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First Mortgage Paid Off in Haiti

Using the PID Small Business program, Nacius started a small food business and established good credit with PID. She and her husband entered the housing program in 2003. In December of 2015, they made the last payment on the mortgage, finishing 12 years early. They have both worked so hard.

When we went to take a picture, her husband was not home, because he was at work, a true testament to their work ethic. Soon they will receive the deed to their house from PID. As the owner of a small business and now a home, Nacius' family is a powerful example of PID'S Whole Life Transformation Model providing necessary tools for people living in extreme poverty to change their situation. Congratulations to Nacius and her family from all of PID.



Something Old and Something New

When James Hull left PID after 21 years of service, we were saddened. He was the co-founder and director of the Ipswich Gospel Mission and its successor organization, Partners in Development (est 1990).

Today, however, James is returning to PID in an exciting new role as Director of Social Justice Education. His work will initially focus on Mississippi with a longer term goal of addressing social justice issues in Haiti and Guatemala.

James will begin by moving to Mississippi for several months to form a study and action group with Delta citizens, working on inequity issues and laws that keep people in poverty. He will design a curriculum for PID staff and team workers that explores historical, economic, social, and political

factors that underlie the community development needs that PID aspires to address.

On returning home, James will work with college groups and other interested individuals on the social justice dimensions of PID's mission. Likewise, he will develop resources for this education and the action work. In addition to his foundational history with PID, James brings with him years of experience in various social service and social action areas. He holds a Bachelor's in history, a master's in history and culture, and a master's in social justice.

WELCOME BACK JAMES !

For more information email james@pidonline.org

Celebrating 10 Years In Guatemala

In January 2016, PID hosted its first team to Guatemala: St. Joseph's College of Maine. They worked on the construction of the Coroy family's house. This past January 2016, St. Joe's team was able to attend PID's 10th anniversary of work in Guatemala. The celebration was held at the Coroy family's house where the team ate a delicious Guatemalan meal and watched some of the girls from the village perform a traditional Mayan dance. Filipe Coroy spoke about his first experience with PID ten years ago.

"Ten years ago two people walked up to me, Tali and Fritzner Marcelin, (the start up field directors in Guatemala) and they asked me what my life priorities were and if I could do anything to better those priorities, what would they be? I told them my family was my priority and I would give them a better house to live in and send my children to school. They told me they wanted to make this happen, and that they wanted to build me a house and send my kids to school. They told me January 3, a group of Americans would come start on the construction of my new home. On January 1st, I cleared a spot for where my new home would be built, really expecting that it wouldn't actually happen. But on January 3rd a group of 20-25 Americans showed up on my land to start the foundation of my house. I couldn't believe it. PID sent my children to school. I will be forever grateful to PID for the things they have done for my family and for the whole village with medical care, houses, sponsored children and small business loans. **People may think it doesn't mean much to help just one person but meeting PID changed my life. I will always be grateful to God for placing PID in my life. I ask Him to bless each one of you for giving of your money and leaving your families to come help the people of Guatemala.**"

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Each year brings new interns with great skills. Meet our new interns for this year.



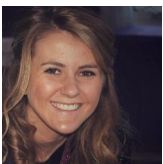
Connor Baker is interning at the Haiti branch of Partners in Development. After traveling to Haiti with PID in 2015, he became deeply interested in Haiti's remarkable history, language and culture and has been preparing to return ever since. Connor will be assisting the field director, teaching music and reading classes. With his background in music he hopes to learn more about the diverse musical tradition in Haiti, work on his Kreyol, and dig deeper into popular conceptions of history and politics.

Anna Brown, is working with PID at the site in Guatemala. She has been tutoring some of the children in the program. She says she especially likes teaching mathematics. "Many of the children are very bright and open to conversation. It is really fun to watch someone work a problem out, and to watch the children teaching each other." She is hoping to encourage problem solving and creativity. Anna loves working with the children in San Antonio.



Harrison Corder is currently a freshman attending Emmanuel College in Boston Mass. He will graduate in 2019 with a Degree in Business management with a double minor in both Leadership and Economics. After two trips to Glendora Mississippi with PID he's decided to return as an intern in order to get to know the members of the community and their culture.

Abbey Pinkham is a sophomore at Saint Joseph's College in Standish, Maine. She has always been very involved in her community. Abbey was a co-owner and manager of a seasonal seafood restaurant and market. Abbey is currently studying political science/international relations and plans to one day manage an international nonprofit organization. This summer Abbey will be spending 6 weeks of her summer vacation interning in Haiti. She is very excited to work with PID again to help make a positive difference within the community.



Morgan Cormier is a senior at Endicott College and will graduate in May with a Bachelor's in Community Development. When not in class, she spends many hours with local organizations, spending time by the ocean, or reading. She loves to travel and meet people from around the world. She is interning in the Ipswich Office.

Ronald Berry III, will be interning in Guatemala. He grew up in a small town of Northwood, New Hampshire. He loves soccer and is fluent in Spanish. Ronald is a Biochemistry major at the University of Denver and hopes to help in the lab in Guatemala.



Amanda Tarlow is currently a Junior psychology student at Saint Joseph's College. She enjoys helping others and taking service trips. She has been to Haiti and the Mississippi Delta. She is a PreK/daycare teacher who loves interacting with kids and helping them learn. In her own time she likes to write, read and go hiking to observe the wildlife. She will be working in Mississippi and helping the summer fun program.

Nicholas Schleh is studying economics at Bryant University, and will be interning in Guatemala. He will work with families who have gone through our program and are ready to move to bank financing for their house and small business loans.

Mackenzie Elliott, a nursing student at the University of Tampa, will be interning in Haiti this spring. She will further her experience in patient care, while adding an extra hand in assisting our Haitian medical team.

