



DVP 20 - A major milestone reached

From 3 dentists and 2 nurses to groups of 22 volunteers, we've come a long way in the last 6 years!

We finished 2010 strong with our 19th DVP in November. The very successful programme was held in Kahama District and Biharamulo District. Both teams were hosted by African Barrick Gold. It was the first time we worked with Biharamulo District which is a very remote with only difficult access to urban areas where there might be a Dentist. District Dental Officer, Dr. Bagasha, from Biharamulo said "The training was successful therefore good service is going to be provided by the Clinical Officers to the community and reduce complications of Oral Health."

Thanks to the team members who worked so hard to train and treat: Graham Stokes, Stuart Cripps, John Carter, Lianne Joseph, Anne Fox-Robinson, Mark Flynn, Pauline Watt-Smith, Marion Page, Claire Knowles, Janine Warwick, Samantha Foster, Kiaran Weil, Judy Beckerson, Catherine Sida-Murray, Cristina Castrillo Granado, Paul Brind, Michael Troedson, Liz Stringer, Laura Cox, Stacy Hixon and Tracey Evans.

Then, 2011 got off to a flying start with our 20th Dental Programme in January; a milestone we were all very excited about and celebrated with the volunteers, Tz advisors and Government officials. During the programme, we trained in a different part of Kahama District and also in Kwimba District. After months of dry weather when there was supposed to be rain, the rain came during the "dry season" and made travel difficult. It also made it difficult for patients to get to the clinics for treatment. We are providing follow up training for six of the Kwimba Clinical Officers who understand all of the skills, but haven't been able to complete quite enough supervised practice.

Thanks to the team members for giving of your time and skills to make a sustainable difference in Tanzania: Julie Williams, Mark Inman, David Watt, Harriet Moss, Jack Bowker, Helen Young, Arti Hindocha, Sue Featherstone, Sara Bergin, Lindsey Norris, Judy Beckerson, Mitra Najafi, Barry Abrahams, Kirsty Jones, Eilidh



MacLeod, Nicholas Amery, Keith MacLean, Nuria Delgado Colomo, Adelle Cager, Leslie Jackson and Melanie Creaton.

During the two programmes, 23 Clinical Officers were successfully trained and despite rain and bad roads, more than 1,500 patients were treated. This is an amazing number of people who have been relieved of pain that has been making life difficult for weeks, months or even years!



Would you like to be part of a future DVP team? We run four programmes a year and require dentists and dental nurses to come out for two weeks. Please visit our website for dates or email ruth@bridge2aid.org.

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Relieving pain on DVP



26 year old Edina Nzoki, a farmer and mother of two, travelled more than 8km to get to the clinic where the volunteers were based in Kahama in January. She had been in pain for four months and could not afford the time or travel expense to get to the District

Hospital which is located more than 30 km from her home. She expressed gratitude to the volunteers for giving her the treatment, providing a means of accessing future treatment and allowing her to get back to her work without suffering through each day.



Unity Partnership Update

We're excited that the first Clinical Officers funded by our Unity Partners have now completed their training.

The Founders who helped to train a number of Clinical Officers during the January and February 2011 training programmes were the Dental Business Club, RD Online Dental Education, and three dental practices; Ivydene in Amesbury, Wiltshire, Elmsleigh House Dental Clinic in Farnham, and Chipping Manor in Gloucestershire.

The Unity Partnership (UP) was launched in October last year and aims to promote and formalise the benefits which dental practices and businesses gain from being linked with Bridge2Aid. In return for a membership fee, the businesses receive a host of benefits including a plaque for their foyer, use of the UP logo, and support in fundraising and gaining press coverage. The membership fee is put directly towards the cost of training Clinical Officers in Tanzania.

When asked about the scheme, one of its founder members, Chris Barrow of The Dental Business School, said "Becoming a Unity Partnership member has made all of my support team proud that The Dental Business Club has a corporate social responsibility programme that sits well with our market focus."

Another Founder Member, Phil Loughnane of Chipping Manor, said "It was good to be able to actually see where the money we had raised from our patients was going. This partnership feels very "real" and I am confident that the training the Clinical Officers received will make a long-term difference in the communities in which they are working"

We are now looking for Partners to join us over the next couple of months to support the training taking place in September and November. We have a few founder member places left, and if you want to find out how becoming a partner can bring real business benefits to your practice, email our Unity Partner Co-ordinator Shaenna@bridge2aid.org or call Shaenna on 07733 102 087.

Improvements at Bukumbi

Work has started in preparation for the two volunteer teams coming out this year to work at Bukumbi and the local Primary School. In April, Henry Schein are coming to clean, paint and play with the children at Kigongo Primary School which is the school where the children from Bukumbi study. Henry Schein has raised funds to renovate eight classrooms, as well as funds to help run the education programme this year. The team have a lot of hard work ahead of them but also there will be time for games with the children.

