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Since 1990, PID has been serving the poorest of the poor. 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.

PID is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Christian service organization. Donations are tax-deductible.

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# PID Post

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## Here's What Happened to Your Donation Dollars in 2014

### Haiti

*PID works with the extreme poor in Haiti who live on less than \$1 a day per capita and make up 54% of the population. Over 50% of primary school age children are not enrolled in school.*

**Child Sponsorship:** Education, clothing, shoes, school supplies, medical care. **Over 500 children currently sponsored**

**Emergency Children:** PID's Emergency Child Program takes in severely malnourished babies and children and helps them get up to a healthy weight so they can grow and thrive. **30 kids per year**

**Free Medical Clinic:** Primary Care, documentation of health, yearly physical exams, eye exams with teams, dental checkups with teams, medications, vitamin and nutritional therapy, physical therapy with teams, sick visits, midwife training program, diabetes and hypertension, emergency child delivery services, pre-natal care, ultrasounds. **26,000 patients seen each year**

**Housing:** Safe, adequate housing with a 0% interest mortgage. **Over 167 permanent and temporary dwellings**

**Higher Education Scholarships:** Scholarships for students pursuing Medical and University

degrees. **15 students this year**

**Small Business:** Training and a low interest loan so parents can provide for their families. **More than 2,000 loans dispersed since 1990**

### Guatemala

*Approximately 75% of people live below the poverty line and 50% of children under age 5 are malnourished.*

**Free Medical Clinic:** Primary Care, documentation of health, yearly physical exams, eye exams with teams, dental checkups, medications, vitamin and nutritional therapy, physical therapy with teams, sick visits, diabetes, pre-natal care, ultrasounds. **6,000 patients seen each year**

**Housing:** Safe, adequate housing with a 0% interest mortgage. **37 homes built**

**Child Sponsorship:** Education, clothing, shoes, school supplies, medical care. **Over 260 children currently sponsored**

**Emergency Children:** 1 out of every 600 babies is born with cleft palate in Guatemala. It is very debilitating. The cost of each surgery ranges from \$600 to \$1,500. Kids usually require several surgeries as well as

speech therapy. **PID helps about 5 children with cleft palate each year**

**Higher Education Scholarships:** Scholarships for students pursuing Medical and University degrees. **8 students this year**

**Small Business Loans:** Training and low interest loans so parents can provide for their families. **60 active loans**

**Clean Water Initiative:** PID builds and installs bio-sand water filters. Parasite testing and treatment in partnership with Yale University is ongoing. **Over 1,200 people treated, and counting**

### Mississippi

*PID works in the Mississippi Delta Region in a town where 90% of the citizens live under the U.S. poverty line.*

**PID's Lighthouse Learning Center, Computer Center, Library, Classroom and Early Learning Center programming includes:**

**Early Childhood Development Center:** filled with developmental toys, games and books.

**Summer Food and Fun Program:** 4 local, part-time staff were trained and ran a summer program for children, providing educational

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## Changing Lives through Higher Education

In November 2014 there was much celebration in Guatemala. The happy and proud parents of six PID sponsored students attended their children's graduations. Much hard work and study on the students' part coupled with necessary financial support from committed sponsors in the US made the festive occasion a remarkable event.

These students received technical training at specialized schools in fields ranging from accounting, bi-lingual secretarial training, automotive mechanics, elementary education, and technical drawing. They have the skills and necessary degree to be employed and support their families thanks to Partners In Development.

When PID founded its Guatemala program in 2005, most girls ended their education at 4th grade and boys at 6th grade level. So much has changed in the village's educational profile since PID landed. Many sponsors chose to continue their financial support once their student applied for a Higher Education scholarship. Some of the first children in PID's program are among those who recently

graduated.

A huge congratulations to the students and families who graduated: Mario Garcia, Josue Joel Coroy, Sandra Aceitunio, Juan Lopez, Flor Quich, and Dora Soc.

Seven new students have been accepted into Guatemala's Higher Education scholarship program. **Four of these students still need sponsors to be able to continue their education.** A commitment of \$60 per month helps pay for tuition, registration, uniforms, books, supplies and transportation. Students are in programs ranging from 1 to 3 years.

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## Mark your calendars for PID's Annual Celebration

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

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

Our guest speaker will be Abigail Sawyer,  
PID's Field Director in Guatemala

Come for some delicious food and to celebrate  
another year of serving the poorest of the poor!

Please RSVP at (978) 380-6132 or [info@pidonline.org](mailto:info@pidonline.org)

**Highlights con't...** enrichment and access to a healthy lunch program.

**Computer Lab:** Open Monday through Friday with two part-time, local staff.

**Adult Literacy and Job Training:** GED, computer skills, resume building, literacy, other adult enrichment and professional training opportunities.

