do.

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:

- Michelle Gauthier, in memory of Pauline Murray
- Camille & Tony D'Alessandro, in memory of Robert Fasanelli
- Stacy Murchison, in honor of Lauren Rubenstein
- Vincent Buscemi, in memory of James Upjohn, Jennifer Quarantiello's father
- Kevin & Pamela Appleton, made donation in honor of Sam & Linda Coes' first anniversary
- Joanna Suomi, gave donation in honor of Cynthia Belle Brown
- Sam & Linda Coes, donation in honor of wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Billborough
- Christina Doyle, gave donation in the name of Mary Ann Camp, who cared for their home and dog
- Dawn Bennett, gave donations in honor of William & Laurie Bennett and William & Elizabeth Hastings
- Emma Folchman-Wagner, donation to "Building Back a Better Haiti" in honor of Ruth Folchman
- Elizabeth Colbert, made donation in honor of Dr. Bev Wedda
- Mary Eileen Van Horn, gave donation in honor of Dr. J. Peter St. Clair
- Sela Nelson, donation in honor of Tom & Elinor Rambo
- Clarence Travis, gave to "Building Back a Better Haiti" in memory of Pauline Murray
- Hays Companies, donated in honor of Dru Secord's work for PID
- Elizabeth Wilcoxson, gave in honor of Gene & Sela Nelson, Bob & Jill Knowles, and Pamela Scherbon
- Priscilla Merriam, gave in honor of Dick & Ruth Merriam
- William & Kathleen Woods, gave in honor of Tamara New
- Jean Renard Ward & Maria Rueters, gave in honor of Sela & Gene Nelson
- Gilda DiTullio, in memory of her mother, Eileen DiTullio
- Caryl & Rachel Munsell, in honor of Jack Manderson's birthday
- Jean Renard Ward & Maria Rueters, William & Judith Baker, Calvin & Suzanne Cockman, David & Rebecca Brown, Thomas & Donna Gillespie, and Gale Hull all gave in honor of Sela Nelson's birthday to support the expanding Higher Education Program

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.



Thank you Suzuki Players! In March, they hosted their 20th annual concert to benefit PID. Under the direction of Trudy Larson, these talented young musicians

have been sponsoring children in Haiti for two decades.
- photo courtesy of Kathy Joyce Photography

Get Involved

Take Action

Help Us Help Others

Join us for Our Second Annual National Fund Drive

**Saturday, November 10, 2012
(and all year round!)**

Here are a few examples of what others are doing:

- In California, Dr. Andy Siskind raised over \$10,000 by asking colleagues to support the Medical Program in Haiti
- In Maine, Ann Grinnell raised over \$7,200 for the Child Sponsorship Program and is having an art exhibit displaying her photos
- In Maryland, Laura Rubenstein is raising money for a house by partnering with a gym and having a "Work out for a Cause."
- In Massachusetts, the Byfield Community UMC Youth Group did a youth encampment that raised over \$10,000 for Haiti.
- In Massachusetts, Martha and friends raised \$50,000 at the Annual Dinner Dance
- In Massachusetts, Nicole Moss raised \$1,500 for emergency medical care in Haiti
- In Zurich, the company Swiss Re raised \$7,500 for two duplexes in Haiti with their Dollars for Doers employee program!

SO PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAPS and help PID in our quest to serve the poorest of the poor in Haiti and Guatemala!

For more information on Fundraising for PID, please talk to a board member or call the office for Fundraising Guidelines.

Haitian Art Exhibit Opened in Portsmouth Proceeds to benefit Partners In Development



Haitian Images 2011 will be on exhibit and on sale now through July 5, 2012

Where:

Seacoast African American Cultural Center - Discover Portsmouth Center
10 Middle Street
Portsmouth, NH

When:

Open Tues-Wed-Thurs
1pm to 4pm
Sat 10am-4pm

For more information

about the exhibit, contact:

Susan Manfull 603-828-1766

About the photographer: Ann H. Grinnell, professional photographer and director of LAPSS Swimming School, has traveled to Haiti three times since the devastating earthquake in 2010. Now traveling with Partners in Development, Ann and other local volunteers are planning a fourth trip in November 2012. Proceeds from sales generated from this exhibit will go toward supplies for Haitian families and toward sponsorships for Haitian children.