WHY WE LOVE WHAT WE DO

Letters from the field:

Recently we partnered with a Haitian, who now lives in the US, to set up a mobile clinic in the village where he was born. Here is a little of what he wrote:

From Haiti: Hi Tali (our assistant director) I am back in the US now. Everything went very well. You have a great team in Haiti. I met all of your staff in Haiti and they set up and coordinated the mobile clinic. I commend PID for providing free care for the poor and needy Haitian people... I was so privileged to work with your staff and the team. PID is very well known for its service in the Duvivier area. I would like to thank you and all of PID for serving the poor in Haiti. God Bless you all. **-Enock Charles Lawrence, Ma**

From Guatemala: The reason for this letter is to thank you and I appreciate you (PID) so much because you came to our village and you brought your project. I do not know how to thank you for all you have done for me and my family. Be blessed always, **Gloria Suhul Ixtacapa, San Antonio, Guatemala**

Moving April 1

The Ipswich office will be moving from its current location to 174 High Street, Suite 106 Ipswich MA 01938.

We will have more room, located on the first floor, close to the warehouse and have plenty of parking.

KEILY'S STORY

Years ago Gale Hull, the director of PID, spent time with the children in Guatemala doing all sorts of craft. One little girl was particularly fast and completed her crafts quickly. As the years passed she continued to excel and learn many new crafts.

Her name is Keily Pauc and she is the fourth child in a family of 7 children. Keily is now 17 years old and in PID's Small Business and Higher Education program. She is studying Business Administration as she continues to use her talent, making and designing crafts. Her focus is on hand made bracelets.

Keily's business plan with PID is in three parts. First, Keily will create bracelets to be sold in the US. Next she will train others to increase production. Lastly, Keily will manage the small business independently. So far her small business has been successful . After she received her first payment from bracelet sales she opened a savings account at the local bank.

We look forward to Keily's future success and hope her story will be an inspiration to those in PID programs and to her community. If you would like to see or purchase any of Keily's creations visit [www. Etsy.com/shop/pidcrafts](http://www.Etsy.com/shop/pidcrafts).



YOUR BEST TRIP EVER

It is easy to fall into the rhythm of life and know what is most likely to happen the next day. What might happen if you changed this routine for just 8 days.? A PID service Trip not only benefits the community you serve , but your own perspective on the world and your life. When trip members are asked what they would say to those who are interested, the most common response is, “ **DO IT.**”

Here is what a few of our trip volunteers had to say:

“My favorite trip memory was leaving the clinic on the last day. We were in the back of the truck, and Ester, a little girl I became very close with during the week waved to me and blew me kisses until we couldn't see each other anymore, I burst into tears of happiness, a feeling I had never experienced to that extent before.”

Gabrielle Perry, Guatemala 2/16/2016

“It's the most amazing experience you could ever ask for. I can't even begin to explain all that I saw and felt to people who haven't experienced the same thing. It was indescribable and the best trip I have ever taken.”

Cassandra Leech, Guatemala 2/4/2016

“I would tell them what a life changing experience it is. It was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I am so incredibly glad I stepped out of my comfort zone and went. Not only do you grow as a person, you grow with the team you travel with and the people that live there!”

Brianna Murphy, MS 2/16/2016

“It has had a 100% impact on my perspective. It was absolutely life changing. Every time I go, I come back and keep more of that perspective change with me; seeing things differently everywhere I go. It has made me kinder, more compassionate and much more conscientious.”

S Diamond, Haiti 2/16/2016

WE ask you to consider how you spend 8 days and hope you will consider taking a trip with us in the near future . GET A NEW PRESPECTIVE!

COFFEE ANYONE?

In 1996, Eve Rose decided that her family needed a drastic change for a better life. To start a business, she moved her family from their village in Achaie to Port au Prince, Haiti. They moved to Cite Soleil and lived in a one room house made of tin that regularly flooded when it rained. Benite, one of PID's field directors, met with her in Cite Soliel while doing interviews for PID's Whole Life Transformation Model and spent time explaining to her the benefits of the program.

This led to one of her children entering the Child Sponsorship Program. PID's Small Business Program soon allowed Eve to start her small business producing dark roast coffee. With her small business she established credit and entered the housing program. She moved into her house in 2005 and has been making payments on her home ever since.

You can now purchase Eve's dark roast coffee either in PID's *Goodies for Economic Development* basket or individually on PID's website and (follow the link PID Crafts). We are proud of Eve's success and are excited to partner with her in bettering her quality of life.

PID's Goodies for Economic Development is \$25 plus shipping. www.Etsy.com/shop/pidcrafts.

Eve Rose's Dark Roast coffee, Millie's Guatemalan coffee, Hot Chocolate from Guatemala , Lady's cranberry nut Biscotti, all on a handcraved wooden tray with a hand painted mug. A tasty way to share the work of PID with a friend.



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:

Kathy Johnson donated a house in Mississippi in honor of parents, Oliver and Francis Wilcock.

Robert & Susan Moran gave a donation in honor of Mary Ann Camp

Daniel Oldman & Catherine Starkweather donated in memory of Sela Nelson

Judith Spiller gave a donation in honor of Ann Grinnell

An anonymous donor made donations for Lady's house in Mississippi, and in honor of Patrick Magennis's birthday .

Julia Merriam gave to Mississippi programs in honor of Ruth Merriam's birthday

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ANNUAL CELEBRATION

The board of directors of Partners in Development invites you to come and celebrate what was accomplished last year because of your generous support.

SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2016

Ascension Memorial Hall, 31 county st. Ipswich, Ma 01938

Refreshments will be served.

Guest Speaker: Sandra Noel , Field Director in Haiti will share stories from Haiti

Gale Hull: Moving towards sustainability : What works and what doesn't

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