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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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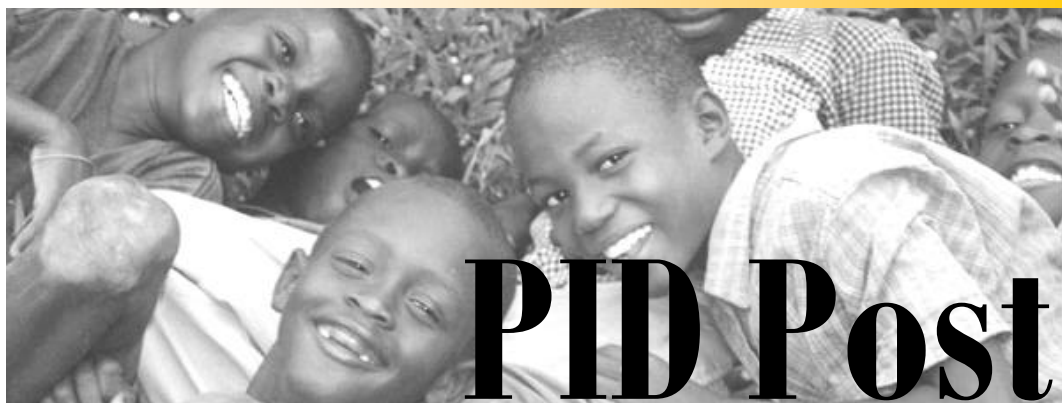
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## PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Summer 2014

### Lessons with Lizzy: A Field Director's Reflections

This year's Annual Celebration proved yet again to be a wonderful time of sharing and rejoicing about the work of PID. The following is the speech that Lizzy Barnes, current Field Director in Haiti, shared that day. It was so moving we wanted to share parts of it with our readers:

"I can't do this," I thought, when I sat down to write my speech. How can I possibly write a speech about PID? PID's work is too big for words. No sequence of words I can possibly string together could come close to representing the depth and magnitude of the work PID does, the number of lives PID has changed. The one word that stands out to me to represent PID as I reflect on what I've seen PID doing during my 3 years as Field Director in Haiti, is "**hope**."

On your first trip to Haiti, you may be struck by the level of poverty that you see. It goes beyond the broken down shacks put together with scraps of corrugated metal, sticks, and ripped tarps. It goes beyond the heaps of trash burning in the streets, and the skinny little kids running around with orange hair due to malnutrition and no shoes on their feet. It's a poverty so deep it's nearly impossible to rise above. A poverty that breeds a sense of **hopelessness**. A poverty that has a disastrous affect on those imprisoned by it.

One recent volunteer who had put on a children's program for the kids of Mohea, a poor neighborhood by the dump, eyes filled with tears, asked me this: "what about these kids' future? Do they even have a future, growing up in this kind of poverty? Do they even have any opportunities?" I could relate to this woman's sadness, her feeling of despair. It was as if to say, "what good am I really doing here?" These kids come to PID and do activities for an afternoon, eat a hot meal, and then go back home to the dump, where harsh realities of life in poverty have been waiting patiently for them during the two hours they spent at PID. Tomorrow they may not get a hot meal, they may not go to school, and they will have piles of responsibilities to their families heaped on them as if they were not the little kids that they are. These beautiful young faces, are doomed to a life of poverty, and there's nothing she can do.

But in the despair of the dump at Mohea, as in the slums of Cite Soleil, the tent camp at the pig farm in Damien, and the desert mountainside of Canaan, there is an oasis, a ray of **hope**, in a little town called

Blanchard, which is PID. What that woman didn't know was, there is **hope** for a future for these kids from the dump. Several months earlier, Mr. Genois, our director of Social Services in Haiti, discovered the great need in the area. He had taken information for many of the poorest kids from Mohea for PID's sponsorship program.

You may ask, "What kind of difference can sponsorship really make?" Imagine you are a single mother and one of your children is sponsored through PID. Every month you come to the PID office to pick up money to pay for school for your daughter. It's a help that's consistent. It's something you can count on in a world of uncertainty. You're not alone anymore; you're a part of the PID family. You and your family can get free medical care at the clinic. You can enroll in the small business program, where you can get a loan to do business so you can make a little income and don't have to worry about your children going hungry. You can even receive a house so you don't have to worry about getting thrown out into the street when you can't pay the rent for your one-room shack. And your sponsored child? She can get the education you couldn't dream of for her. And at 18, when she's finished with her classic education, she can go to University or learn a trade, so she doesn't remain in the vicious cycle of poverty she was born into. Your family has **hope** for a future.



