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

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Spring 2015



Wow, That's My Baby!



First ultrasound in our clinic in Guatemala!

Our long-awaited ultrasound machine has landed in Guatemala, thanks to several generous donors and a matching donation.

Dr. Tim, an Ipswich local, worked all week with Millie, our pharmacist, and Flor, a recent graduate from our Higher Education program, teaching them how to perform ultrasounds. Millie and Flor were both excellent and enthusiastic students.

The patients were thrilled and soon a crowd formed. In fact, so many pregnant women came they

could not all receive ultrasounds that week. However, thanks to the training our staff received this aspect of our prenatal program will continue each week.

In order to assure that the ultrasounds performed by Millie and Flor were correct even after Dr. Tim left, we will pay for our first 10 patients to have a second

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Back to Guatemala

By Talitha Marcelin, Assistant Director

What a great experience it was to return to Guatemala after moving back to the United States over three years ago. Not only was it exciting and amazing to see old friends and co-workers, but the team I worked with (Dalhousie Dental School) was unbelievable. We worked non-stop, stepping foot in the clinic at 8:00 am each morning only to find long lines had already formed. We worked beyond our normal hours and still had to tell patients to come back the following day because there just wasn't enough time.

This dental service was so greatly needed that patients waited for hours to get teeth extracted and cavities filled. We were able to take and develop x-rays and trained two local clinic workers, Flor and Millie (see article above) to continue doing

so after we left. We were even able to set up a mobile dental laboratory for making partial dentures.

One of my favorite experiences of the week was when a beautiful, 18 year old, newly married woman came into the clinic and was told that her upper two front teeth would need to be extracted because there was no way they could be saved. She was nervous and did not want to lose her two front teeth. The team took an impression of her teeth and told her to come back in two days. When she came



Tali assisting with dental patients.

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Internship Opportunities

Intern positions are available in Guatemala and Mississippi. We are looking for candidates for the following programs:

Mississippi:

(Includes room and board and a small stipend)

- Children's program assistant: educational or tutoring skills preferred.
- Business program assistant

Guatemala:

(Fees apply)

- Small Business program assistant
- Child Sponsorship assistant

Contact the office for more information.
PID's Internship Application can be found at:
www.pidonline.org/participate/volunteer

Spring in Mississippi

By Gale Hull, President

We are so excited about all of the programs in Mississippi. Recently we purchased a 15 passenger van that will be used as transportation for teams as well as for people in Glendora and the surrounding areas. During our first year in Mississippi we have discovered that the lack of transportation prevents people from obtaining meaningful employment, medical care and even buying groceries. Having a van will help us better care for this community.

I recently returned from a service trip with Gordon College. When the kids in



Children's cooking class

Mississippi found out we were doing a children's program they were jumping up and down with excitement. We had an excellent week and a lot of fun.

At the end of the trip I was talking to one of the women and she said, "We are so blessed to have you (PID) here and for all of the things you are doing for our kids." She doesn't know how blessed we are to have the privilege of working with them.

Mississippi Sponsorship Update

As we finished our first year in the Mississippi Delta, we have assessed how PID can help meet the needs of those we serve. We have decided to revise our Family Sponsorship program to be more child focused. Family sponsorships will change to become individual child sponsorships instead.

Each sponsored child will receive:

- Well child check-ups and vitamins.
- Medical transportation when extra medical services are needed.

- A birthday present and Christmas party with a present.
- Access to all PID children's programs.
- Tutoring and computer training as needed.
- Classes on compiling and writing a resume.
- Help with filling out college applications.
- Trips to colleges in the surrounding areas with their parents.

In addition, the child's family will continue to receive all of the benefits as outlined in the original Family Sponsorship Program. Current sponsors will receive more information about these changes.

For more information:

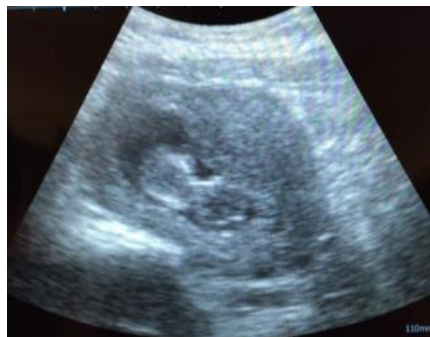
Visit the Mississippi Child Sponsorship page at pidonline.org

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ultrasound at another location. So far, Millie and Flor have had 100% accuracy. Thanks to this technology we can now provide due dates for all of our prenatal women. We are so happy we are able to provide this new service and very proud of our new ultrasound technicians.



Ultrasound image from our clinic.

Other Clinic News...

We plan to add a laboratory technician in Guatemala who will work two days a month. This will enable our Guatemalan doctor to order tests and have results quickly. Those we serve have limited incomes and cannot always afford laboratory tests if they are sent outside of our clinic. The laboratory technician will be an invaluable addition to our services for all of our patients.

Get Involved

Take Action

Help Us Help Others

Calling All Travelers!

