

BURN SURVIVORS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, INC.



2004 ANNUAL REPORT

ADVOCACY.....EDUCATION....SUPPORT....REBUILDING LIVES
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO



DURING MY RECOVERY, FROM A SEVERE BURN INJURY, I RESEARCHED BURN INJURIES AND REHABILITATION. STATISTICS SHOWED THAT AT LEAST THREE THOUSAND INDIVIDUALS FROM AROUND THE WORLD SUFFER A BURN INJURY DAILY. WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL IS BURNED THEIR LIFE AND THEIR FAMILY'S LIVES CHANGE FOREVER. THEY NEED MEDICAL TREATMENT AND THE SUPPORT, ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION THAT **BSTTW** OFFERS. MOST COMMUNITIES DO NOT HAVE A BURN UNIT OR A SUPPORT GROUP. MOST BURN SURVIVORS DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEIR FUTURE WILL BE LIKE. FOR SOME THEY WILL HAVE TO FIGHT INSECURITIES, DEAL WITH PAIN BOTH PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL, FUTURE SURGERIES, PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY. A BURN SURVIVOR USUALLY WONDERS HOW OTHERS WILL EVER UNDERSTAND WHAT LIFE IS LIKE. WITH YOUR HELP THROUGH DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEER WORK, **BSTTW** TAKES PART IN OFFERING THEM THE HELP NEEDED TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES.

I DETERMINED THAT IT WAS TIME FOR ME AND OTHERS IN THE BURN SURVIVOR COMMUNITY TO HELP BURN VICTIMS MOVE FORWARD AND REBUILD THEIR LIVES. WITH THE HELP OF SEVERAL BURN SURVIVORS AND FAMILIES, I FOUNDED **BURN SURVIVORS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, INC. (BSTTW)**.

BSTTW WAS INCORPORATED IN AUGUST 2001 AND GIVEN THE 501 (C) (3) NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION STATUS IN OCTOBER 2001. WITH A LOT OF HARD WORK BY THE **BSTTW** BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DIRECTORS, REPRESENTATIVES AND VOLUNTEERS, **BSTTW** GREW TO BECOME ONE OF THE TOP SUPPORT AND EDUCATIONAL INTERNET SITES FOR THE BURN SURVIVOR COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC WORLD WIDE. **BSTTW** ALSO STEPPED FORWARD AS AN INTERNATIONAL NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT OFFERED A SUPPORT TEAM, ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, MEDICATIONS, MEDICAL REFERRALS, FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT, NEWSLETTERS AND PUBLIC AWARENESS.

DURING NOVEMBER 2003, AFTER 6 MONTHS OF NEGOTIATIONS, **BSTTW** RECEIVED 330 90 GM BOTTLES OF AGNIJITH FROM A PHARMACEUTICAL LABORATORY IN INDIA. AGNIJITH IS SAID TO HEAL 1ST AND 2ND DEGREE BURN WOUNDS AND REDUCE KELOIDS AND SCARS. THE HERBAL MEDICATION, AGNIJITH, WILL BE USED IN THE **BSTTW AGNIJITH STUDY (BAS)** AT THE ASSIUT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL IN ASSIUT, EGYPT, IN LATE 2004, EARLY 2005. THE RESULTS FROM THE **BAS** WILL NOT JUST SHOW IF THE HERBAL MEDICATION, AGNIJITH, WILL HEAL BURN WOUNDS AND REDUCE KELOIDS AND BURN SCARS, THE **BAS** WILL ALSO OFFER THE MEDICAL SERVICES AND MEDICATIONS NEEDED TO BURN VICTIMS WHO DO NOT HAVE THE INSURANCE AND/OR FINANCES TO PAY FOR THE MEDICAL TREATMENT REQUIRED.

THEN IN DECEMBER 2003, **BSTTW** AND ARIEL GONZALEZ CREATED THE FIRST **BSTTW Music CD**. THE WORDS, FOR THE SONG, WERE INSPIRED BY A POEM LITA DUCKWORTH, A BURN SURVIVOR, SUBMITTED TO **BSTTW**. THE WORDS AND MUSIC EXPRESS THE LIFE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SUFFERS A BURN INJURY.

ON JANUARY 3, 2004 **BSTTW** RECEIVED A FERNO MODEL 700 BURN TANK, FERNO MODEL 729-45 CONSOLE, 2 TURBINES AND A FERNO MODEL 197 STRETCHER. THE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IS WORTH \$15,000.00 AND IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE RECOVERY PROCESS FOR OVER 50% OF THE PEOPLE WHO SUFFER A BURN INJURY.

THEN IN APRIL 23RD, 2004, AFTER SIX MONTHS OF PREPARATION, **BSTTW** BEGAN THE **BSTTW MEDICAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (BMIP)**. **BSTTW** SENT THREE MEDICAL STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO TO HO CHI MINH CITY, VIET NAM TO INTERN AT THE FRENCH-VIETNAMESE HOSPITAL IN HO CHI MINH CITY. EACH STUDENT INTERNED IN A DIFFERENT DEPARTMENT OF THE HOSPITAL, WAS EVALUATED BY THE DOCTOR IN CHARGE AND GIVEN A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION. ALL THREE STUDENTS RECEIVED FACE TO FACE CONTACT WITH PATIENTS AND WERE ABLE TO SEE FIRST HAND WHAT IT IS LIKE TO BE A DOCTOR. **BSTTW** IS RECEIVING NEW APPLICATIONS AND SPEAKING WITH HOSPITALS AROUND THE WORLD TO SET UP THE NEXT GROUP OF MEDICAL STUDENT INTERNS.