During my three years with PID, I've seen these situations way too often. To witness what these families from the dump, the slums, and the tent camps are going through, to see one malnourished skeleton baby after another brought into the clinic, the pervasiveness of poverty can make you feel helpless. But it's not as depressing for me now, as it had once been, and as it was for that woman doing the children's program. That's because I know we can do something about it. And it's nothing Gale, or I, or Mr. Genois can do alone. But it's you. You, who have chosen to sponsor a child, you who have taken a PID trip, or have financially supported PID. You, with God's help, through PID's programs, have made this difference in the lives of so many people. You are a part of the solution. You have brought **hope** for the future to so many families.

# Summer Interns: Welcome! Bienvenido! Byenvini!



*Jacob Stephens*

My name is Jacob Stephens, and I am interning in Glendora, MS for the summer of 2014. Through this internship, I want to learn how community development organizations work, what living in a poor southern community is like, and narrow my career direction. I admire PID's philosophy of giving hand-ups rather than hand-outs. Organizing community members to participate in a nearby hospital's three month wellness challenge and assisting townspeople to run a summer program form my primary duties. I will also be tutoring in basic reading and skills required for a GED.



*Julie Merriam, 10 month parasite study sponsored by Yale*

Julie Merriam is working in Guatemala with a post-baccalaureate fellowship from Yale University. She has interned in Guatemala with PID during the past two summers, and she is so happy to be back! She will be continuing the parasite study that she and Rachael Cooper worked on last summer, in which they examined the efficacy of the deworming medication, albendazole, which many countries around the world use to eliminate parasite infection. Julie will additionally be examining how infection is spread through the family. She will be in Guatemala from September 2014 to August 2015.



*Rachel Harris, Honors Bachelors of Science in Biology from UMASS Boston Class of 2012*

I am currently interning at the PID clinic in Guatemala for the month of June. While here, I am assisting with the after school program that focuses on helping the sponsored kids who are struggling in school. We help them with reading, writing, and math. The kids are all very bright and capable, but unfortunately the Guatemalan school system is not designed to deal with children who need a little extra time and attention. This is what we provide for them. Each grade group comes in one day a week for 2 hours to get extra help. I was also trained to work in the lab at the clinic in order to help the doctor with on site testing, and to be able to screen for parasites.

We also welcome interns Ryan Lally in Haiti and Eliara Aquino in Guatemala. Look to meet them in the next newsletter!



## Team Work In Haiti

A special thank you goes out to Chris Byers and Henry Stolfus, of Advanced Solar Industries. The pair traveled to Haiti this spring and installed all of the electrical work in the new administration building (pictured above). The building will house all of the offices, freeing up two rooms in the clinic so that we can have a dental suite and a emergency maternal delivery suite!

building and we hope to have it fully operational by mid-August. Our thanks go out to all who have helped to make this goal come to fruition!

## Thanks In Ipswich

A big shout goes out to Dianna, Dana and all those at the Birth to Three Family Center in Ipswich, MA. They are a wonderful organization that works to support young families. Out of their own limited resources they donated puzzles, learning toys, books and other fun things to completely outfit the new Early Learning Center in Glendora, MS. Thank you all so much for your generosity!



Besides the physical work that Chris and Henry completed, they also secured a donation of electrical supplies worth \$2000. The Dugas Family Foundation also helped to fund the rest of this project. Matthew Curtis DDS of Ipswich donated a dental chair for the dental suite and the Gould Family Foundation and GSF Foundation donated matching grants for the maternal suite.

Jack Manderson, our long-time friend and forever volunteer, will travel to Haiti in July to finish the plumbing in the administration

## Get Involved

## Take Action

## Help Us Help Others

## Haiti: The “Jewel” of the Caribbean Revisited

Partners In Development is proud to present its newest sale items, “GEMS OF THE ANTILLES.” Besides their beauty they represent many things; jobs for the jobless, fair wages for women to support their families, and reduction of waste by repurposing of an item of glass and/or used metals.

Once upon a time Haiti, now the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, was called the Pearl of the Antilles because of its natural beauty and resources. History changed that, but now another change in history is upon us as the Haitian government and people work toward restoring their country to its old charm and beauty. Partners In Development is excited to be a part of that change.

Seven women have teamed up with PID to begin a new adventure. As Haiti repairs itself, these women turn broken glass into beautiful faceted gems. They were trained by PID’s longtime friend, Dr. Steve Bridge from St. Joseph’s College in Maine. It represents change, a new beginning and hope for Haiti. Visit PID’s Etsy Site to see this beautiful jewelry at [www.etsy.com/shop/pidcrafts](http://www.etsy.com/shop/pidcrafts)



Jeannette cutting a faceted gem in Haiti (left) and Gems of the Antilles currently on sale in the US office. Many styles available from \$19.99-\$59.99.

