

Why do we do DVP?

We are very excited about the upcoming BDA Conference and Exhibition in Liverpool from 20-22 May.

On Friday 21st May, Ian and Mark are hosting a special seminar, 'A world in pain - what can we do about it?' which will enable us to educate a much wider audience about our work. Ian and Mark will explain the level of oral disease and its impact on developing nations, and the role of dental professionals as volunteers.

If anyone has ever wondered about going on DVP then this is a must-see!

Further details are available from our website, www.bridge2aid.org



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DVP 15 and 16



To end 2009 on a high note, the 15th DVP team went to Tanzania in October and successfully trained 12 Rural Clinical Officers in the Mwanza and Shinyanga regions. This DVP was the first in which both teams were based remote from Mwanza and they stayed at the Bulyanhulu and Geita mine sites. Our thanks go to Barrick Gold and Anglo Gold Ashanti for providing the accommodation and logistical support which enabled us to reach the extremely remote rural communities. Together the team treated over 1,000 patients. The training of our 100th Clinical Officer means that since DVP started in 2004, over 1m Tanzanians now have access to safe emergency dentistry!

2010 has already seen us welcome the 16th team which arrived at the end of January. The team was kindly hosted by the Barrick Gold sites, Bulyanhulu and Buzwagi. They flew by light aircraft to the mine sites and drove out to rural health centres in the Kahama District each day. In all, they saw over 950 patients and trained 11 Rural Clinical Officers who will continue to use their new skills in their rural communities.

Dental nurse, Lucy Parr said, 'It was the most moving but rewarding experience of my life so far. I would recommend it to anyone. It was well organised, very hard work, but also extremely good fun.'

We'd like to thank both teams for coming out to Mwanza:

DVP 15 - Cassie Sida Murray, Chris Hussell, Cristina Castrillo, Dawn Langford, Graham Stokes, Grainne Yesudian, Hassan El-Nashar, Jeanette Grimley, Jill Nightingale (Locum at HDC), Jo Partridge, John Carter, Judy Beckerson, Julie Stokes, Karen Phillipson, Kirsty Hawkins, Leo Jurkiw, Liz Hughes-Docherty, Mark Taylor, Mark Flynn, Paul Hellyer (Locum at HDC), Stuart Cripps, Una Carter and Wendy Farr.

DVP 16 - Barry Abrahams, Mitra Najafi, Nuria Delgado-Colomo, Jacqueline Harnett, Mark Inman, Shaenna Loughnane, John Miller, Carly Morman, David Watt, Philip Loughnane, Paul Barnes, Alistair Gallagher, Brad Gledhill, Becky Grundy, Jo-Jo Hill, Bob Lewthwaite, Lucy Parr, Karen Paterson, Claire Roberts, Vicky Rushton, John Woolgrove.



News from Mwanza

Dentist needed in Mwanza for exciting role

Are you a dentist and like the idea of living and working abroad?

We are looking for someone to take on the role of Principal Dentist and Clinical Programme Manager in Mwanza, starting April 2011. The role is varied; from training junior staff at HDC to leading DVP programmes, and is a great opportunity for anyone wanting a break from the norm! If you've got a strong desire to work with us and are committed to development then we'd love to hear from you. Applications close at the end of March so don't delay!

For more information, please email [Andie Wilson](mailto:andie@bridge2aid.org) on andie@bridge2aid.org

Great opportunities for anyone wanting a break from the norm!

Locum dentist opportunity at HDC.

Do you fancy making an enormous difference through your work and can spare anything from 2-4 weeks in May or August this year?



We are looking for a locum dentist to spend most of their time at HDC as well as on other B2A projects, which may include a visit to a local school or orphanage as well as working

in the dental clinic at one of the rural mining communities. It'll be quite an adventure as Amit Maisuria discovered when he came out as a Locum in January.

'I had a great time working with HDC, the surgery's well kitted out, the staff are friendly and highly motivated, the Bridge2Aid team made me feel like one of the family and Tanzania and its people are beautiful. I highly recommend a stint with Hope, it will be the easiest most enjoyable locum job you'll ever do.'

Interested? Please send a CV and covering letter, explaining why you would like to volunteer to Ruth Bowyer, our Visits Co-ordinator to ruth@bridge2aid.org.

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New staff in Mwanza

Our team in Mwanza has recently expanded and we are pleased to welcome Rachel Purdy who joined us in January as a long term volunteer. She has assumed the role of Project Co-ordinator. Rachel previously worked for a conservational NGO in Dar es Salaam and a health NGO in Gran Canaria so has years of experience under her belt!

Lucy's visit to Mwanza

Lucy Jenkins took over from Jennie Harvey as Communications Co-ordinator in December and had the amazing opportunity to fly out with the DVP team in January to see the work of B2A. As well as going to the Kahama district to see the training of the Rural Clinical Officers, she also visited Bukumbi with Rachel and Fay to meet some of the residents.



She says, 'I was amazed at how well the DVP team worked together and how much they achieved during their time there. Watching how patiently the locals waited to be seen was very humbling when I think what we're like in the UK. Even though the sight of children lining up looking nervous was hard and I wanted to hug all of them, ultimately there was such a positive atmosphere.'

I loved visiting Bukumbi and seeing how the residents were doing. They manage on so little but they looked so happy and clearly have such good friendships with each other. One lady I met shared my name (she was called Lucya), and even though our conversation was minimal, I felt such a warm welcome from her and the community members.'