Fifth Graders Find "Spirit for Haiti"



Source: *Community Advocate*, photo by Ed Karvoski Jr.

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade contributed donations each Friday in January, when they dressed according to that week's theme. Denise Murphy's fifth-grade class collected the most money, earning them an extra recess and their choice for the fourth week's theme. Students raised \$1030 for Partners in Development.

Upcoming Trips

May 30 – June 6, Haiti (M,CO)
June 6 – 13, Haiti (Univ of Scranton)
June 19 – 26, Guatemala (M,CO)
June 20 – 27, Haiti (McMurry Univ)
June 26 – July 3, Guatemala (M,CO)
July 1 – 8, Haiti (M,CO)

July 11 – 18, Haiti (M,CO)
July 28 – August 4, Haiti (Emory UMC)
Aug 5 – 18, Guatemala (Atkinson)
Aug 8 – 15, Haiti (M,CO)
Aug 19 – 26, Haiti (M,CO)
Sept 12 – 19, Haiti (M,CO)
Oct 16 – 23, Haiti (M,CO)
Oct 28 – Nov 4, Guatemala (M,CO,CH)
Nov 13 – 20, Haiti (M,CO)
Nov 28 – Dec 5, Haiti (M,CO,CH)

Trip Types: M = Medical D = Dental
CO = Construction CH = Children's Program

You can register for a trip online or contact Martha Murray for details at martha@pidonline.org



College Corner: PID Partners with the University Circuit

The list of colleges and universities working with PID has grown exponentially over the past few years. St. Joseph's College in Maine was among the first groups to travel with PID. They now travel to both Haiti and Guatemala each January with nursing students working in the clinic and huge crews doing construction projects.

Joining them in the ranks are Gordon College (construction Teams), University of Upper Iowa (construction and micro-credit loans in Haiti), University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth (construction and medical; their nursing students now earn credit to travel with PID); University of Massachusetts - Amherst (construction and medical in Haiti); University of Scranton (construction); Endicott College (construction); Messiah Col-

lege (solar power); McMurry University (construction); and Antioch University (earthquake trauma & children).

In addition to college groups traveling with PID, they are also learning from us. Diane Gatchell, from Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, traveled with Haiti following the earthquake and has continued to be an advocate. She recently spoke at the United Nations Academic Impact Conference held at Lehigh University on behalf of PID. The Conference, which focused on global citizenship, was presented to college students and streamed worldwide.

On college break soon? Think about how you can get your school involved next semester. Contact PID to discuss ideas!



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Another Year to Celebrate

PID's 2012 Annual Celebration was a great success with over 100 people in attendance to hear updates, browse display tables featuring each of our programs and native crafts, and share some laughs together. Sela Nelson offered a wonderful presentation about the two months she spent in Guatemala with her husband Gene where they directed PID's English tutoring program. Sela also gave us a glimpse of what the child sponsorship program looks like on the "other side," that is, in Guatemala. She showed pictures of children in the program, the homes they live in, and the monthly food distributions they receive.

President Gale Hull also spoke, highlighting the important issue of ensuring the sustainability of PID and its programs and setting future goals. She joyfully reported the successes of 2011 including the new programs being offered in both Haiti and Guatemala. In Haiti new diabetic and hypertension clinics were introduced, and in Guatemala construction of the new clinic was completed and English tutoring classes began. There are now

over 500 children in PID's child sponsorship program between both countries! In Haiti future goals included continuing to build homes in the tent city of Canaan, and improvements at the medical clinic such



as solar power and an improved database system. Guatemala's goals include completing the dental room and the well to provide clean drinking water for the entire village.

Following the presentations, PID's Board of Directors held a meeting while others lingered over the delicious food. All in all it was a wonderful celebration. Many thanks to all who participated!