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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.

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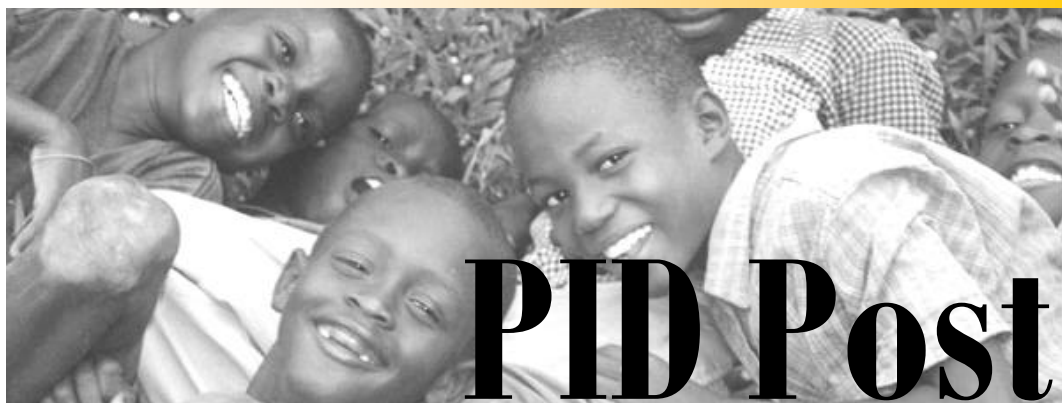
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PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Fall 2014

Celebrating Our First Year in Mississippi: Join us for our 14th Annual Benefit!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is fast approaching! A not-to-be-missed night featuring Blues & Jazz music, a delectable menu of southern barbeque, our lively "silent" auction and more!

Our guest speaker will be Johnny B. Thomas, Mayor of Glendora, MS!

Check it out this year at its new location!

Saturday, November 22, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Vittori-Rocci Post, 143 Brimbal Avenue, Beverly, MA
(Exit 19 off 128 — Plentiful Parking)

Join us for a great evening & invite a friend! RSVP at www.pidonline.org

To volunteer for the event or to donate an auction item, email info@pidonline.org



Transition in Haiti Staff: Goodbye, Hello!

By Lizzy Barnes & Sandra Sonley

Lizzy: I stood in the Port-au-Prince airport with more suitcases



Lizzy loved her time in Haiti than I could handle, bursting into tears. It wasn't an easy decision to leave. For the past three years, I shared my life with the PID staff, many of whom I now consider family. I would miss the cute, one-room house that I called home and the clinic, where I spent all my days. I have seen countless lives changed, sick people get better, and wounds heal. I thought about my little black tracker, which was broken down more often than not, where in my last week as field director, a baby was born. My stack of notebooks, which contained three and a half years' worth of notes, to-do lists, and budgets were left behind for the new field director to study. I would miss Saintilia's smiling face greeting me every morning with a hot cup of tea. I would no longer

hang out with traveling teams full of people who cared about helping others. No more daily hugs from all the neighborhood children or grateful moms whose babies would not be alive if not for the emergency child or medika mamba programs. How could I leave all of this? But it was my time to go and Sandra's time to become the new field director.

PID has been changing lives in Haiti for over twenty years. For three years, I have been blessed to be a part of making a difference in people's lives. I saw firsthand how PID's programs have brought struggling families out of the cycle of poverty and I lived it. Did I mention the dying babies who were nursed back to life through the nutrition program and are now going to school? I have seen so much happen; my life will never be the same. I have learned so much about God, about myself, and about what matters in life.

My job was not easy. We went through difficult times and many changes during my time as field director. I learned to put my trust in God. The story of PID started

long before I came and will continue long after. From the first construction of Rosemarie's house 14 years ago, to our current plans to expand our clinic with a dentist room and maternity suite. I am honored to have had the opportunity to play a part in one chapter of PID's story. Today, I leave with sadness in my heart and a legacy that I will carry with me forever.

I am proud to announce that Sandra Sonley, a



Sandra arriving in Haiti!

God-fearing woman and good friend of mine, will continue as PID Haiti's field director. I know that she will do an amazing job, and I look forward to seeing her help bring PID Haiti to the next level.

Sandra: Today I am in the airport waiting to be picked up for my new job and life in Haiti working as the field director for PID. I hope that I have packed everything I need at least until my

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Update from Mississippi

By Patrick Magennis, MS Field Director

Things are moving right along in Mississippi. Since we started in February we've had five exceptional teams come to help with getting the new division off to a great start.

