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Allegany Region Missions provides a multi-denominational Christian mission ministry to the needy of the world, through a focus on mission projects and programs in medical, surgical, construction and education.

Mission Trips are in Full Swing

January 24th—February 1st, 2004

HAITI Women's Health Clinic
team leader: Mary Rappole - rorap@madbbs.com & (716)487-2100

January 29th—February 8th, 2004

HAITI Construction leader: Don Cable (814)-757-8102
Education / Puppet Ministry leader: Sam Huffman (716)358-3492
Mobile Medical leader: Mary Rappole (716)487-2100
Surgical leader: to be announced

IMPORTANT: If you are joining either January trip you **MUST** send in your registration to CSI by the **November 15, 2003** deadline. Contact Mary Rappole for a registration form. Those that have a medical licenses (ie. Nurse, Physician Assistant, Pharmacist, etc.) must be cleared by Haiti's Health Department before they are allowed to practice in Haiti, therefore, they must turn in the following to Mary **ASAP: two passport photos, copy of license and copy of diploma(s).**

April 10th—18th, 2004

HAITI Mobile Medical, Construction & Education
team leader: Molly Lindberg - mclin@cecomet.net & 358-3046

IMPORTANT: Deadline for joining the April team is **December 1st, 2003**. Health-care workers are also encouraged to get their diplomas, photos and license copies (see above) to Molly ASAP.



For Construction Team Members

The ARM Board of Directors has named Don Cable the Construction Ministry Leader. Don, with multiple years of experience with mission trips with CSI to Haiti (he helped with the construction of the Health Center when it was first being built), graciously accepted this position.

Individuals joining a mission trip for construction are encouraged to contact Don so he can maintain contact with each team member and answer questions.



Don Cable: sevenc@madbbs.com

Presentation Materials Available

Those interested in borrowing presentation materials (Slides, PowerPoint, etc.), or if you would like someone from ARM to come and give a presentation, call Michele (985-4438) for more information.

\$ Trip Cost \$

Question: "How much does it cost per person to go on a Haiti mission trip?"

Answer: It costs approximately \$1200. This includes your air travel to and from Haiti, your room & board while in Haiti, and all country exit taxes and etc. This does not include personal purchases while in Haiti or any pre-trip expenses (ie. Passport, immunizations, etc.)

Dates to remember :

ARM Ministry Meeting (full member):

October 26th, Sunday at 6:30pm
at Bemus Point United Methodist
Church - dish-to-pass dinner

Krispy Kreme sales:

November 14th (delivery date)
December 12th (delivery date)

Director's meeting:

November 18, Tuesday, 7:15pm

Subscriptions, questions or comments about this newsletter can be made to Michele Harms (985-4438).

ARM Ministry Team Meeting - Come One and All -

The next ARM Ministry Team Meeting (full-member) will be held Sunday, October 26th at 6:30 pm at the Bemus Point United Methodist Church.

6:30—7:15 dish-to-pass dinner

7:15—8:00 Harold and Terry Nichols speak

8:00— ? Mission Trip team meetings and Informational meeting

Whether you have been on a short-term mission trip with ARM (and CSI), or maybe you are going on your first trip in 2004, or if you have interest in joining a future team, or if you just want to learn more, come and enjoy.

Jamaica Missionaries to Speak

Harold and Terry Nichols will share their experiences as first-year missionaries to Jamaica. Those of you who have never met the Nichols are in for a treat. This amazing couple (from Randolph, NY) are sold-out for the Lord and have a contagious excitement for His ministry.

Encourage the youth pastor(s) from your church to come and hear the Nichols. The Nichols also have a heart for the youth and a mission trip to Jamaica may be a perfect mission experience for your church's youth group.

Mission Trip Team Meetings

If you are going on an up-coming trip in 2004, you need to attend this meeting! There will be a meeting for each trip date at which specific information for pre-trip preparation and important deadlines to meet will be discussed. If you cannot make this meeting, you need to contact the leader of each team to voice your commitment to the team (see team leader in article to the left).

