



Healey International Relief Foundation News



November 5, 2014

Container full of donations is heading to Sierra Leone

As part of our Healey Ebola Lifesaver Project (H.E.L.P.), a 40' container with in-kind donations was shipped to Sierra Leone, West Africa, on November 1, 2014. It's expected to arrive in Africa in the beginning of December 2014.

On Thursday, October 30th, 2014, HIRF team members traveled to the Mission Relief Services facility in Coatesville, PA, to coordinate loading of the container.

The container includes the equipment to furnish the pilot health clinic at St. Stephen's Home for Amputees scheduled to open in the first quarter of 2015. This is the first of 40 health clinics scheduled to be renovated and refurnished in the next three years. Also included were medical supplies and equipment for Serabu Hospital which HIRF renovated in 2013.

Six pallets provided by Global Aid Network (GAiN) with beans, syringes and beet seeds were included in this shipment, as well as medical supplies and equipment provided by Mission Relief Services.

Thanks to HIRF donors, over 100 boxes with individual in-kind donations along with lawn movers, bicycles and furniture were loaded in the container.

Donated food will be distributed to families affected by Ebola and the beet seeds will be for local gardens.



Ebola Update

Ebola virus epidemic continues to spread in Sierra Leone, West Africa, and it has affected St. Mary's Home for Children and Fatima House of Light, two of HIRF's projects. Due to the government regulations, large gatherings of people are prohibited to contain the spread of Ebola. Consequently, schools are closed indefinitely disrupting the children's education. 50 orphans and homeless children from St. Mary's Home for Children were temporarily relocated to foster families for tutoring. Vocational classes for 60 female students at Fatima house of Light for this period session have been temporarily postponed.

HIRF Ebola Relief Fundraiser

In cooperation with Bamboula Ltd., Engineers without Borders - Lehigh Valley Professional Chapter (EWB-LVP), and the Allentown West Rotary Club, HIRF participated in the Ebola relief fundraiser on October 31st/November 1st, 2014.

The HIRF team traveled to Bamboula Ltd. warehouse in Kutztown, PA, to raise awareness of the Ebola outbreak and support the crafts sale event. While Bamboula mostly specializes in sales of wholesale items, they also hold sales events and participate in crafts shows and Christmas markets in PA and NY.



We are thankful for this opportunity and look forward to cooperate with rotaries and other organizations on fundraisers in the future. Please contact us if you might be interested to host a fundraising event.

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