Preparatory work has also started on the admin and clinic building at Bukumbi which the Chipping Manor Dental Practice team will complete in May. Chipping Manor has raised funds to renovate this building and the first task was to remove and replace the entire roof! Next is the repair of windows and doors, installing a ramp for wheel chairs and providing the clinic with some much needed storage space. The team will be scrubbing and painting to provide the centre and the surrounding village with a much needed, much improved clinic.

Thank you to Henry Schein and Chipping Manor for fundraising and giving up their time to come and work in the community.

Education Sponsorship Updates



January is the start of the new school year and this year we saw nine students return to school and college, with a further seven new students starting secondary school or vocational training. A total of 16 students are now supported through sponsorship with Bridge2Aid!

Ashfak, Abel, Jackson, Jackline and Karoli all started secondary school and Rebecca and Kabula, start the tailoring course. All were very excited and looked very smart in new uniforms.

After completing their studies at vocational college Bahati, Frank and Felix are starting a year apprenticeship where they will build on the skills they have learnt and be able to apply them in the work place.

These students would not be able to carry on their studies without sponsorship, thank you to all their sponsors. If you are interested in sponsoring the education programme, please visit the website or email brian@bridge2aid.org



African Barrick Gold Partnership

We are very grateful to African Barrick Gold (ABG) for partnering with us to deliver training and treatment in the Lake Zone. Not only have they supplied us with a very generous monetary grant, they also host our Dental Volunteers at their Mines providing food, transport, accommodation and logistical support multiple times a year. The help they have provided with logistics, government introductions and funding is invaluable. We wouldn't be able to work in some of the areas we do without staying at the ABG mines.

Changes in Mwanza

2011 will see some changes to the team in Mwanza. The success of our training programme in emergency dentistry delivered by the Dental Volunteer Programme (DVP) has led to interest from other countries, and we are taking strong steps towards further expansion during this year.

As part of this, we are pleased that **Paul and Beth Brind** will be moving to Mwanza with their son, Isaac. They will be joining the team in Mwanza, taking up roles with Bridge2Aid and Hope Dental.

Paul and Beth will work with the HDC team to continue the development of the clinic, and Paul will join the DVP programme team in Mwanza, primarily developing district relationships in the Lake Zone.

This will release Ian to focus on his roles as DVP Clinical Director, and Founder, involved in the promotion and vision of Bridge2Aid. To aid this, the Wilson family will be relocating to the UK in the summer.



Paul and Beth Brind

It's exciting that we have reached this point. This is the next natural step for Bridge2Aid and allows for long term sustainability with the growth and development of everyone in their roles.

The Wilsons are staying very much involved in Bridge2Aid - the roles that they fulfil will remain largely the same.

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We look forward to having the Brind's join the team in Tanzania and the work that the Wilsons will be able to accomplish from the UK.

Grace Visits the UK



In December we had the privilege of taking **Grace Godfrey**, our Practice Manager at Hope Dental Centre, to the UK. This was Grace's first trip outside of Tanzania so there were many new things to discover - including ice skating!

The main objective of the trip was to show Grace a small section of the UK dental world and introduce her to other Practice Managers who she could share ideas and best practice with. It was a hugely successful

and encouraging trip and we now have many ideas that we are beginning to implement here in Mwanza. The most encouraging thing was to realise that Hope Dental Centre is no different to any other dental practice in the UK - the same challenges exist wherever you are - they just sometimes look a little different!

A big thank you goes to Chipping Manor Dental Practice who made the whole thing possible but also to Ringley Park Dental Practice, Mill Road Dental Surgery, Chris Barrow and The Portsmouth Dental School for their time and hospitality.



We are delighted to introduce you to **Jackie Kajabago** who has been working with Bridge2Aid since October as our Operations and Finance Manager. Jackie is doing a great job dealing with many of the day to day aspects of Bridge2aid

here in Tanzania as well as taking on the mammoth task of managing the finances! Jackie lives in Mwanza with her husband and 2 kids. When asked recently if she is enjoying her new role she said 'working with Bridge2aid is a great challenge, so far it has been a lot of fun and each day I am learning something great and new!'



Welcome back Kerry and congratulations Fay!

Fay David

Welcome back to our Fundraising Co-ordinator, **Kerry Dutton** who

has returned from maternity leave and a big thank you to Naomi Frith who filled in during Kerry's leave. Contact Kerry for any fundraising questions or advice: fundraising@bridge2aid.org.