Another way to commit to a team is to send in your registration to CSI (Christian Service International). All team members must turn in their registration form to CSI as soon as possible. Registration forms will be available at the meeting, or contact the leaders for one.

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Directions:

From Jamestown, take the Southerntier Expressway (Rt. 86) to the Bemus Point exit (almost at the end of the expressway). Turn right. The Bemus Point United Methodist Church is on the left.



Krispy Kremes Can Be Good for You!

We have all dreamed that donuts were good for us — now they are! ☺ If you need help raising money for your mission trip, Krispy Kremes can help. The proceeds from the sale are split with 50% going to the ARM mission project and the other 50% going to the individual's account for mission travel.



The donuts are sold for \$5 a dozen and when we sell 500 dozen (or more), we make \$2.50 on each dozen sold.

The next Krispy Kreme delivery dates are: November 14th and December 12th

Orders and money are collected and turned in on the Wednesday before the delivery date. Individuals volunteer to pick up the donuts bright and early in the morning and deliver the donuts to designated drop-off locations. If you are interested in this fundraising project, contact Molly Lindberg at 716-358-3046 (home) or 716-483-3799 (work). You can help ARM and your own expenses at the same time. If you aren't going on a trip, but you want to help ARM raise funds, you can designate that 100% of your proceeds go to the ARM mission project. Thank you!!

Web-site on the Horizon

ARM has been blessed yet again by our Lord in the person of Dave Anderson. Dave will be creating a web-site for ARM which will contain pages of information, including our newsletter, trip dates and news, photo collections and more. ARM must register its web-site name which will cost \$15/year for 10 years. Dave will be doing all of the web-site work on his own time. We have been truly blessed. Soon, we will be "on-line" as:

www.ARMissions.org

Other money-raising ideas:

If you are looking for ways to raise money for your own travel expenses, here are a few additional ideas:

1. Walmart's Hot Dog Stand (call Walmart)
2. Letters to area philanthropic organizations
3. Odd jobs (rake leaves for neighbor, etc)
4. Churches, family and friends (ask for \$ as your Christmas gift to help you go to Haiti)

It is often hard to ask people for financial help, but try to remember not to rob these individuals of God's blessings as they give to His work. Don't let the lack of funds stop you from going on a mission trip. If God has called you to this mission, He will provide.

Important note: If the ARM name is being used in *any* money-raising endeavor (excluding donations), the proceeds **MUST** be turned in to ARM and they will be placed in your personal account for your travel expenses. ARM must be able to track all fundraising that utilizes its name. To set up a personal account with ARM, you must be committed to joining an ARM mission trip within a couple years. Much of the fundraising guidelines are in their infant stages, so your patience is appreciated.

Non-profit Status on the Way

Arm has been approved by the NYS Dept of Education and the paperwork has been submitted for non-profit status. Praise the Lord!!

ARM does not have its 501c3 status yet, so we are not a "tax deductible" organization. People wanting to donate to ARM should do so with this knowledge, especially if the gift is over \$250 and is thus IRS reportable. In the interim, while we wait for our 501c3 status, donations can be sent directly to CSI for trip costs.

Passports— Don't Wait

You need an active passport to enter Haiti. It takes time to get a passport, so don't procrastinate.



Make sure your passport hasn't expired—For those who have a passport, take a moment to make sure it hasn't expired. Avoid the nightmare of last-minute discovery by making sure now.

For a new passport, visit the Jamestown (or other large) Post Office and obtain an application form. You must fill out the form and submit it with passport photos and your original birth certificate. You will receive your birth certificate back and your new passport by mail.



Immunization Information

Those going on a mission trip to Haiti in the next year, must make sure their immunizations are up to date.

Julie at the Chautauqua County Health Department will be glad to help each of you (661-8123).



The following are recommendations (there are no *required* shots for Haiti):

1. Hepatitis A
2. Hepatitis B (healthcare workers only)
3. Current Tetanus (within 10 years)
4. Typhoid
5. Measles (MMR booster shot if needed)
6. Chloroquin 500 mg (take one tablet one week before trip, every week while in Haiti and for 4-weeks after return home.

The total cost is approximately \$100.



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Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him."

Lamentations 3:22-24