**Family Education Enrichment:** Tutoring program, after school programs, early childhood development training, library membership, active parenting program.

**Family Health and Wellness:** Free health screenings, fitness programs, nutrition training, assistance with access to existing health services. **Began an exercise group that meets 4 times a week. 3 residents completed the Tallahatchie Wellness Challenge.**

**Family Sponsorship:** Provides access to all of PID's programs. **7 families currently sponsored.**

**Playgrounds:** 2 playgrounds built.

We are also partnering with the University of New England Business School in creating business development opportunities in Glendora.

**None of this would have been possible without your generous and faithful support...THANK YOU!**

## Annual Benefit Raises Over \$50,000

Our 2014 Annual Benefit raised over \$51,100 towards our programs that transform lives daily. It was a fun and tasty evening celebrating PID's successful first year in Mississippi, with jazz and blues music by the Bagwell Island Band, southern barbeque, a swing dance presentation and lessons from the Gordon College Swing Dancers.

All of the money raised will go towards the medical programs in all three countries. We are so

thankful for your generous investment in PID's work. We couldn't have done it without your help. Thank you!

To hear the Mayor of Glendora's speech from that night, visit "Our Latest News" section on our website.

Watch for information about this year's Benefit in the fall highlighting Guatemala, with a taste of Latin American food and much more...

### Higher Education con't...

One of the mothers of a student waiting for Higher Ed sponsorship said, "I want my daughter to continue her education so she doesn't have to make tortillas from sun up to sundown. I can't read or write so I make tortillas all day long."

If you or your organization is interested in supporting a student's wish to further his/her education through PID's Higher Education program in Guatemala or Haiti, please visit [www.pidonline.org](http://www.pidonline.org) or contact the office at [Sponsorship@pidonline.org](mailto:Sponsorship@pidonline.org)

PID also currently has 75 children and families in Haiti, Guatemala, and Mississippi waiting for sponsorship. For \$30 a month you can be a part of transforming a life and community.



Charles pictured with his mother.

### Dual Benefits of Sponsorship

Sponsorship benefits not only families in Haiti, Guatemala, and Mississippi, but also those who give. Robin and her family sponsor a child in Haiti named Charles. When her 4 year-old son learned about the type of home that Charles lives in, he said, "Mom, can we go to the forest and get wood and then drive to Charles' house and put up wood and shingles for his floor and roof?" Out of the mouths of babes.

## 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:**

Sharon Stentiford gave in loving memory of her husband, Richard Modica.

Jeanne Boudreaux in honor of Tamara New.

Alexander Hawkins in honor of Rebecca Hawkins.

Sarah Slack gave in honor of Lisa Lassey.

Janet Higgins gave in honor of Bethany and Kevin Avery.

Lawrence and Deborah Plumer, Yolanda E. Collins, Margaret A. Cook, and Emery and Katherine Hollerer donated to Kathy Jennell's housing fund in memory of Frank Sworobowicz Jr.

Karen Wasilewski-Masker gave in honor of Tamara New for medical programs.

Merrily and Doug Buchs gave in memory of Merrily's parents, Don and Bernice Spence.

Carolyn Fenn gave in honor of Carrie Parsi.

Camilla Daggett gave in honor of Frank Daggett.

Dawn Bennett gave in honor of William and Elizabeth Hastings.

David and Faye Kerr and Donald and Nicole Kerr gave in honor of Nicole Kerr.

Calvin and Suzanne Cockman gave in honor of Gene Nelson and in memory of Sela Nelson. Francine and Douglas Barrington gave in

honor of Mark D. Robbins.

Linda Barrington gave in honor of Mark D. Robbins and Robin E. Rhoades.

Mary Beth Brady gave in honor of Barbara Wilson.

Susan Duchesney gave in honor of Barbara and Chuck Trudeau.

Elizabeth Stevenson gave in honor of Robin Earle and Don McDavitt.

David and Celeste Holwick gave in honor of Mary Ann Holwick.

East Campus PACU nurses gave in Honor of Susan Dorian-Mary Ellis and Marianne Mcauliffe. Matthew Grinnell gave in honor of Ann Grinnell.

Amanda Hardman gave in honor of Lisa Porter and R. Scott Sherman, Alex Hardman, and Susan Duchesney.

Benjamin and Lisa Deily gave in honor of Betsy and Kincade Webb.

Kathryn and David Jennell gave in honor of the marriage of Keven and Cindy Leach.

Skye M. Morrison Kramer gave to Jou Nouvo in honor of Kerline Tofuri.

Eugene Wintner, Maureen Dadekian, Elaine De Mers, Karen Hudner, Carole B. Bishop, Richard T. Green, and Linda Desjardins gave in honor of Priscilla Bellairs' 70th birthday.