



PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT



Lines continue to grow at PID's Haiti Clinic

A Message from Haiti

More prayers for Haiti. Please don't give up on us because you are our hope. You can see the country getting worse and worse everyday. The group of people who are not involved in politics have no hope at all. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET US.

Pouchon - Interim Field Director

CRISIS IN HAITI

Haiti continues to have civil unrest causing PID to shut down all team travel until further notice. Sandra, Abdias and Nora have been relocated to Mississippi while we wait to see our long term plan in Haiti. Meanwhile in Haiti, the staff is working hard to keep everything going. As local clinics and hospitals close due to local violence, our clinic population continues to expand. Since our clinic is off the beaten path, we are usually not affected. We are the only clinic still giving free medicine. On April 10 when I talked to the staff, they said there were hundreds of people outside the gate in the morning when they opened. When clinic staff decided to take in only sick children, over 70 extremely sick kids emerged from the crowd. Medicine is running low and we are contacting any one we can to see if they can help us. Normally teams carry down thousands of dollars worth of donated medicine and fund the purchase of additional medication and clinic costs.

To those who have sent extra funds for your sponsored child and their family, they send their love and gratitude as the cost of food has risen drastically, limiting access to food.

Our planned water filter project and housing project have been temporarily suspended.

We are so proud of our Haitian staff as they continue to work at making their country a better place- even in the face of this civil unrest.

Follow us on Facebook for more information on the ongoing crisis in Haiti.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

- If you currently sponsor a child, add a little extra to your monthly payment for food.
- Donate to our medicine fund. We are desperate for medicine.
- Donate to the general fund to help cover costs that are normally covered by visiting teams.

ON BEING AN INTERN



“ Being an intern at PID has been a life changing experience. I have learned so much about poverty, medicine and myself through this process. I believe every student should have this experience at some point during their college career...I cried at the airport this morning because I didn't want to leave.” **Hannah Smith**

Hannah Smith is the 2019 PID Guatemala Spring Intern. Hannah is a Biology premed student at Gordon College, in Wenham Mass. While in Guatemala, she has shadowed various doctors on teams, and worked in the lab, learning to do urine analysis and parasite identification from stool samples. Hannah also traveled with PID to Peru and Mississippi, and assisted with various aspects of the Child Sponsorship Program, in order to have a fuller understanding of what Partners in Development entails. During her last month as an intern she will work at the Ipswich office.



WELCOME NEW INTERNS

Caroline Ebersole - I am very excited for the opportunity to work with Partners in Development in Guatemala and learn from their years of experience. I am studying for my MA in conflict resolution at Georgetown University. This is a great opportunity to help in a post-conflict country with an organization that has such a great reputation in the local community. I am most interested in learning about program development and management, social enterprise, and in gaining field experience. Most of all, I am looking forward to the wonderful people I will be able to build relationships with.

Caroline Scott - I have always loved helping others, especially those that are less fortunate than me. I am interested in learning more about what is involved in running a nonprofit, and I would also like to learning about the finances behind nonprofits. During my internship, I will be doing many different tasks. The prominent task at hand is contacting possible volunteers that may be interested in volunteering in Mississippi or abroad. I heard about Partners in Development through my church. When I was younger, many people took service trips to Mississippi with PID. After looking into it in more detail, I decided that this was the perfect fit. Caroline is a Senior at Masconomet High School internship program and will work with PID for a month.



Tripp Tuff - I went on my first service trip to Haiti in 2016 with PID for a week. I was able to shadow a few Nurse Practitioners in the clinic on site and helped set up a mobile clinic in a nearby village. What I learned inspired me to work in the world of humanitarian aid. I am currently pursuing my undergraduate degree at DePaul university, and hoping to apply to Medical School when I graduate. Through my internship, I will not only gain overwhelming experience working in a clinic observing the doctors and staff, but I will be able to make an immediate impact in the lives of Guatemalan people. My goal is to alleviate suffering, in any capacity possible whether through a smile, a conversation, or treatment.

If you are interested in becoming an intern in the US or internationally, please contact our office at 978-380-6132.

STOP BY THE OFFICE TO MEET OUR NEW STAFF



Aubrie Gallagher first connected with PID in 2002 when she went on a trip to Haiti as a senior in high school. Since then, she never forgot about PID or the impact the people in Haiti had on her. After spending almost seven years as an attorney, she wanted to spend more time helping people. Upon seeing the open position in the PID office, she immediately applied. Aubrie is excited to be involved with PID and is looking forward to helping in any way she can.

Primo Lombardi first came to PID through traveling to Haiti. While his first choice is to work in Haiti, he is learning all aspects of PID as he waits for an opening there. He currently works with the trips team and is training as a team leader to lead teams to all 4 areas. He is working on putting together the new building team for our MS housing program.



WHAT'S UP

Our **CHILD SPONSORSHIP** has remained \$30 a month for almost 10 years. We have tried to keep it that way so that all levels of donors can afford it. Food and tuition continue to increase as well as uniforms, supplies, and medicine for our kids. In the last two months we have increased our cash disbursement to kids in Haiti because of the rising cost of food. This is not in our budget or your normal payment, so it has to come from our general fund, which is not very large. We made the difficult decision to raise sponsorship to \$35 a month or \$420 a year. **What does this mean to you as a donor?**

1. *If you have already done an annual payment, don't worry, nothing will change until next time you need to pay.*
2. *If you can't afford the increase, don't worry, we will grandfather you in at your current level.*
3. *Thank you for your understanding and your kindness in donating to the extreme poor and increasing your donation when possible.*

The cost of **TRIPS** remains at significantly lower prices than other organizations we have researched. As with sponsorship, we like to have our trips accessible to as many people as possible and not just those with more money. One of our goals is to not just provide services, but to open the eyes of the first world to what 3/4 of the rest of the world live like. Instead of increasing the price, it will remain at \$800 plus airfare but we will decrease the trip by one day. **Our trips will include the same services but will be 7 days and 6 nights.** If you are interested in extending your trip please contact trips@pidonline.org for additional pricing. Effective Jan 1st, 2020.

WHAT'S NEW

- Many of you have traveled with PID in the past and continue to do so on a regular basis. We are always excited and happy to work with so many individuals and groups concerned about the extreme poor in the world. Much of the money that funds our clinics in all areas comes from trip fees. As you can imagine with the teams no longer traveling to Haiti we are having a serious short fall on medication and the future of the clinics being able to remain fully operational.
- We are asking that teams consider traveling to a new location during the Haiti shut down. We will continue to accept travelers to Haiti but ask that you list a second choice. Please contact trips.pidonline.org before you plan your trip to Haiti so they can help with your second choice.
- A new and easy-to-use website is coming soon. Look for it in May.
- A new, simpler logo
- New staff

YOUR TRIP TO PERU

Here is what our first official non assessment team will do.

- Work side by side with local Peruvians and build an addition for a school
- Run a mobile clinic for the school doing well child checks for the children in the area as well as for their parents.
- Work with kids doing fun activities.
- Take a trip to the Pacific ocean and swim with the sea lions off the coast of Lima

Check the website for trip dates and join a team!!!

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Legacy Fund

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