The computer lab, which was set up by the first group, is doing great. It's open four hours a day, Monday through Friday. I think it's a great way to show the community that we are committed and offer something constant and stable. We are able to provide a small stipend to two people who work in the computer lab.

We have an early learning/development center that has been filled with toys by many generous donations. Kids now have access to a small library that matches with their school curriculum. The library is filled with books handpicked by Christine Doyle, a very qualified library director who came on our assessment trip in Feb.

This summer, Jacob Stevens, a student intern from Gordon College, developed and supervised our Summer Food and Fun Program. Approximately 25 children participated in fun and educational

activities and then went to a community feeding program for lunch. Jacob did a superb job making the program a success by ensuring the children continued with lessons they learned in school.

For the adults, we are working on assisting some individuals obtain driver's licenses. Others need help signing up for college classes or for participating in a wellness challenge. We have started an exercise class that meets four days a week. We hope to see better blood pressures, a commitment to healthier eating, a few pounds lost and greater understanding of what overall wellness means. The GED program has hit a few glitches as many of the people who signed up have a 5th grade education level and the curriculum begins with 9th grade. This program will be long and more difficult than we originally anticipated. We are trying to find ways to help people pace themselves so they do not get discouraged.

The most visible changes and most exciting to the kids are the two new playgrounds. One playground is geared towards the smaller children and closer to the living area. The second is a little farther away but built with older kids in

mind. Almost all the equipment is made out of recycled tires, but through very generous donations we have been able to add a swing set and a spring rider.

There still is much to do in Mississippi, but we have been able to build strong relationships and are beginning to see real "buy in" to our programs. We hope to see some of you on a Mississippi trip in the future!

**With the help of Mark Quarantiello PID Mississippi will be the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from Henkel Corporation's Making an Impact on Tomorrow Project! These funds will be used to further equip the computer lab, early education center, and Family Library! Many thanks to Mark and Henkel Corporation!*

**"...Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord, be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."
Romans 12: 11-12.**



Tire playground was created with help from First Church (Ipswich) team.

New Security Measures In Guatemala

By Gale Hull, President

As you plan your future trip with Partners in Development, we feel it is important for you to know the new security measures that we have put in place in response to the incident in July when a van, on its return trip to the airport was carjacked. All of the team members made it home safely. However, it was a traumatizing event for everyone on the team as well as all of the PID staff. Our drivers and staff have always done everything to keep the teams safe. We have traveled with hundreds of people to Guatemala in the last 8 years and never had an incident. Guatemala has been a gracious and welcoming host country. The carjacking shook all of us to our very core. In response, we

temporarily suspended our trips to Guatemala through November to have time to evaluate the situation.

During this evaluation we analyzed every possible scenario both with the US staff, travelers from the team and with the Guatemalan staff. We consulted with the US Embassy in Guatemala and the local police. We concluded this incident was random and not directed at PID. As a result, we have added the following security precautions for all of PID's future teams traveling to Guatemala.

- Each team will be escorted to and from the airport by the tourist police (recommended by the US Embassy). Although we believe that this police escort service will take care of any future problems we have decided to add our own additional precautions.
- We will not make unnecessary

stops on route to or from the airport.

- The luggage will not be tied to the top of any van. It will travel in a separate truck covered by a tarp.
- We feel that the police escort will be sufficient if conditions caused us to travel at night.

Wherever one might find themselves in the world as an individual, including the US, there is never a 100% guarantee of safety, even though that is what we desire. As PID goes forward from this event, we have increased security and awareness but we will not stop serving the poorest of the poor wherever that take us.

If you have any more questions or concerns please contact me at (978) 810-0830. I will be happy to talk with you.

Get Involved

Take Action

Help Us Help Others

A Market With A Mission



These bracelets made in Haiti feature a beautiful gem, created from re-purposed glass and placed on a band of recycled oil drum metal

Not only are they beautiful, but PID crafts are now creating revenue for our programs to benefit the poor. PID launched an Etsy shop back in the spring: www.etsy.com/shop/PIDcrafts. Over the last six months, we've been pleasantly surprised and encouraged by its progress. We've had more than 5,450 visitors from all over the world, with new people coming every day!