## New Opportunity for Volunteers!

*Donate 100 hours of your time, and PID will cover the base cost of your trip to any location!*

This is your chance to give, and receive! We presently have a number of volunteer positions available in our US office. Become a member of a volunteer team and earn your travel costs. To inquire about a volunteer position, contact the office or fill out a Volunteer Application online at [www.pidonline.org/participate/volunteer](http://www.pidonline.org/participate/volunteer)

**Trip Team** (2 positions available): Communicate with team members, assist with ordering airline tickets and help with other travel arrangements

**Public Relations Team** (1 position available): Develop a PR strategy and program (includes blogging and other social media outlets)

**Warehouse Team** (1 position available): Help organize and sort donated items in the warehouse. This person will also be responsible for coordinating groups of volunteers working in the warehouse.

**Business/Etsy Team** (1 or 2 positions available) Help work on our new sales business of repurposed crafts, which are developed through our international and national programs.

**Fundraiser Team** (1 position available): Work on the annual fundraiser, which is held each fall, and help to expand other fundraising opportunities throughout the year.

## Calling All Travelers!

Join PID for the experience of a lifetime! You can pick from mission work in Haiti, Guatemala or Glendora, Mississippi. We host work trips for building homes, making community improvements, running children’s programs, and providing medical care. Trips are generally eight days long and our rates are \$800 plus airfare (medical professionals receive a discounted rate of \$660 plus airfare). The cost of the trip pays for expenses on your trip including room and board, transportation, travel health insurance, a one-day cultural excursion, as well as funds the program/project that the teams work on (does not include personal expenses).

Everyone is welcome on our trips - church groups, youth groups, school groups, civic groups, medical professionals, and an assortment of individuals who want to make a difference in the world! Trips do fill up, so contact us if you would like to get on a team list. Individuals and groups welcome.

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## Upcoming Trips

(m=medical, co=construction, ch=children’s program)

July 16 – 23, Haiti (M,CO)

July 21 – 28, GLENDORA, MS

July 27 – August 3, Haiti (M,CO,CH)

July 28 – August 4, Haiti (CH)

August 1 – 7, GLENDORA, MS

August 13 – 20, Haiti (M,CO)

September 17 – 24, Guatemala (M,CO)

September 22 – 29, GLENDORA, MS

October 15 – 22, Haiti (M,CO)

October 20 – 27, GLENDORA, MS

November 11 – 16, Haiti (M,CO)

November 12 – 19, Guatemala (M,CO)

November 12 – 19, GLENDORA, MS

(Thanksgiving Trip)

December 3 – 10, Haiti Christmas Party

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December 3 – 10, GLENDORA Christmas Party

December 10 – 17, Haiti (M,CO)

December 21 – 29, Haiti (CH)

December 26 – January 2, Haiti (Saint Joseph’s College)

**2015 trip dates coming soon...**

# 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:

Peter Vantine made a donation in honor of Ronald Crooker.

Thu Saunders contributed in honor of Dr. Tamara New.

Thomas & Donna Gillespie, Alan J. Weil, J. Peter St. Clair gave in memory of Sela Nelson, our beloved volunteer.

Dr. Nathaniel A. Mitkowski also made a contribution in

memory of Sela Nelson from the University of Rhode Island's Department of Plant Sciences

Donald & Nicole Kerr gave in honor of Faye Kerr's birthday.

Dana & Devin Midura, donated in honor of Patty Midura for Mother's Day.

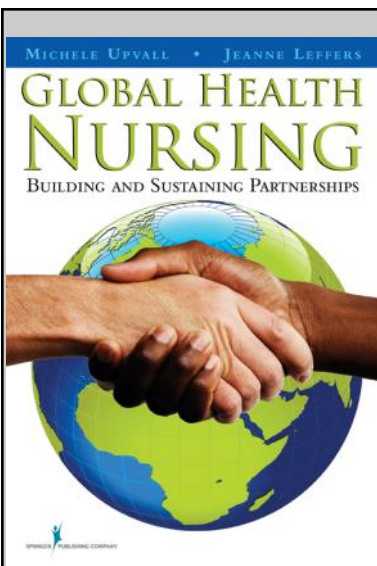
Trevor Smith made a contribution in memory of John Boisrond, PID's past Housing Director in Haiti.

Janet Manchester gave to the education program in honor of our intern, Julie Merriam.



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## In The Books

Gale Hull, President of PID, co-authored a chapter in "Global Health Nursing: Building and Sustaining Partnerships." Gale worked with Jeanne Leffers, PhD, RN, and Professor Emeritus at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Leffers has taken teams of nursing students to volunteer in PID's medical clinic in Haiti since the 2010 earthquake.

## Mark Your Calendar

Our Annual Benefit & Silent Auction date has been set! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and a not-to-be-missed night featuring fabulous food, your PID friends, a lively "silent" auction and more! Check it out this year at its new location!

**Saturday, November 22, 2014**

**Vittori-Rocci Post**  
**143 Brimbal Avenue, Beverly, MA**

### Get involved!

To volunteer for the event email [gale@pidonline.org](mailto:gale@pidonline.org)  
To donate an auction item email [marin@pidonline.org](mailto:marin@pidonline.org)