IN JULY 2004 **BSTTW** AND THE COAHUILA, MEXICO GOVERNMENT BEGAN WORKING TOGETHER TO PRODUCE A FIRE SAFETY EDUCATIONAL BROCHURE TO EDUCATE THE MEXICAN CHILDREN ABOUT FIRE SAFETY. DURING ONE OF OUR MEETINGS, THE COAHUILA, MEXICO GOVERNMENT INFORMED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO BUILD A CHILDREN'S BURN UNIT, **BSTTW** DECIDED TO BEGIN PROCESSING THE DONATION OF THE BURN TANK TO THE COAHUILA, MEXICO GOVERNMENT.

IN AUGUST 2004 **BSTTW** BEGAN WORKING IN ARGENTINA AND WAS ASKED BY A FOUNDATION TO HELP RAISE THE FUNDS NEEDED TO OFFER MEDICAL TREATMENT TO BURN VICTIMS THAT LIVE IN AREAS THAT DO NOT OFFER THE TREATMENT NEEDED TO RECOVER FROM A BURN INJURY.

BSTTW IS CURRENTLY WORKING IN AFRICA, ARGENTINA, CANADA, EGYPT, FRANCE, GHANA, GUATEMALA, HONG KONG, INDIA, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, PERU, SLOVENIA, SPAIN, THE UK, THE UNITED STATES AND VIET NAM.

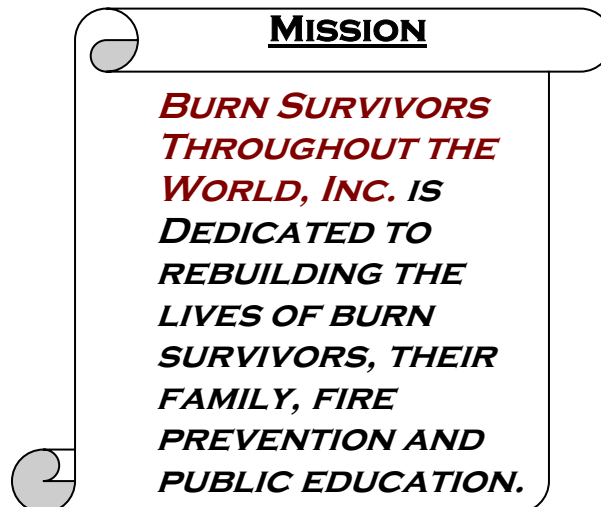
BSTTW HAS APPLIED FOR THE FINAL FUNDING NEEDED IN ORDER TO BEGIN THE **BSTTW AGNIJITH STUDY** AND THE **BSTTW REBUILDING LIVES PROJECT (BRLP)**. THE **BRLP** WILL WORK IN THE USA AND MEXICO. THE **BRLP** WILL OFFER A SUPPORT TEAM, EDUCATION AND FUNDING TO BURN VICTIMS, BURN SURVIVORS AND FAMILY MEMBERS. THIS PROJECT WILL HELP BURN SURVIVORS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WORK THROUGH THE MEDICAL, EMOTIONAL, SPIRITUAL, AND FINANCIAL ISSUES THAT ARISE AFTER SUFFERING A BURN INJURY. THE **BRLP** WILL ALSO ASSIST THE BURN SURVIVOR IN REENTERING THEIR COMMUNITY AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON

FIRE SAFETY AND HOW THEY CAN TAKE PART IN AIDING A BURN SURVIVOR REENTER THEIR COMMUNITY. ARIEL GONZALEZ AND I WILL BE DIRECTING THE **BRLP** IN THE USA AND MEXICO.

BSTTW IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON THE PROPOSAL FOR PROJECTS THAT WILL OFFER FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT TO BURN SURVIVORS IN SEVERAL AREAS AROUND THE WORLD. WE ANTICIPATE HAVING THE PROJECTS COMPLETED AND APPLY FOR FUNDING IN EARLY 2005. THE PROJECTS ARE EXPECTED TO BEING AT THE END OF 2005, BEGINNING OF 2006.

VOLUNTEERS, TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS AND PUBLIC SUPPORT ARE IMPORTANT PARTS OF **BSTTW** CONTINUING TO OFFER THE LIFE CHANGING SERVICES TO THE BURN SURVIVOR COMMUNITY. YOUR SUPPORT WILL PERMIT **BSTTW** TO CONTINUE THE NECESSARY LINK BETWEEN AFTERCARE RESOURCES AND THOSE THAT NEED THEM. THIS CONNECTION ENHANCES THE LIKELIHOOD OF A SUCCESSFUL RECOVERY FROM A BURN INJURY. YOUR COMMITMENT IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE TRANSITION FROM A BURN VICTIM TO A BURN SURVIVOR.

Michael Appleman



Dear Michael,

Jackie Chan often Says: "If only each of us could care a little more, love a little more, spare a little time for those less fortunate than us, the WORLD would be a much better place to live in. It is not always money, even just a simple smile or a word of encouragement can work wonders at times"

Jackie applauds the work you do and would very much want to make his contribution.