Through this online marketplace, we're selling various crafts handmade by artists in Haiti and Guatemala. So far, we've sold nearly 85 pieces, some to friends and family of PID and others to folks who are just hearing about PID for the first time through Etsy. The sale of each piece provides the respective artist

with a fair wage and helps support PID. The crafts in our shop range from colorful Guatemalan purses and wallets, infamous Haiti oil drum art (in the form of geckos, crosses, birds and more), cards, jewelry and so much more. Since our inventory is dependent on what the artists produce, it's constantly changing. Our goal is to have new items in the shop often.

Some of our newest items include the recently introduced "Gems of the Antilles" line of handmade jewelry from Haiti. The finished pieces are available for purchase in PID's Etsy shop and will be featured at our Annual Benefit. This first batch includes a wide array of bracelet styles, all made from oil drum metal. Some bracelets are painted with beautiful pastel patterns and others feature the recycled glass gems that our small business men and women in Haiti have been working so hard on.

We want to continue making this exciting Etsy endeavor a success, so please share the word with a friend. Thanks to everyone who has already visited the shop or made a purchase. And a special thanks to the team members who have been willing to take home extra luggage to help us fill the shop!

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other suitcases arrive. I pray that I am ready for this job as I know that since Lizzy began as field director the job has changed.

I came to Haiti on a short term mission's trip and ended up interning for 11 months the following year. It was evident to see the fruit of commitment that PID had in Haiti and I could see that the work there was really worth it! I met so many people in Haiti that the laughter and culture of the clinic became irresistible.

My hope for working with PID in Haiti is to continue to build partnerships between the Haitian people and PID. I want to help PID supply them with encouragement, tools and other resources, but also to help them make things happen for themselves.

I am looking forward to this new adventure in my life. I have already come to fall in love with Haiti and the work that PID does. I am most excited about working with the same people and the new staff as well. The time is here. I climb into the black tracker, my new car for now, as we drive towards my one room house that I will call home. I am ready.

Child Sponsorship Christmas Celebrations!

PID now has close to 800 children sponsored in Haiti and Guatemala, and 7 families in Mississippi! This is only possible because of the generosity and love of all of their sponsors.



Every year, many sponsors go above and beyond their commitment and choose to give a little extra gift around the holidays. If you would like your sponsor child to receive an extra gift for Christmas this year, please make your modest monetary donation through the US Office by **December 1st**. And don't forget...letters and cards are welcome anytime! For more info go to: www.pidonline.org/letters-gifts

Christmas Parties for the Kids!

Each year teams travel to our locations to host Christmas parties for everyone in PID's sponsorship program. If you would like to help collect gifts for the Christmas parties to be delivered to our warehouse in Ipswich, please use this list as a guide:

Ages 0-3

ABC Books
Baby learning toys (small)

Ages 4-9

Skip It
Matchbox Cars
Jump ropes
Jacks
Super balls

Ages 10-15

Frisbees
Yo Yo's
Checkers (small size)
Cross Stitch kits
Playing Cards

Ages 16-18

Frisbees
Checkers
Playing cards
Rubix Cubes
Sewing Kits
Cross Stitch kits



Calling All Travelers! Join PID for the experience of a lifetime on a Service Trip in either Haiti, Guatemala or Glendora, Mississippi. Visit www.pidonline.org, email us at trips@pidonline.org, or call (978) 380-6132 for more info.

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 & efforts:

Jeanne & James Leffers, Karen Reamsnyder, Pacheco Vilma, & Honeyfund gave in honor of Mary Vrana & Mike Faidell's wedding for Haiti housing.

Amanda Hardman gave in honor of Alex Hardman.

Alexander Hardman gave in memory of Kenneth Hardman.

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Fun at The Farm

Kick up your heels and spice up your Saturday while helping PID! Join us for an afternoon of food, fun and live music by the **Bagwell Island Band!**

Saturday, October 11
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.
The Farm Bar and Grill
233 Western Ave, Essex, MA 01929

A \$5.00 cover charge includes a delicious appetizer buffet, as well as 10% of all sales going directly to PID Mississippi thanks to the generosity of THE FARM BAR AND GRILL.

RSVP to Julie@pidonline.org (preferred but not necessary)
Spread the word, bring your friends....THE MORE THE MERRIER!!

New Website!

Have you checked out our new website? Stunning photos, all the latest updates, easy to use...logon today at:
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blog.pidonline.org

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