News from Bukumbi

Eunice builds her own kitchen!

Eunice was a member of the very first Income Generation group at Bukumbi, and made necklaces and bracelets to sell in the local markets. From the small income she has made, she has now been able to build a kitchen made from simple materials such as branches, mud and a grass roof. She has also been able to buy essential items such as charcoal for cooking.

Eunice is a great example of how small-scale income generation can give people independence and self worth. She is really proud of herself and her achievements and so are we!

Education Sponsorship Success

We are very pleased to report the progress of one boy we have in our education sponsorship program. Sixteen-year-old Lamecki has come first out of 68 students in Form 1 at Kahunda Secondary School! He really enjoys being at school and making new friends and has grown into a confident young man and dreams of being a doctor when he's older. We are very grateful to his sponsor who has given him a real chance of becoming successful and helping his mother and grandparents who still live at Bukumbi.

Schulke preparation for April

The Community Building is about to have a face lift! It is currently used as a firewood store and, during the rainy season, the ladies use it to cook in on open fires which cause them eye and chest problems. In April, a team from Schulke Mayr plus a few friends are coming to Mwanza to renovate the building into a place where residents can meet together, have workshops and carry out their Income Generation Projects. As well, a properly ventilated, covered kitchen will be built so that the ladies have somewhere

to cook. We're very grateful to them for coming over to help and for the funds that each team member and Shulke Mayr, as a company, has raised for this project.

Dr Julius helps Bukumbi thanks to DVP!

Another success story from Bukumbi is that Dr Julius the resident Clinical Officer at Bukumbi Centre successfully completed the Clinical Officer training during the February 09 DVP. Previously visiting HDC locums would go to Bukumbi and treat about 15 people with dental problems and now there's no one for them to see as Dr Julius is on the case! This has meant that people no longer have to wait to be seen but can visit Dr Julius on site as and when the need arises. Dr Kathy Wilson who is a regular locum for HDC came out to Bukumbi in December and reported, 'I had the opportunity to meet Dr Julius who told me of how he had been putting his training into practice in providing emergency dental care to the people in the Bukumbi area. Improving access to care is the main aim of the DVP initiative and it was encouraging to see the results that can be achieved.'

Nightrider 19th June

How about taking in the beautiful sights of London at night as a fundraiser? Nightrider is a 100km circular cycle route through London starting and finishing in Crystal Palace in the south-east. With no traffic and the moonlight to guide you, it promises to be a fun and relaxing way to see a different side of the capital and to raise funds for B2A! Contact Kerry at Kerry@bridge2aid.org for more information.



Dinner4Good

If the idea of jumping out of a plane, running a marathon or shaving your head doesn't appeal as a fundraising idea then why not consider hosting a dinner party in aid of B2A? Hosts can register on Dinner4Good.co.uk and create a Dinner Page. The site emails their friends explaining the details of the dinner and inviting them. Friends can then accept and donate online meaning that the host doesn't have to deal with any money and everyone can simply enjoy a delicious dinner! Email Kerry for more details.



Skydive 12th June

Take on the ultimate challenge of leaping out of a plane at 10,000 ft and experience the thrill of a lifetime. Our very brave Visits Co-ordinator, Ruth and others will be doing a sponsored tandem skydive on 12 June in Brackley, near Oxfordshire so come and take part too, or join the throng of supporters. Contact Kerry to register your place!

Recycling Scheme

Do you just throw away your ink cartridges when they're finished? Or perhaps you have old mobile phones cluttering up the kitchen drawer?



Why not recycle them - which will cost you nothing - and raise vital funds for us? (As well as helping the environment!) Bridge2Aid has partnered with The Recycling Factory and will receive a donation for every inkjet cartridge and mobile phone that can be successfully recycled. The Recycling Factory can receive selected cartridges by Hewlett Packard, Canon, Lexmark and Dell and accepts all mobile phones. In fact the older the mobile, the more valuable it is! If you or your practice wants to participate, please email Kerry for more details.



London 10K

31st May

If one of your resolutions this year was to get fit then why not try running the London BUPA 10k on 31 May?

We still have places available and we can send you sponsor forms and a full fundraising pack if you would like to run for us! Contact Kerry now to claim your place!



It's a Knockout

3rd July

Best described as 'sports day for adults', join us for "It's a Knockout" on 3 July at Aston University's sports ground in Birmingham.

Teams are made up of between 6-10 people and entrance cost is minimum of £500 per team. There will be a bar and BBQ with shower and changing facilities so email Kerry now for more information and to register your team. Who doesn't like carrying large buckets of water over greasy poles then?!



Events

Hope Ball 1st May

Fancy donning your best black tie? Why not join us at the annual Hope Ball, held this year on Saturday 1 May at the beautiful Tortworth Court Hotel in the Cotswolds. Tickets cost £60 each or £55 each for a table of 10. The evening commences with a champagne reception on the lawn followed by a three-course meal, dancing to a great local band and an opportunity to relax in the piano lounge with carriages at 1am. Last year, the Hope Ball raised a fantastic amount of over £15,000 so this year please come along and let's try and raise even more!

Interested? Please call the Ball organiser, Shaenna Loughnane on 01453 844646 or email hopeball@chippingmanor.co.uk