Willie Chan
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JC Group
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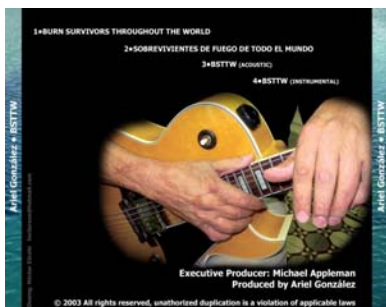


Kaitlin: USA



REACHING OUT TO DAD: Mexico

BSTTW Music CD



ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

BURN SURVIVORS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, INC. (BSTTW) IS AN INTERNATIONAL 501 (C)(3) NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION WHICH IS CURRENTLY WORKING IN AFRICA, ARGENTINA, CANADA, EGYPT, FRANCE, GHANA, GUATEMALA, HONG KONG, INDIA, IRAQ, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, PERU, SLOVENIA, SPAIN, THE UK, THE UNITED STATES AND VIET NAM.

BSTTW OFFERS MEMBERSHIP, A PEER SUPPORT TEAM, EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, MEDICAL REFERRALS, A FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT PROGRAM, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, LEGAL REFERRALS, HEALING WEEKENDS, PUBLIC AWARENESS FOR THE BURN SURVIVOR COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC WORLD WIDE.

ON THE INTERNET **BSTTW** OFFERS A SUPPORT TEAM, EMAIL LISTS, WEEKLY SCHEDULED, EMERGENCY AND PUBLIC CHATS, ARTICLES, STORIES, PICTURES, POEMS, POLLS, NEWSLETTERS, MESSAGE BOARDS AND LINKS.

The Burn Survivors Throughout The World, Inc. has been invaluable to me in finding financial funding so that I a burn survivor of 48 years can receive the laser surgery on my face that I have dreamed of. This burn organization went out of their way to find lodging and ground transportation so that I could have one of 15 more surgeries to come. Without funding for this organization I would have to hide my face from the world till I pass away.

Burn Survivors Throughout The World, Inc. is making my laser surgeries a reality. The surgeries will help gather information to make laser surgery available to any burn survivor, the data will be there for other plastic surgeons and dermatologists to use so that these



Surgeons: Taiwan

people young and old wont have to suffer from the stares and comments of people who don't understand that if that burn survivor could they would do anything to not be burned and be the object of being 'different'. It is hurtful to have to be in public, I try to not 'offend' others by subjecting them to my face.

I know that one day soon that the surgeries that I am undergoing will benefit all of us burn survivors. Please give to Burn Survivors Throughout The World, Inc. so that my and other survivors dreams can come true. Give generously to help us. Remember a burn injury can happen to anyone, burns don't care who you are, it could be you or someone you love.

Karen Kaminski
USA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



MICHAEL APPLEMAN – CEO, TREASURER

MICHAEL APPLEMAN HAS THE WILL AND ABILITY TO MAKE THE CONTACTS NEEDED IN ORDER TO REACH **BSTTW's** GOALS AND DESIRES. WITH HIS ACCOUNTING BACKGROUND, MICHAEL IS ABLE TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE FINANCES, MAKE SURE THAT FINANCIALLY **BSTTW** REMAINS STABLE AND THAT THE FUNDING IS USED CORRECTLY.

AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MICHAEL IS ABLE TO MAKE THE DECISIONS NEEDED TO KEEP **BSTTW** FLOWING. MR. APPLEMAN LISTENS TO AND WORKS WITH THE OTHER **BSTTW** BOARD MEMBERS, DIRECTORS, **BSTTW** REPRESENTATIVES, AND TOGETHER THEY MAKE SOUND DECISIONS.



NGUYEN THI DIEU TRAN – VICE PRESIDENT

IN 2001, NGUYEN THI DIEU TRAN FIRST VOLUNTEERED AS A **BSTTW** REPRESENTATIVE IN VIET NAM. DIEU TRAN MADE THE CONTACTS NEEDED WITH THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT AND THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. WITHIN 1 YEAR, OF BECOMING A **BSTTW REPRESENTATIVE**, DIEU TRAN WAS OFFERED THE **BSTTW DIRECTOR – VIET NAM** POSITION. MS. DIEU TRAN ACCEPTED THE POSITION AND HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT PART OF **BSTTW's** GROWTH IN VIET NAM. IN NOVEMBER 2002, DIEU TRAN WAS OFFERED AND ACCEPTED THE **BSTTW BOARD OF DIRECTOR VICE PRESIDENT** POSITION.



NGUYEN CONG THIEN – SECRETARY

NGUYEN CONG THIEN'S RELATIVE SUFFERED A BURN INJURY. THAT ISSUE GAVE CONG THIEN THE MOTIVATION TO JOIN **BSTTW**, BECOME A VOLUNTEER AND START HELPING OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO SUFFER A BURN INJURY. CONG THIEN IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF **BSTTW's** GROWTH IN VIET NAM AND ALL OF ASIA. CONG THIEN PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE FIRST

BSTTW MEDICAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM THAT TOOK PLACE AT THE FRENCH-VIETNAMESE HOSPITAL IN HO CHI MINH CITY, VIET NAM.



