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## We are lucky.

Here in the US we largely take our highly functional infrastructure for granted. We don't worry about **lack of electricity, elevators that malfunction**, and -- for the most part -- strikes and work disturbances in government and the medical field.

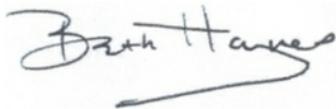
## Not so in Nigeria and other parts of the world.

In addition to learning medicine, Nigerian medical students have to contend with each of the issues cited above, and more. In some cases the lack of dependable energy and basic medical supplies, unhygienic operating conditions, political upheaval and medical ignorance among the general population, can mean the difference between **life and death**.

**BRI's vision is a world of affordable, quality healthcare accompanied by accelerating medical innovation and excellence.**

By hosting three international students this year, we will triple our international impact. Thank you so much for your consideration and continued generosity.

In partnership,



Beth Haynes, MD  
Executive Director  
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