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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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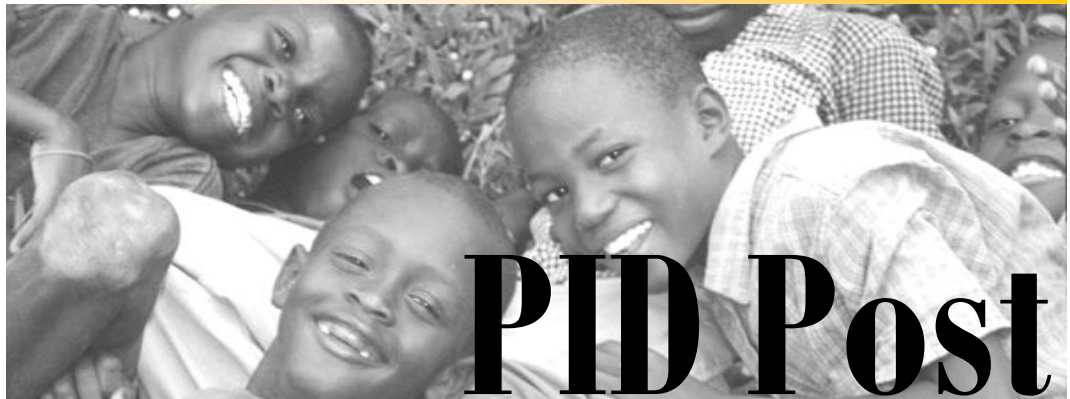
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PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Fall 2013

Expanding Our Impact: the next step for PID

Join us for an evening of surprises! PID's community transformation model has been so successful in Haiti and Guatemala we are branching out into a **third country**. Come and find out where PID will be going while enjoying delicious hor d'ouvres and small plates, a live and silent auction, many laughs, and listening or dancing to the music of **Lori Timony and the Higher Ground!** Help us meet our goal of raising \$50,000 through this event, and learn how your donations are making a difference in the lives of so many. This year's event is sure to be another sell out. Advanced reservations are required to guarantee a seat, and seating is limited to the first 200 people.



November 9th, 2013, 6-10 PM

Masonic Lodge, 31 Green St., Newburyport, MA 01950

Tickets

Tickets are \$50 per person. All proceeds benefit the work of PID

Pay now: You can purchase your tickets online now on the website at www.pidonline.org

Pay later: Reserve your spot and pay at the door, please contact info@pidonline.org or (978) 380-6132.

Pay at the door: Unreserved tickets can be purchased at the door if space allows.

Sponsorships

The following sponsorships are also available:

\$3,000: VIP reserved table for 10 – "Fund programming in the new country"

\$1,500: Reserved table for 10 – "Medicine for the clinic"

\$500: 4 tickets – "Children's leadership program"

\$200: 2 tickets – "Funding for the cleft palate program"

Can't attend the event but still want to help?

- Make an item donation to the silent auction
- Make a donation to our Annual Fund Drive <http://www.pidonline.org/news/annual-fund-drive>
- Tell a friend about the work of PID and the benefit
- And more pidonline.org/participate

Never Too Old To Learn

As our kids and grandchildren go back to school this month, it's easy to forget that 796 million adults around the globe cannot read or write (*World Literacy Foundation*). Many of the impoverished women we work with are part of that statistic; in fact numerous PID moms sign for their child's sponsorship food by stamping their thumb on an ink pad.

This summer, 20 women enrolled in literacy classes offered through a joint effort between PID and a government sponsored literacy program in Guatemala. Two instructors held weekly classes behind PID's medical clinic. The adult learners each had their own notebook and the teacher would give them homework each week. The course finished in August and there was a final test for



At age 43, Marcelina learned how to write her own name this summer.

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A Busy Season At the Clinic!

This July, our dental unit in Guatemala was blessed with a new dental student, Beverly. Beverly came to PID's clinic once a week to work with children in the sponsorship program. Dental problems are very common in Guatemala. Few have money to purchase toothbrushes and paste. Children also consume a lot of raw sugar cane and inexpensive junk food from street vendors.

Beverly is in her last year at dental school at the National University in Guatemala City. Students there are required to do a year of service and work in rural areas providing free care to the school children. Starting next February we will have a new student working here five days a week! Both dental students will work on children for free in the morning and be able to see adults in the afternoon and charge a reduced fee to cover their expenses. We are thrilled with this relationship with National University students!