ARIEL GONZALEZ – MEMBER AT LARGE

PRIOR TO SUFFERING A BURN INJURY, ARIEL GONZALEZ WAS A TEACHER, WORKED WITH THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND WAS THE GUITARIST IN A LOCAL BAND. IN 1997, ARIEL SUFFERED A SEVERE BURN INJURY. THE HOSPITAL IN SALTILLO, MEXICO WAS UNABLE TO OFFER THE BURN TREATMENT NEEDED. ARIEL'S FAMILY MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE ARIEL TRANSPORTED TO THE BURN UNIT IN GALVESTON, TEXAS, USA. AFTER HIS RECOVERY, ARIEL DECIDED TO HELP OTHER BURN VICTIMS. IN 2002, ARIEL VOLUNTEERED WITH **BSTTW** AND BECAME A **BSTTW REPRESENTATIVE** IN MEXICO. THEN IN 2003 ARIEL WROTE THE MUSIC AND PRODUCED THE **BSTTW Music CD**. THE MUSIC OFFERS ENCOURAGEMENT TO BURN SURVIVORS AND HELPS THEM FIND THE STRENGTH NEEDED TO REACH THEIR GOALS. ALSO IN 2003 ARIEL BECAME THE **BSTTW DIRECTOR – MEXICO**. IN 2004, ARIEL WAS ASKED TO JOIN THE **BSTTW BOARD OF DIRECTORS** AS THE MEMBER AT LARGE. ARIEL ACCEPTED THE POSITION AND WITH HIS KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE MEXICAN PEOPLE AND THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT, **BSTTW's** IS OFFERING THE ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO THE BURN VICTIMS IN MEXICO.

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ADVOCACY

BSTTW VIEWS ADVOCACY AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AREAS OF REBUILDING AND SAVING LIVES. OFTEN INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO SUFFER THE EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL EFFECTS OF A BURN INJURY OR DEATH FIND MEANING IN THEIR EXPERIENCE BY VOLUNTEERING WITH **BSTTW** AND BECOMING ADVOCATES FOR CHANGES IN ORDER TO HELP OTHERS.



Justin: USA

Ebtisam: Iraq

Dwight: USA

BSTTW IS WORKING WITH THE **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE FIRE MARSHALS**. THE WORK WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE FIRE MARSHALS ASKED **BSTTW** TO BE PART OF INFORMING THE PUBLIC AND THE US SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT PASSING THE **AMERICAN HOME FIRE SAFETY (AHFS) ACT H.R. 4233**. THE **AHFS ACT H.R. 4233** WILL HELP TO MAKE THE CHANGES NEEDED TO SAVE SO MANY LIVES EACH YEAR.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE FIRE MARSHALS IS ALSO INTERESTED IN HAVING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BURN SURVIVOR COMMUNITY BE PART OF THE STANDARDS TECHNICAL PANEL (STP) FOR THE **STP 60065**. THE **STP 60065** DEALS WITH AUDIO, VIDEO AND SIMILAR ELECTRONIC APPARATUS.

THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND WILL BE THE CONSENSUS BODY IN THE STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. THE **STP 60065** COVERS ACTIVITY FOR THE STANDARDS LISTED BELOW.

- **UL 469**, THE STANDARD FOR SAFETY FOR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND ACCESSORIES;
- **UL 813**, THE STANDARD FOR SAFETY FOR COMMERCIAL -- AUDIO EQUIPMENT;
- **UL 1492**, THE STANDARD FOR SAFETY FOR AUDIO-VIDEO PRODUCTS AND ACCESSORIES;
- **UL 6500**, THE STANDARD FOR SAFETY FOR AUDIO/VIDEO AND MUSICAL INSTRUMENT APPARATUS FOR HOUSEHOLD, COMMERCIAL, AND SIMILAR GENERAL USE
- **UL 60065**, THE STANDARD FOR AUDIO, VIDEO AND SIMILAR ELECTRONIC APPARATUS – SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

Acid Attacks Are A Growing Problem

The charity Burn Survivors Throughout The World, Inc. (visit www.burnsurvivorsttw.org) says the exact figures of attacks using hydrochloric or sulphuric acid in India are difficult to ascertain as many of these attacks go unrecorded in rural areas. However, evidence suggests that the number of these attacks is increasingly at an alarming rate. In 2000, 222 attacks were reported. In 2001 it was 314. In 2002, 485 attacks were recorded, an increase of 42 percent. Almost 80 percent of the victims were female.

Jennifer Campion
Now Magazine
July 2004

EDUCATION



Viet Nam: October 2002

- AMERICAN HOME FIRE SAFETY ACT H.R. 4233
- ARTICLES & STORIES
- MEDICAL STUDIES
- MEDICAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
- PUBLIC AWARENESS
- SUPPORT GROUP AWARENESS
- THE UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES, INC. STANDARDS TECHNICAL PANEL (STP)

SUPPORT



Medical Air Transportation

- BURN SURVIVOR REENTERING THEIR COMMUNITY SUPPORT
- FACE TO FACE, ON LINE & TELEPHONE PEER SUPPORT TEAMS
- FUND RAISING
- INFORMATIVE EDUCATIONAL ARTICLES & STORIES
- MEDICAL REFERRALS
- MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES
- MEDICAL TREATMENT PROGRAM
- MESSAGE BOARDS

REBUILDING LIVES

- **BSTTW MEDICAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**
- FAMILY EDUCATION
- FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION
- HELP IN THE PRODUCTION OF HOSPITAL
- BURN UNITS IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE WORLD
- SCHOOL EDUCATION



Shirin: India

"I have many burn survivor friends around the world, friends like Dwight Lunkley from California, Anthony Gonzales from Illinois, and Michael Appleman, also from the USA, and who is the Founder and President/CEO & Executive Director of Burn Survivors Throughout The World, Inc.. These guys are my heroes and we share Dwight Lunkley's motto...