We are also happy to announce that **Fay David** will be going on maternity leave in April! Current staff roles will change and expand to cover her leave. Congratulations Fay and husband David!

Locum News



Kathy Wilson

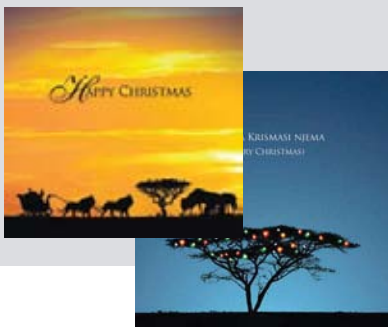
Thank you to **Sarah Nott** and **Kathy Wilson** who volunteered their time to Locum with us at Hope Dental Centre last autumn. Locum cover means we can keep the clinic running at its optimum level helping to keep patients happy & healthy and bring in the necessary income to invest back into our programmes locally.



Sarah Nott

Whilst Kathy was here she also started some research with the Clinical Officers who have completed the Dental Volunteer Programme making sure we get their feedback and involvement at all levels.

If you are interested in a locum position at Hope Dental Centre please contact our visits co-ordinator at ruth@bridge2aid.org



Christmas card success

We are very grateful to all of you who bought Christmas cards in 2010 through the two avenues that were available. We raised over £1,500! Charity Choice was the on-line option to order and purchase your cards. We also sold our own personalised Bridge2Aid cards which were unique and unusual in their African theme.

We will be using both methods to sell Christmas cards this year. Contact Kerry at fundraising@bridge2aid.org for more information.



Masquerade Ball

Thank you so much to our friends from Ringley Park Dental Practice who put on a very enjoyable and highly successful Masquerade Ball in February! We were all relieved that the weather cooperated this time. The event was originally scheduled for December, but was moved due to snow.

Held at the fabulous 5-star South Lodge Hotel in West Sussex, the Champagne Reception was followed by a Gala Dinner, raffle, auctions and dancing. One of the highlights of the evening was the first auction item – a cuddly toy sheep which went for over £400! Bridge2Aid received a tremendous £10,000 from the evening.

Challenges for 2011 (London 10K & Y3P)

If you are looking for a challenge for 2011, why not walk the Yorkshire Three Peaks or run the Bupa London 10K for Bridge2Aid? You could cover 23 miles with a total ascent of 1,672m through beautiful rugged landscape or run past London's most famous landmarks. For more information, contact Kerry.

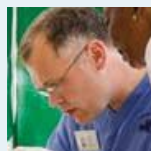
London Marathon Runners



Chris Barrow has been running since 1978 and after a 5 year break, this will be his 15th Marathon. Chris decided to run the London Marathon after looking at last year's holiday snaps and realising that the tubby bloke on the boat was him!



Stephen Price has always had the London Marathon as a goal. So when we gave him the opportunity to do it for us – a charity within the industry that he has spent most of his working life in – it seemed like a very obvious 'yes'. As Stephen says 'When I was given the opportunity to get involved directly (with Bridge2Aid), I jumped at the chance. I feel that people only need to give a little of their time in whatever capacity they can to make a real difference to the people that B2A help and support.'



Ian Redfearn would describe himself as a dedicated non athlete, with his only running experience being running 15 minutes late most days at his practice. Running a marathon has been on his list of "things to do before he dies" and it was either this or buying a motorbike. So when the opportunity arose to apply to run for B2A, that was the kick he needed. As Ian said 'I've been out to Tanzania a couple of times now and I feel quite passionate about B2A and what it's trying to do. So in the end, I felt I had no choice but to run the London Marathon!'



Sally Rayment has wanted to run the London Marathon since her brother first did it a few years ago and she went to support him. For Sally her motivation in keeping up with all the training "is knowing that I am running for a worthwhile cause and also the fear of not being able to complete the marathon if I don't put in the training! Oh, and my fiancé keeps me going out on those long runs – I couldn't do it without him!"

Please look out for all our London Marathon runners of the 17th of April and support them through www.justgiving.com/bridge2aid.



Kilimanjaro – The Challenge Awaits!

What are you doing 20th – 30th August 2011? This is your very last chance to join our 20+ team of climbers for the experience of a lifetime. Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa, providing you the experience of climbing to an altitude of 5,895 metres. Definitely a challenge, most definitely making a difference – £2,950 is the minimum sponsorship and this includes flights, accommodation, food, transfers and tour guide.

To find out more information please contact Kerry or look online www.bridge2aid.org/cm/general/challenges

Other events We have something for everyone this year on our events calendar, from jumping out of a plane to bike rides and team building games, so if you haven't found the one for you yet then one of these could be it. Please look at our website or contact Kerry to see what will be taking place in 2011.



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