The medical aspect of our clinic has seen an increase in number of patients. Each Wednesday, between 40 and 50 patients were admitted for appointments and the staff had to turn others away because there simply wasn't enough time for everyone to see the doctor. The good news is, the community is responding well to our new doctor and that they are pleased with the quality of her work. We are very excited to announce that starting this month, Dr. Angelica will be working two days a week at the clinic to accommodate the growing number of patients.



Cleft Lip & Palate Program



We first encountered children with cleft lips and palates in Guatemala in February 2012. We were approached by a woman who asked if her sister could bring her baby to the clinic because he was very sick and malnourished. When Kevin and his mother arrived, we discovered that he was severely malnourished because he had a cleft lip and palate and couldn't nurse properly. His mother was hopeless after watching her baby waste away because all she could afford to feed him was boiled water. We then began a journey with her to put Kevin on the road to recovery.

He received surgery on his lip last October and is scheduled for palate surgery in January (pictured all smiles above after his lip surgery). With each passing week Kevin began to gain weight, thanks to the formula provided by PID.

Word spread that we helped kids with cleft lips, and two more children arrived with their mothers; Carlos in June and Paula in September. This year, an additional two children – five year old Estefany and toddler Wilfredo – entered the program.

In addition to surgery, successful treatment requires a long commitment. A child born with cleft lip in palate needs at least 4 surgeries – first closing the lip at 3 months and the last being rhinoplasty at the age of 15 – throughout the child's lifetime. They are also more susceptible to lung and ear infections, and often need special orthodontic procedures, as well as speech therapy.

We found a center in Antigua Guatemala specifically designed to give patients such multidisciplinary care and treatment. The surgeon is well known and practices a surgical method developed by his father for cleft lip and palate. Each surgery costs \$550 – which covers hospital fees, lab work, doctors' fees, medication, food and care during hospitalization. One in 600 children in Guatemala are born with a cleft lip or palate. The exact cause is still unknown, but malnutrition and genetics are contributing factors.

PID now has five children in the cleft lip and palate program. All are living in extreme poverty. If you want to help with our cleft lip and palate program, donations can be mailed to the office or submitted online. If you would like information about hosting a fundraiser specifically for this program please contact the U.S. office.

Maria Cristina and her son Wilfredo with Field Director, Abby



Learners continued from pg. 1... the ladies. Fourteen women took the final test and passed! Out of those fourteen, eight women are mothers of sponsored children.

Marcelina Guarchaj, known best for her delicious cooking for our PID teams, participated in the course and can now read and write! Marcelina never went to school as a child and now at age 43, has finally learned how to write her name. Her inability to read and write was frustrating when her children's teachers would send home notes or want Marcelina to sign a form. Before the class, Marcelina was not able to help her children with their homework, because she didn't know how to do it. But now she does! The class curriculum included reading, writing, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The goal is to offer another course of secondary education next year and Marcelina says she would be first to enroll! We are so proud of all the women in the program and a big congrats our friend, Marcelina!

Get Involved Take Action Help Us Help Others

On the Ground in Haiti

By Patrick, Haiti volunteer staff member: This has been a challenging year for PID as we continue to expand. The passing of John this May (one of our directors in Haiti) brought changes we were not expecting and we didn't know if we could manage. But with our committed Haitian directors and staff as well as visiting interns we have come forward and not missed a step.

Since May PID has been working in Canann building houses and I'm happy to say that we have now finished two duplexes. A foundation for a third duplex has been dug and the foundation of the latrine has been completed. The construction teams that came during this period experienced some harsh conditions but overcame them and worked hard. We could not have built four houses in three months without great volunteers putting in a lot of time and sweat.

Now that we are at a good stopping point in Canaan, we have redirected our focus back to the PID compound. Work has started back up on the new administration building, some of you may know it as the "Roman Ruins". It has been only foundation for quite a while but now it has the walls up, floors poured, and windows in.

We have taken advantage of construction teams being here with a few upgrade projects. The project list includes making four cement benches on which patients will sit. These will be placed under the same tree where the wooden benches would usually go. They also put up a roof above the area right outside the kitchen door where the cooks work, just in time for the rainy season. The kitchen also had a door installed at the end of clinic to keep it a bit more private, as well as a two-basin stainless steel sink to replace the old plastic one. The eating area had the chair bottoms changed out to be more comfortable and the table tops were replaced with better wood.

The to-do list continued this summer as we built a roof for a family living in a temporary shelter. They are thrilled to have a home they can actually stand up in!