NEVER GIVE UP, NEVER GIVE IN, NEVER QUIT... life is too precious!

BURN SURVIVORS HELPING BURN SURVIVORS...this is what it is all about!"

Rudy Pelman

UK

Burn Support Groups DataBase

BSTTW MEDICAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

"OVERALL, OUR EXPERIENCE WAS FANTASTIC. IT WAS FASCINATING TO SEE HOW MEDICINE IS TRULY AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE THAT CAN UNITE EVERYONE!"MARLA BETH FERSCHL, INTERN

THE **BSTTW MEDICAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM** BEGAN IN APRIL 2004. WHILE **BSTTW** WAS PUTTING THE PROGRAM TOGETHER AND CONTACTING HOSPITALS AND DOCTORS AROUND THE WORLD TO DISCUSS WAYS TO WORK TOGETHER TO EDUCATE FUTURE DOCTORS AND HELP CURRENT BURN VICTIMS, THEY WERE CONTACTED BY MARLA BETH FERSCHL, A MEDICAL STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

MS FERSCHL INQUIRED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HER AND TWO OTHER STUDENTS TRAVELING TO AND INTERNING AT A HOSPITAL IN VIET NAM.

FOLLOWING A FULL REVIEW OF THEIR APPLICATIONS, MICHAEL APPLEMAN, CEO FOUND THAT ALL THREE APPLICANTS WERE EXACTLY THE TYPE OF STUDENTS **BSTTW** WAS LOOKING FOR.

DR. J. F. BISET AT THE FRENCH-VIETNAMESE HOSPITAL IN HO CHI MINH CITY, VIET NAM WAS CONTACTED AND ALL THE DOCUMENTATION WAS FORWARDED TO HIM FOR REVIEW. FOLLOWING HIS REVIEW, DR. BISET WAS VERY INTERESTED IN THE **BSTTW MEDICAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM** AND HAVING ALL THREE STUDENTS INTERN AT THE FRENCH-VIETNAMESE HOSPITAL.



Bao, Marla, Cong Thien, Nghi, Olivia & Sue Jin

WHEN NOTIFIED OF THEIR SELECTION, MARLA FERSCHL, OLIVIA BAILEY & SUE JIN KIM, THE THREE STUDENTS, WERE VERY EXCITED AND THE PROCESS OF SETTING UP THEIR INTERNSHIP BEGAN. **BSTTW REPRESENTATIVE** NGUYEN CONG THIEN ARRANGED FOR ACCOMMODATIONS AND MET THE TRIO AT THE TAN SON NHAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN HO CHI MINH CITY WHEN THEY ARRIVED. THE STUDENTS FELT

VERY SECURE AND KNEW THAT IF ANY ISSUES AROSE, **BSTTW REPRESENTATIVE**, CONG THIEN AND DR. BISET WOULD HELP EXPLAIN AND RESOLVE THE ISSUES.

OLIVIA BAILEY, ONE OF THE INTERNS, STATED THE FOLLOWING ABOUT HER TRIP TO VIET NAM AND INTERNING AT THE FRENCH-VIETNAMESE HOSPITAL: "I SPENT MY INTERNSHIP WORKING IN THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT THE FRENCH-VIETNAMESE HOSPITAL. THIS AREA FEATURED 5 PATIENT ROOMS AS WELL AS 2 RESUSCITATION ROOMS. WHILE THERE, I SAW EVERYTHING FROM THE COMMON COLD TO VICTIMS OF MOTORBIKE ACCIDENTS.

BSTTW IS CURRENTLY SPEAKING WITH DOCTORS AND HOSPITALS AROUND THE WORLD ABOUT FUTURE **BSTTW MEDICAL INTERNSHIPS**. THE ORGANIZATIONS IS ALSO ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM STUDENTS IN ORDER TO START THE NEXT **BSTTW MEDICAL INTERNSHIP**. AT THIS TIME **BSTTW** IS STRONGLY LOOKING AT HAVING AN INTERNSHIP IN EITHER EGYPT, MEXICO OR PAKISTAN.

BỆNH VIỆN HOSPITAL HA NOI, VIỆT NAM



BSTTW SUPPORT TEAM AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS

BSTTW OFFERS A SUPPORT TEAM THAT IS AVAILABLE TO MEET ANY BURN SURVIVOR OR FAMILY MEMBER THAT IS IN NEED OF ADVOCACY, SUPPORT, FRIENDSHIP OR INFORMATION. IF WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE, THE **BSTTW** SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER WILL MEET WITH THE INDIVIDUAL(S) FACE TO FACE, IF NOT THE MEETING CAN BE DONE BY TELEPHONE OR IN THE PRIVATE **BSTTW SUPPORT TEAM CHAT ROOM**. **BSTTW** CAN BE REACHED BY AT 941-364-8457, TOLL FREE AT 800-503-8058 OR BY USING THE INTERNET **BSTTW SUPPORT TEAM E-FORM** THAT CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.BURNSURVIVORSTTW.ORG/EFORMS/SUPPORTEMAIL.HTML.

