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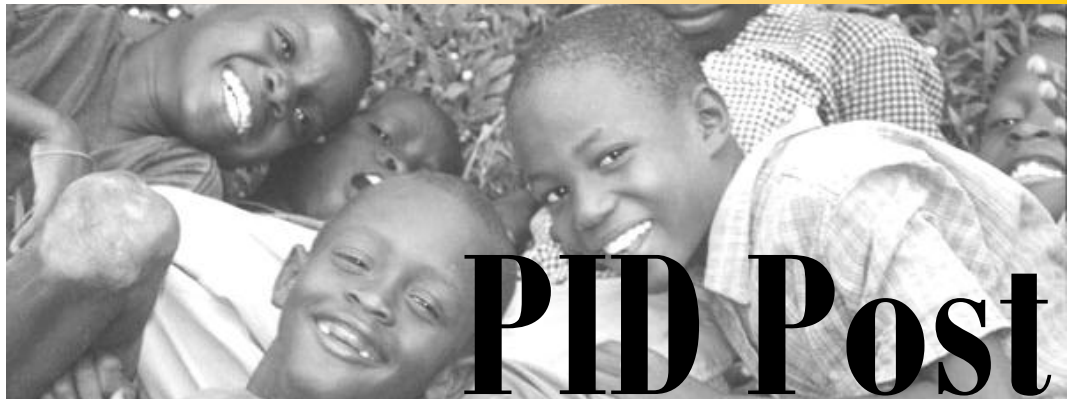
Since 1990, PID has been serving the extreme poor in the developing world. Through child sponsorships, micro-credit loans, housing opportunities and medical care we aim to transform communities so they can be self-sufficient. We serve thousands of people each year in Haiti and Guatemala who are determined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

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**Happy New
Year From
Your Friends
at PID!**



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Christmas Party Galore!

Think your Christmas party season was busy? Think again... Haiti was exploding with various yuletide festivities. First was the Christmas party for the 400+ sponsor children. Kids made Christmas cards for their sponsors, played games, and



Making cards in Haiti

had a delicious lunch of chicken, rice & beans. Each child received a small monetary gift (or one given by the sponsor) and a small backpack filled with clothing, a Barbie, toys, soap, popcorn and a brownie. If that wasn't enough, the highlight of the day was picking out their very own soccer ball. *Thank you to all who helped Ann and Judy collect 400+ soccer balls and Barbie dolls!*

In Guatemala, sponsor kids were loaded onto a school bus and brought to a nearby park to celebrate the festivities. They made beautiful Christmas cards for their sponsors, played musical chairs, had dance competitions and various other games with prizes for the winners. After hotdogs and cake, Santa came and gave each child a present!

Back in Haiti, the sponsored kids in the Jou Nouvo branch of PID in Bon Repos had



Musical Chairs at the park



A visit from Santa in Guatemala!

their own party too. They ate a meal, made cards, took pictures, and each received a gift as well as their monthly sponsorship money. But we're not done there...children who are on the waiting list for sponsorship were also able to have a Christmas party, thanks to Dru & Billy Secord who have come for the past three years. They hosted parties for two local orphanages, the tent cities PID works in, and for kids from Cite Soliel, a very poor area in PAP. This year's activities included decorating Christmas bags, writing and illustrating their own book, coloring, passing out toothbrushes and toys, and enjoying a big meal together. In the words of Billy, "celebrating Christmas has an entirely new meaning when spending it with God's children in Haiti."



Blowing up soccer balls

Many thanks to all of the wonderful trip participants & volunteers who made Christmas 2012 a wonderful season for the children of Haiti and Guatemala!

Calling All Volunteers & Interns!

For the last three years PID has expanded rapidly. We have only been able to keep up with the growth because of a team of wonderful volunteers and interns. With each passing year this team becomes a more important part of the work of PID.

Volunteers and interns work in the US, Haiti and Guatemala. They work in the offices, in the field, and in the warehouse. Mostly they are all joined in a common goal of serving the poorest of the poor.

Here is what Deb, our US warehouse packing coordinator had to say when I asked her if she minded all the packing, "What other job allows you to pack Christmas party toys for young children in Haiti? Today, I found a bunch of toys in the un-inventoried pile at the warehouse. I filled a large suitcase with an assortment of small toys and another bag with soccer balls, the black "Boston Lobsters" bags, as well as

crayons, etc. I really enjoyed packing these."

We hope that you will join us in the work. Here are a few of the volunteer positions that we have available:

More warehouse workers: People to organize, sort, pick-up and inventory items to pack for Haiti and Guatemala.

Medical Warehouse Volunteer: Must have an understanding of medicine; help look for medical donations and order meds as needed.

Assistant Trip Coordinator: Work with our Trip Coordinator to help to plan for teams traveling to Haiti & Guatemala.

Child Sponsorship Support: Work with CS Coordinators to help with donor relations, mailings, etc.

Trip Leaders: Receive training to lead teams on service trips.

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

Research Assistant for Program Development: Gather statistics and information regarding the possibility of PID's expansion into a third country.

Clinic Rotation Coordinator: Join the team of nurses & doctors who help oversee the medical clinics.

Assistant Field Director Intern (Haiti or Guatemala): Must be a college graduate or have equivalent experience in administration and/or cross-cultural experience. A working knowledge of either Spanish or French is required.

If any of these positions appeal to you, please contact the office for more information: (978) 380-6132 or info@pidonline.org



PID's Annual Celebration is Right Around the Corner!

Please join us for our Annual Celebration on Sunday, March 3rd from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in Boone Hall (adjacent to Ascension Memorial Church, 31 County Road, Ipswich). The gathering will feature PID updates, native crafts to purchase, delicious food and a chance to catch up with your PID pals. This is also a great way to introduce new people to our work, so bring your friends.

Dr. Gargi Roysircar, along with some of her doctoral students of psychology, will join us to speak about her research done at PID in Blanchard, Haiti. The study was centered around the earthquake trauma effect on children.

All are welcome, free of charge. Please RSVP for food planning purposes. Call 978-380-6132 or email info@pidonline.org



Sela Nelson, one of PID's volunteer Child Sponsorship coordinators, teaching an English class in Guatemala. Sela was part of the initiative to get this important tutoring program get off the ground in 2012.

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