

Partner to the Poor: Paul Farmer in conversation with Adam Hochschild

Dr. Paul Farmer, Chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School and co-Founder of Partners In Health, and award-winning author and journalist Adam Hochschild will discuss the earthquake in Haiti and its aftermath, as well as some of the themes of Farmer's new book: global health, social and economic rights, and the consequences of social inequality.

This event marks the publication of *Partner to the Poor: A Paul Farmer Reader*, new essays and collected writings from the past 20 years, with a foreword by Tracy Kidder.



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For nearly 30 years, anthropologist and physician Paul Farmer has traveled to some of the most impoverished places on earth to bring comfort and the high-quality medical care to the poorest of the poor.

Driven by his stated intent to "make human rights substantial," Farmer has treated patients and worked to address the root causes of disease in Haiti, Boston, Peru, Rwanda, Russia, Lesotho, Malawi, and elsewhere in the developing world.

In 1987, with several colleagues, he founded Partners In Health (PIH) to bring modern medical care to rural Haiti. Today, the program has expanded to 12 countries around the world, with a goal of providing care to patients, addressing the root causes of disease in their communities, and sharing lessons learned around the world.

Partners In Health's oldest, largest and most replicated project is Haiti-based Zanmi Lasante (ZL). Today, ZL is the largest non-governmental health care provider and the only provider of comprehensive primary care,

regardless of ability to pay, for more than half a million impoverished people living in the mountainous Central Plateau. It serves a key role in providing health care and support for Haitian residents following the devastating earthquake in January 2010.

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Paul Farmer is a medical anthropologist and physician, and founding director of Partners In Health (PIH), an international non-profit organization that provides direct health care services and has undertaken research and advocacy activities on behalf of those who are sick and living in poverty. Dr. Farmer is the Presley Professor of Social Medicine and Chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School; Chief of the Division of Global Health Equity at Brigham and Women's Hospital; and the United Nations Deputy Special Envoy for Haiti, under Special Envoy Bill Clinton.

Adam Hochschild is the author of six books and many articles in *Mother Jones*, *Harper's*,

The New Yorker, *The New York Review of Books*, *The Atlantic* and other magazines, writing most often on human rights issues. His books include *Half the Way Home*, *Finding the Trapdoor*, *King Leopold's Ghost*, and *Bury the Chains*. He has won a *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize, a PEN USA Literary Award, two California Book Awards, and a Lukas Prize, and has been a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award and the National Book Award.

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