THE **BSTTW SUPPORT TEAM** ALSO TAKES PART IN CREATING AND SUSTAINING BURN SUPPORT GROUPS. MOST COMMUNITIES DO NOT HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP. **BSTTW** IS IN NEED OF PUBLIC SUPPORT AND FUNDING IN ORDER TO CREATE AND SUSTAIN THE SUPPORT GROUPS NEEDED TO REBUILD THE LIVES OF PEOPLE WHO SUFFER A BURN INJURY AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.

ANY BURN SURVIVOR, FAMILY MEMBER, BURN UNIT, DOCTOR, FIREFIGHTER, COUNTY, STATE OR FEDERAL DEPARTMENT HAS AN AN EMERGENCY THEY CAN REACH **BSTTW** BY EITHER USING THE **BSTTW EMERGENCY E-FORM** THAT CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.BURNSURVIVORSTTW.ORG/EFORMS/EMERGEMAIL.HTML OR BY CALLING **BSTTW** AT 941-364-8457 OR TOLL FREE AT 800-503-8058.

BSTTW WEBSITE

BSTTW OFFERS ONE OF THE TOP INTERNET SITES FOR THE BURN SURVIVOR COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC WORLD WIDE. **BSTTW'S SUPPORT TEAM** OFFERS PRIVATE SUPPORT AND EMERGENCY MEETINGS, ARTICLES FROM SOME OF THE TOP MEDICAL SPECIALISTS, STORIES FROM BURN SURVIVORS AND FAMILY MEMBERS, WEEKLY SCHEDULED CHATS, EMAIL LISTS, PICTURES, POEMS, **BSTTW MEMBER PROFILES** AND FREE INTERNET PAGES FOR **BSTTW MEMBERS**.

BSTTW WEBSITE SITE AVERAGES:

VISITORS PER MONTH	23,300
PAGES VIEWED PER MONTH:	111,637
PAGES PER VISITOR:	4.79
TOTAL HITS PER MONTH:	304,876



World Burn Congress 2004

The Pride of A Burn Survivor

After one and half years of waiting to receive the award I won at the 2002 GHAPSA (Ghana Polytechnics sports Association) Games held in Cape Coast, I was astonished and delighted to receive a note from the polytechnic's sports secretary stating that the trend of giving a certificate as award of merit has changed. The secretary informed me that the association has decided to switch to the use of actual medals, though not pure Gold, Silver and Bronze, they are still metals. In the letter, I was told the day and time to arrive at the secretary's office to receive my Gold Metal.

I arrived at the secretary's office with a lot of excitement and pride in myself for reaching a goal after suffering a burn injury. The secretary asked me to go into his office and he stated "Be this as it may, I present to you, your medal for achievement in the last GHAPSA games in the Discus throw". Standing in front of his office desk and seeing the medal wrapped in a colorless but thick polyethylene, I shouted triumphantly, "YES", with a big smile. The secretary then offered me his hand to shake and I did the same. He shook my hand heartily and with great pride and cordiality. Then he wished me well in my future endeavors. I thanked him sincerely for his positive thoughts towards my future and me. As I walk out of his office, I became perfectly delighted. I walked shoulder high in school with the medal dangling around my neck knowing very well that as a burn survivor I have achieved what my schoolmates could not. This made me feel big inside.



IRON: Ghana

The receipt of this medal took me down memory lane as I remember my infancy, my grandmother, my mother and I had always lived by ourselves in the happiest state imaginable, and lived so then, and always hoped to live so. I remember the burn injury, the pain and emotional suffering I went through. I thought about the fact that I use to be a runner and not a thrower in our Ghana Olympic games.

The award though not big in terms of recognition, is an excellent morale booster for bigger things to come. I am force to imagine

how it would all be like in the burn survivor's community to note that a burn survivor has won a medal in major athletics meeting. For me it would be the greatest prides for all burn survivors on earth. It would be a victory over fire and for that burns but, in the mean time, I sincerely and honestly dedicate this medal in my modesty to all burn survivors and Burn Survivors Throughout The World. God Bless this dream. God bless BSTTW.

Richard (Iron) Baayeh
Ghana

Richard (Iron) Baayeh
Ghana

BSTTW COMMUNITY NEWS

BSTTW REBUILDING LIVES

THE **BSTTW COMMUNITY NEWS (BCN)** IS A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER THAT UPDATES THE BURN SURVIVOR COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC ON **BSTTW'S** WORK, MEDICAL UPDATES, DONATIONS AND FIRE SAFETY. THE **BCN** ALSO OFFERS BURN SURVIVOR STORIES, POEMS AND CONTACT INFORMATION. THE **BCN** IS DISTRIBUTED AND AVAILABLE ON THE **BSTTW INTERNET SITE**.

