

Brother's Brother Foundation Donates \$500,000 in Antibiotics

An agreement between Brother's Brother Foundation and the Chimbote Foundation will translate into \$500,000 worth of children's antibiotics and various medical supplies that will be shipped to the Centro in Chimbote in August.

Building on a past relationship with Dr. Michael Karp, a board member of Brother's Brother Foundation (BBF), John Gloninger of the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Office for Stewardship and Development proposed the idea.

Luke Hingson, President of Brother's Brother, embraced the idea, and helped put together a shipment of Lorabid – a children's antibiotic – and other commonly used medical and surgical supplies, such as syringes, respiratory supplies, IV kits, gloves and surgical packs.

"We're excited about moving into Peru," said Hingson, whose father visited Msgr. Roos in Chimbote some 25 years ago.



FROM LEFT: Luke Hingson, President of Brother's Brother, John Gloninger, Sr. Margaret Mary and Msgr. Roos of Chimbote, and Shawna Szabo of Brothers Brother standing in front of the shipment to Chimbote.

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– Bishop Donald Wuerl

1st Annual Chimbote Foundation Golf Outing Nets Over \$45,000

On May 31, 72 golfers gathered on a sunny spring day at the Edgewood Country Club for the First Annual Chimbote Foundation Golf Outing, netting over \$45,000 to help give the people of Chimbote, Peru a brighter future.

"We're so pleased at the success of the outing," said Joseph DiMario, director of the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Office for Stewardship and Development. "It wouldn't have been possible without the help of the committee, Tom Shanahan, James R. Ferry, John Carlos and Mike Clark.

"As always, we are extremely grateful for the support of the Roos Family as well."

The event ended with a dinner and presentations from both Fr. Ronald Lengwin, Executive Director of the Chimbote Foundation, and Mike Clark of WTAE-TV, who has reported on the diocese's mission to Chimbote, Peru.

Located in a forbidding desert, Chimbote is one of the poorest cities in Peru. The diocese's mission, directed by Msgr. H. Jules Roos, operates a Social Works Center



ON THE LINKS: Golfer at the Chimbote Foundation Golf Outing on May 31. The outing supported the mission in Chimbote, Peru.

(Centro de Obras Sociales), which consists of a maternity hospital, an outpatient clinic, a clinical laboratory, and education and specialty care programs. On average, the doctors and staff treat 17,000 patients and deliver 300 babies every month.

Dozens of businesses sponsored the event, DiMario said. Corporate sponsors included #1 Cochran Automotive, West Penn Diesel and Refrigeration,

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\$40 underwrites cost of medical treatment for 10 people during an average day

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Several generous people also made donations to the outing, including Larry Rubin Specialty Clothing, Jeanne Cooper, MD, Joseph J. McNally, The Huber Group, Max A. Levine, Arthur R. Cipriani, David Williams, Raymond and Kathleen Buehler, Ken and Betsy Eglberger, Wayne Ramo Zanardelli.

"We are grateful for the support of everyone who made the golf outing a success," DiMario said. "We're already looking forward to next year."

Save the Date!

40th Peru Mission Dinner

October 27, 2005
Sheraton Station Square

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International Support for the Chimbote Mission Growing

New Face Brings International Expertise

John Gloninger, an international business consultant with almost 20 years of experience with the likes of the Bayer Corporation and the United States Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration, has joined the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Office for Stewardship and Development to help raise support for the Chimbote mission.

In the past two months, the Office for Stewardship and Development has already begun working to reach out to the Latin American community in Pittsburgh, particularly at local colleges and universities.

In the process, it has organized a \$500,000 shipment of children's antibiotics and medical supplies to the Chimbote Social Works Center, met with the staff of the Embassy of Peru and begun negotiating with the U.S. Agency for International Development Office for Overseas American Hospitals for a \$500,000 grant to expand and refurbish the Chimbote Mission's medical facilities.

In addition, Msgr. John Kozar, the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, and Eugene McCarthy, a member of the Chimbote Foundation board, met with the new bishop of Chimbote.



MODERN FACILITIES: The Social Works Center provides medical care for some of the poorest of the poor.

Gloninger is heartened in these efforts to help these organizations get to know about the good work the diocese is doing in Chimbote.

"I was surprised at the number of business, community and academic leaders here in Pittsburgh from South America in general, and Peru in particular," he said. "We hope to see good representation from the Central and Latin American community at this year's Peru Mission dinner."

Peruvian Embassy Supportive of Chimbote Mission

Several weeks ago, representatives from the Chimbote Foundation met with the staff of the Embassy of Peru to discuss the mission.