The housing situation in Haiti is still compromised. Many families here are homeless and the waiting list is long. With limited funding, our team in Haiti has worked to help those get by in desperate times. This summer, we were able to get two



temporary tarp houses built for families in Duvivier. We hope to start building houses for them within the year. Thanks to our hard working teams for making so much possible!

SUMMER PROJECTS

Construction continued in Canaan with the completion of another duplex.



Permanent cement benches were built for our clinic waiting area.

Have Suitcase, Will Travel!

Trip dates are on the calendar for the next year. We offer numerous trips to Haiti and Guatemala that give you the opportunity to work one on one with the people we serve. Trips do fill up, so contact us if you would like to get on a team list. Individuals and groups welcome. For more info, email Martha@pidonline.org, call (978) 380-6132, or visit www.pidonline.org

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- October 14 - 21, Haiti (M,CO)
November 6 - 13, Haiti (M,CO)
November 6 - 13, Guatemala (M,CO,CH)
Dec 4 - 11, Haiti (M,CO,CH)
Dec 4 - 11, Guatemala (M,CO,CH)

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- Dec 25 - Jan 1, Haiti (M,CO,CH) Everest College/Open
Dec 27 - January 3, Guatemala (M,CO,CH) Open & North Shore Community Baptist Church
Jan 3 - 10, Haiti St Joseph's College FULL
Jan 3 - 10, Gua St Joseph's College FULL
Jan 12 - 19, Haiti (M,CO)
Jan 21 - 30, Gua (M,CO) Univ of Delaware
Feb 5 - 12, Gua (M,CO, CH) West Church
Feb 5-12, Haiti (M,CO)
Feb 16 - 23, Haiti Elliott & Priestly Teams
Feb 16 - 23, Guatemala (M,CO) Cape Porpoise UMC & Kamin
March 6 - 15, Haiti Gordon College - FULL
March 9 - 16, Guatemala (M,CO) Southern Maine Community College
March 16 - 23, Gua (M,CO) Endicott Col
March 16 - 23, Haiti UMass Dart - FULL
April 16 - 23, Haiti (M,CO)
April 16 - 23, Guatemala (M,CO)
May 25 - June 1, Guatemala (M) Paul Webber Chiropractor team
June 4 - 11, Haiti (M,CO) Univ of Scranton
June 11 - 18, Guatemala (M,CO)
June 18, 25, Haiti (M,CO) McMurry Univ
June 18 - 25, Guatemala (M,CO)
June 11 - 18, Guatemala (CO)
June 18, 25, Haiti (M,CO)
June 18 - 25, Guatemala (M,CO)

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:

MTV & PID! Thanks to Jodi Sagorin for the great exposure on the music television network. Jodi strived to expose the higher education program in Haiti and raised \$8000! Way to go, Jodi – our students thank you! To watch click

<http://act.mtv.com/posts/jodi-sagorin-helps-haitian-students-get-medical-education/>

Judith Spiller made a donation in honor of the Booths. Thanks to Dearsy James & Joan Lennon, Russell & Deborah Guilmartin who made contributions in honor of Julie Merriam. Julie was our student

intern in Guatemala this summer for her second year and returned to Yale this school year.

Thank you to Martha & John Mcmanamy who gave in memory of John Boisrond.

The sewing group at the Community United Methodist Church of Byfield completed 200 dresses for the children of Haiti. Those participating were Pam Mckenzie, Cathi & Ali Stevenson, Dawn & Grace Boudreau, Jacqui Munrow. Thank you, sewers!

Round of applause for Charlene Santiago. Charlene collected over 1000 t-shirts For Haiti.!



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Working Words of Thanks

Summer Stories with Holly and Jimmy, our intern in Haiti

I would like to first thank you for allowing Jimmy and I to plan, implement, and carry out a project that we were very passionate about. After we identified TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) lessons as a need in the community last summer, the interest and dedication exhibited by our students this year could not have been more positive and overwhelming. Furthermore, I am extremely grateful that you permitted the two of us to take initiative on the water filter project, as the fruition of this effort again eclipsed either of our preconceived expectations. We were able to establish contacts within Hydrad, design an education regimen, and construct a database of family-specific information.

It's a boy!

We welcome an addition to our PID family!

Micah Thomas DesRosiers was born on July 29 to Michele and Kender DesRosiers.

Best wishes to the DesRosiers family. We will miss Michele in the office while she on maternity leave!



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