EACH DAY MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND INDIVIDUALS FROM AROUND THE WORLD SUFFER A BURN INJURY. WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL SUFFERS A BURN INJURY THEIR LIFE AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS LIVES CHANGE FOREVER. THEY NEED MEDICAL TREATMENT AND THE SUPPORT, ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION THAT **BSTTW** OFFERS. MOST COMMUNITIES DO NOT HAVE A BURN UNIT OR A SUPPORT GROUP. MOST BURN SURVIVORS DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEIR FUTURE WILL BE LIKE. FOR SOME THEY WILL HAVE TO FIGHT INSECURITIES, DEAL WITH PAIN BOTH PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL, FUTURE SURGERIES, PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY. A BURN SURVIVOR USUALLY WONDERS HOW OTHERS WILL EVER UNDERSTAND WHAT LIFE IS LIKE. WITH YOUR HELP THROUGH DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEER WORK, THEY CAN GET THE HELP NEEDED TO REBUILD THEIR LIVES.

HOW YOU CAN HELP BSTTW

WHAT CAN I DO?

THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN HELP **BSTTW**. INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, CORPORATIONS, COMPANIES, SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENTS AND CHURCHES CAN OFFER THEIR SERVICES, DONATE FINANCIALLY, SUPPORT A BURN SURVIVOR, RUN A **BSTTW SUPPORT GROUP** IN YOUR AREA, TAKE PART IN STARTING A **BSTTW YEARLY CHILDREN'S BURN CAMP** IN EITHER THE USA,



Michael: Canada
MEMBERS.

ASIA OR EGYPT, PUT TOGETHER A GARAGE SALE, HOST A **BSTTW YEARLY FUND RAISING CONCERT** OR HOST A **BSTTW YEARLY BSTTW FUND RAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT**. YOU MAY WANT TO JOIN THE **BSTTW SUPPORT TEAM**, DRIVE A BURN SURVIVOR TO HIS/HER MEDICAL TREATMENT OR HELP A BURN SURVIVOR GET THE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO RECOVER. THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE AREAS YOU CAN VOLUNTEER WITH **BSTTW** AND HELP PEOPLE THAT SUFFER A BURN INJURY AND THEIR FAMILY

OFFER YOUR TIME AND SPECIALTY:

ARIEL GONZALEZ OFFERED HIS TALENTS AND **BSTTW** PRODUCED THE FIRST **BSTTW Music CD**. MANY COMPANIES, ACTORS AND MUSICIANS OFFERED THEIR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO **BSTTW** IN ORDER TO TAKE PART IN SAVING AND REBUILDING LIVES.

WE ALL HAVE A SPECIALTY. IF YOU ARE WILLING TO OFFER YOUR TIME AND SPECIALTY TO **BSTTW**, YOU WILL BE DOING GOD'S WORK, OFFERING THE SERVICES NEEDED TO PEOPLE WHO SUFFER A BURN INJURY, THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, HELPING OUR CHILDREN AND TAKING PART IN THE WORLDS FUTURE.

BURN SURVIVORS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD (BSTTW)

**WE WERE SOON HURLED ACROSS THE WORLD
SO MANY OF US JOINED BURN SURVIVORS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD**

**AND SOME CURLED WHEN BLOWN AWAY
THE BURN SURVIVORS ARE HERE TO STAY**

**WE GO NOT TOO SLOW
PLEASE STOP TO SEE THE SHOW**

**SURVIVORS FIGHT FROM DAY TO DAY
THEN WE WORRY ABOUT WHAT WE WEIGH**

**IT WAS REALLY DARK FROM THE START
I THOUGHT I LOST MY HEART**

**AS IT STARTED TO BEAT
I THEN REALIZED I HADN'T LOST MY SEAT**

**I'M STILL HERE WITH ALL MY GEAR
AND I THANK GOD EVERY YEAR!!!!**

**WE FIGHT FROM DAY TO DAY
TO MAKE IT GO OUR WAY**

**FROM ALL THE HURT AFTER BEING BURNT
I LEARNED TO TAKE NOTHING FOR GRANTED AND HOW TO FLIRT**

I AM GLAD IT GETS BETTER WITH **BSTTW HERE
AND IT WILL GROW FROM YEAR AFTER YEAR**

**LITA DUCKWORTH
USA**

MAKE A GIFT:

YOU MAY WANT TO OFFER A CASH DONATION, DONATE A CAR OR VAN, HOUSE, OFFICE SPACE, OFFICE EQUIPMENT, MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, CLOTHES, STORAGE SPACE, ADD **BSTTW** TO YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OR DONATE A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR COURT SETTLEMENT.

COMPANIES, CHURCHES, COUNTY OFFICES HAVE OFFERED SPACE FOR AN EVENT. RADIO AND TELEVISION STATIONS, NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES HAVE DONATED FREE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR AN EVENT AND/OR **BSTTW**.

MANY WELL KNOWN ACTORS AND MUSICIANS HAVE DONATED ITEMS THAT CAN BE USED TO RAISE FUNDS IN AN AUCTION OR BE GIVEN TO A BURN SURVIVOR IN ORDER TO RAISE THEIR SPIRITS, STRENGTH AND LOVE OF LIFE.

BSTTW FUNDS:

YOU SPECIFY WHICH AREA YOU WOULD LIKE **BSTTW** TO USE YOUR DONATION. BELOW IS A LIST OF THE **BSTTW FUNDS**.