The embassy's staff was impressed with the quality of the facility and its commitment to the Chimbote region, Gloninger said. Minister Rubio, the Deputy Chief of the mission, volunteered to set up a meeting with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Lima for assistance with any legal, political or financial issues and to have a representative from the Ministry of Health visit the center to explore ways in which they can help with the mission in the future. Minister Rubio and Ambassador Costa plan on attending the Peru Mission dinner in October.

"They were very impressed with what we are doing in Chimbote," DiMario said. "They went out of their way to offer their help as we move forward."

Gloninger has seen how fostering relationships with foreign embassies can substantially benefit an organization. Previously, as a Trustee for the Star Academy – a non-profit institute created by the Apostles of Jesus in Uganda that is building a Catholic high school in Arusha, Tanzania – he developed a personal relationship with the First Secretary of the Embassy of Tanzania, who helped secure a gift of land and building supplies from Government of Tanzania and the World Bank for the construction of the school in Arusha.

Gloninger hopes to take a similar strategy to help the people in Peru.

"Personal relationships matter," he said, "and these are already in play for the Chimbote mission."

Chimbote Foundation Seeking USAID Support

The Chimbote Foundation is working with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to support the people of Peru.

The Foundation is working with USAID's American Schools and Hospitals Abroad Division, which manages a \$19 million budget to support private hospitals and schools operating in countries like Peru, who have active USAID missions.

Though funds granted under this program don't cover operating expenses, they can be used to purchase equipment, such as medical, office, computer, audio/video conferencing, and kitchen or cafeteria equipment and medical vehicles for greater outreach in the region. Most construction and renovation projects could be covered as well.

The criteria for support are that there be a U.S.-based 501(c)3 sponsoring organization of a local non-governmental facility, with little to no government financial support. The Centro de Obras Sociales fits this model perfectly.

Chances are good that a request for funds would be successful. In 2004, for example, 75 applications were submitted, and 49 were accepted. The average grant in 2004 was \$400,000.

In addition to the USAID, the Foundation has also been exploring involvement with other international organizations, such as the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).



Meet Jose Luis ...

The youngest of three children, Jose Luis Camacho Rodríguez begins his pre school in April. He has completed all of his vaccinations to date and his growth and development are normal, despite the fact that he comes from the most desperate of living circumstances, a home constructed with straw mats and papered within with used gift wrapping to brighten the environment. His father, a fisherman, can only get a couple of days of work each week and sometimes none at all because of the scarcity of fish. The mother has dedicated herself to family care and the health of the children plus the neat and clean condition of the meager home gives testimony to the fact that she takes this responsibility quite seriously. Bishop Wuerl had his picture taken with the mother shortly after the birth of Jose Luis and presented him with a cross and chain which he wears to this day. This picture hangs in a special place in their home.

Based on his meetings with the Peruvian embassy in Washington, Gloninger is optimistic on these fronts, too. "Minister Rubio of the Embassy of Peru pledged his support to the diocese in its campaign to appeal to these institutions for financial assistance in meeting the needs of the poor of Chimbote," he said.

Local Mission Workers Return From Mission to Peru

A group of local Catholics who journeyed to Chimbote, Peru, have returned to share what they learned with the faithful here.

From June 19-29, Fr. Albin McGinnis, pastor of Our Lady of Joy Parish in Holiday Park, along with Patty Mahr, Dan and Anna LeDonne and Doreen Zaccagnini visited San Luis Gonzaga Parish, about 30 minutes from the city in one of the developing pueblos.

The group attended Mass with the parish, visited homes and worked in the house of social work, serving some of the poorest of the poor.

Fr. McGinnis is no stranger to Peru. A veteran of South American missions, Fr. McGinnis said his first exposure to the people of Chimbote came when he visited the mission with Msgr. John Kozar, former head of the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Mission Office and current National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States.

When his parish assignment in the diocese ended, he said, he asked to be able to serve at the mission and was assigned to San Luis Parish. Since returning to the states, he has continued his relationship with the parish and has returned every summer since.

During the home visitations, he said, some of the visitors were shocked by what they saw. But amidst the poverty, Fr. McGinnis saw glimmers of hope.

A Surprising Face



On their trip to visit Chimbote, Fr. McGinnis and his fellow mission workers found someone they didn't expect. Fourteen years ago, Kelly (above) came to the Chimbote Mission as an infant.

She wasn't expected to live.

Bishop Donald Wuerl, who was visiting the mission at the time, quickly baptized her, and she was whisked away to intensive care as the doctors and nurses at the medical center desperately tried to save her life.

Now a smiling fourteen year old with a bright future, Kelly is a living picture of the work the Chimbote Mission does every day. (Photo courtesy Doreen Zaccagnini.)

"It's amazing," he said. "Just the little changes that have taken place in their homes. The people were trying to improve themselves."

The visitors were also impressed by the Chimbote mission's medical facilities.

"It's an oasis," McGinnis said, "both physically and mentally."