Join PID for the experience of a lifetime on a service trip to Haiti, Guatemala or Mississippi.

For more info:
 Visit the Service Trips page at pidonline.org
 Email trips@pidonline.org
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Current Trip Schedule:

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

- April 19 – 26, Haiti (M,CO)
- April 19 – 26, Guatemala (M,CO)
- April 18 – 26, Glendora, MS
- May 6 – 13, Haiti (Wartburg University)
- May 13 – 20, Guatemala (M,CO)
- May 20 – 27, Haiti (M,CO)
- May 24 – 31, Guatemala (M,CO)
- May 26 – June 2, Glendora, MS
- May 27 – June 3, Haiti (McMurry University)
- June 3 – 10, Haiti (University of Scranton)
- June 3 – 10, Guatemala (M,CO)
- June 6 – 12, Glendora, MS
- June 10 – 17, Haiti (M,CO)
- June 15 – 26, Guatemala (Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church)
- June 23 – 28, Glendora, MS (First Church of Ipswich)
- July 8 – 15, Haiti (M,CO)
- July 8 – 15, Guatemala (M,CO)
- July 15 – 22, Glendora, MS
- July 15 – 22, Haiti (M,CO)
- July 26 – Aug 2, Haiti (M,CO,CH)
- August 12 – 19, Haiti (M,CO)
- August 12 – 19, Glendora, MS
- September 16 – 23, Glendora, MS
- October 7 – 14, Glendora, MS

*For September/October medical trips to Haiti, contact the office
 No trips to Guatemala during rainy season (September/October)*

- November 4 – 11, Haiti (M,CO)
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- November 4 – 11, Glendora, MS
- December 2 – 9, Haiti (M,CO,CH) Christmas party
- Guatemala Christmas party trip TBA
- Glendora, MS Christmas party trip TBA
- December 16 – 23, Haiti (M,CO)

2016 trip dates coming this summer...

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back you could see she was scared. The team extracted her teeth and taught her how to put in her new partial denture. When she looked in the mirror her smile lit up the room. She was hugging everyone!



Before and after!

It is incredible what these services provide for impoverished communities, and it is even more incredible to be a part of it, watch it continually and see the constant growth over the years!

Talitha Marcelin moved to Guatemala with her family in 2005 to start the expansion of PID. She worked as PID's Field Director in Guatemala for over 6 years until she, her husband, and four children moved back to the United States in 2011. Tali is now working in PID's US office as the Assistant Director and regularly travels to PID's overseas locations.

Letter from a Trip Participant

On behalf of the entire team I want to thank you for the most humbling and rewarding experience which exceeded our expectations. Right from the first contact I made with PID inquiring about the program in November, until the time we stepped off the bus to leave Haiti, our experience with PID has been nothing less than an extremely professional and heartwarming experience. Everyone has taken such care to be so kind and helpful so that the service trip was most fulfilling.

The beautiful people of Haiti were so appreciative of our coming to share our knowledge and skills and care for them. I have never felt so honored to be of service to people. The work that your entire organization and staff as well as volunteers do is from the heart and commendable. I will never forget what I saw in Haiti. I will have memories to last a lifetime. You can be so proud of your staff and the work that they do.

I know many of our team members plan to stay in contact with PID either through donations or service.

Thank you, Cindy *(Haiti trip participant)*

Construction trips to Mississippi!



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 and efforts:

Dennis and Susan Baker, Ann Staffeld, Mark and Virginia Meyer, Donna Sylvester, Donna and Anne Mulvey O'Neill, Bernard and Elizabeth Klim, Bertrand and Maxine Steeves, Jennifer Hawry, Ruth Gannon, Barbara M. Taylor, Andrea Bursawy, John Bumstead, and Peter Stickel all gave in honor of Priscilla Bellairs.

An anonymous donor gave in honor of Patrick Magennis' birthday. Patrick is PID's Field Director in Mississippi.

James and Joan Lennon and Julie Chase gave in honor of Rev. Ruth Merriam's birthday.

Alexander Hardman gave in honor of Amanda Hardman's birthday.

Judith Spiller gave in honor of Ann Grinnell.

Paul Grenier gave in memory of Lucy A. Potter.

Marie Freise gave in memory of Tim Morrow.

Judith and Michael Salter sponsored a child in Haiti in honor of their grandson Jake Salter-Gurau.

Rebecca Brown gave in honor of PID's Emergency Child fund.



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Join us for our Annual Celebration:
25 years of PID!

Sunday, April 12th
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Boone Hall, Ascension Memorial Church
31 County Street, Ipswich, MA



Our featured speaker will be Abigail Sawyer, PID's Field Director in Guatemala. Abby is originally from Hamilton, MA and studied at Gordon College.

Come for delicious food, beautiful native crafts available for purchase, and a *celebration of 25 years of serving the poorest of the poor!*

All are welcome, free of charge. Please RSVP: info@pidonline.org or (978) 380-6132