BSTTW GENERAL FUND

BISHOP PETER NGUYEN VAN NHO WORLD WIDE BURNED CHILDREN'S FUND

BSTTW DWIGHT LUNKLEY RACING TO VICTORY FUND

BSTTW ASIAN CHILDREN BURN CAMP FUND

BSTTW EGYPTIAN CHILDREN BURN CAMP FUND

BSTTW USA CHILDREN BURN CAMP FUND

BSTTW WORLD BURN CONGRESS FUND.

ANYONE WHO DONATES \$25.00 OR HIGHER TO **BSTTW**, CAN REQUEST A **BSTTW MUSIC CD** FREE OF CHARGE.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A BURN SURVIVOR OR FAMILY MEMBER TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME WITH **BSTTW**. ANYONE VOLUNTEERING WITH **BSTTW** WILL NOT ONLY BE TAKING PART IN REBUILDING AND SAVING LIVES, ALL **BSTTW VOLUNTEERS** WILL BE DOING GOD'S WORK.

Support BSTTW

Donate

volunteer

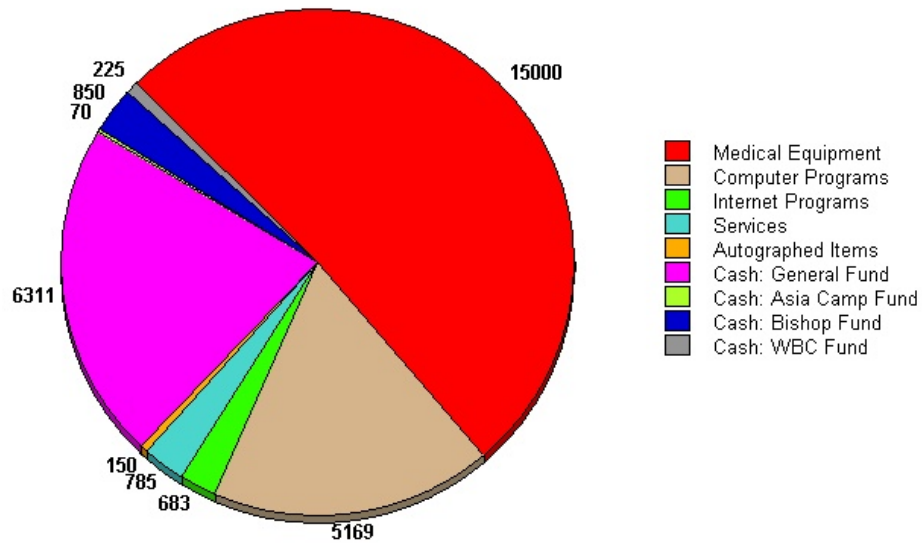
Take part In Rebuilding LIVES

BSTTW FINANCIAL INFORMATION

REVENUE

2004 TOTAL REVENUE
25,007.89

BSTTW 2004 Revenue



2004 TOTAL EXPENSES
\$4,569.33



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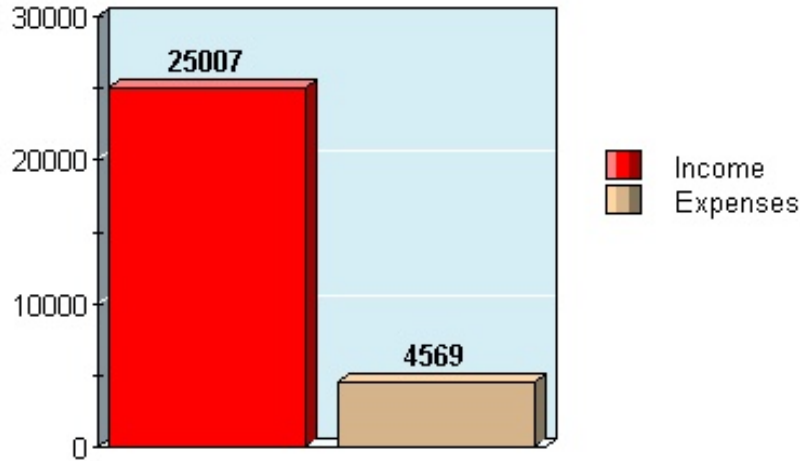
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COMPARISON OF 2004 INCOME AND EXPENSES

2004 Income & Expense Comparison



CASH ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004

GENERAL FUND	\$1,873.87
PAYPAL ACCOUNT	13.03
BISHOP PETER NGUYEN VAN	
NHO WORLD WIDE BURNED	
CHILDREN'S FUND	850.00
WORLD BURN CONGRESS	302.19
CHILDREN'S BURN CAMP:	
ASIA	66.97
DWIGHT LUNKLEY RACING TO VICTORY	<u>114.93</u>
TOTAL CASH ON HAND	\$3,225.04

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & MEDICAL SUPPLIES

FERNO MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	
1 MODEL 700 BURN TANK	
2 MODEL 727-45 CONSOLE	
1 MODEL 197 STRETCHER	\$15,000.00
AGNIJITH 329 90 GM BOTTLES	6,580.00
ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR	3,000.00
PROSANOL 100 3.5 OZ. CANS	<u>525.00</u>
TOTAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	\$25,105.00

* ALL FIGURES ARE UNAUDITED