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MISSIONMATTERS

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 care, surgery, construction and education.

Sharing Christ - The Right Focus

By Linda Ferrie

As I look back on the April 2004 trip to Haiti, I want to share with you the ministry focus God has laid on my heart. The year before, I was part of the mobile medical team and even though we were helping the people with medical care, I felt I needed to be involved with the Haitians in a different way, helping them clearly learn about Jesus' unconditional love.

This April, as part of the Vacation Bible School team it was exciting to see the town, school and "tree" children of all ages who were very attentive to the praise choruses even if they did not know the words, and focused on the Felt Graph Bible Stories which I am sure many of them had not heard before.

Bible stories came alive with the help of robes provided by Ed Amos. When Susan stepped up as Jairus' daughter, the children saw the trust that was in Jairus' heart knowing that Jesus can do anything. When we realized the children did not know what words like trust meant, the translators, teachers and the girls were lead by the Holy Spirit to do skits to explain the meaning of trust, unselfishness, unconditional love, forgiveness. During the week, the Haitian children also learned about the importance of consistent prayer, as we shared the story about Daniel.

The group was so willing to be a part of God's message to the beautiful Haitian people. After each story we would pray to invite Jesus into our hearts, and if people had already prayed for that to happen, we asked Jesus to refresh us with His Spirit.

After lunch, it was wonderful to see the girls playing ball, jumping rope, working with the clay or coloring; you could just see the girls becoming alive in what they were sharing with the children. Their big smiles, their eyes, and the fact that they were so involved with sharing and loving their neighbor. Despite the language barrier, a hug in any language says "I love you."

More than once, Franklin, our translator, said "I am thankful your people were not afraid to come help my people." ... AMEN Lord Jesus. I felt a great privilege to be chosen by God to be His voice and a part of His team in Haiti AMEN.

Serving Christ in India

Here is a wonderful opportunity to serve in India. ARM is looking for individuals interested in joining an October 2005 team. The information below will give you some idea of what the trip will entail. If interested, call Molly Lindberg (716-358-3046) as soon as possible to make sure this trip becomes a reality.

When: October 2005 (if enough interest is generated)

Where: Hubli, India with Equip InDIA, an established ministry to the disabled.

What: Helping with the youth camp for disabled.
Finishing work on the new ministry building.
Leprosy colony outreach.
Skilled workers: physical & occupational therapy

Cost: \$1500 plane fare; \$500 housing; \$100 side trip to jungle or beach, \$100-200 preparatory costs (pass port, visa, immunizations, etc.)

Buy an ARM—Haiti T-shirt and sell them to raise trip money

T-Shirts = gray short-sleeve shirts of 100% cotton with Haiti map on the back and the ARM logo on the front.

Design = outline of Haiti with a star at Port-au-Prince. Across the country are the words "Beni Soua Letenel" which means "Praise the Lord"

- an easily-learned and common phrase (sounds like: "Benny swallowed a toenail"). At the bottom of the country are the words "Amitye" (friendship), "Inite" (unity), and "Jezi" (Jesus).

Our prayer is that through friendship and unity in Jesus Christ that the Lord will be praised and glorified in Haiti.

Cost = Adult S, M, L, XL = \$15 (XXL also available)
Youth 5/6, 7/8, 9/10 = \$12

All orders are presale with shirts printed in batches. Money due with order: make checks payable to ARM

First round of sales = Money due January 10, 2005

Contact Anne Tenpas for questions (annetenpas@alltel.net; 716-789-3407). Turn in orders to any ARM Board Member.



Clothing Drive Ministry

The ARM Clothing Drive Ministry is "rolling" along! That humor is well known by these hard-working people who spend their Wednesday evenings in Randolph rolling and packing clean, used clothes for the needy of the world. The leader of the team, Sam Huffman, states they have shipped over 12,000 lbs of clothing this year with more boxes ready to go.

The focus has been summer clothing for Jamaica and Haiti, but the Lord has not limited this ministry in its reach. The mission group Key Ministries needed winter clothing for their ministry to the Islamic people in Moldova and Russia. In ways only the Lord can work, a truck of boxed clothing has already headed on its way with more ready to ship.

The Clothing Drive Ministry has also supplied clothing to the Mountain Mission Development Corp in Berea, Kentucky. And opportunities are available for local needy families to obtain clothing for their family.

Ministry needs and prayers:

1. Person heading to Harrisburg, PA to deliver boxes of winter clothing to the Key Ministries contact.
2. Person heading to Muncie, IN to deliver clothes for the Haiti container
3. Summer clothing for a CSI container heading to Haiti
4. People to help sort, roll and box clothing. Meet in Randolph on Wednesday evenings. Call Sam for time and location at 716-358-3492

As Sam states, "God has been good to us and we know that our ministry here is to collect, sort, roll, box, tape and label winter and summer clothing and God lets us know when and where He needs it."

Devastating Flooding in Gonaïeve, Haiti

All of us will not soon forget the horror of seeing the ravaged city of Gonaïeve by hurricane Jeanne. The misery and untold number of lives lost is mind-numbing.

Would you help a family in Gonaïeve?

Quisqueya Chapel, the English church in Haiti, is raising money to purchase pregnant "nanny goats" to be given to pastors in Gonaïeve for distribution to the needy, flood-victim families. There are already volunteers to buy and transport the goats—so, 100% of your donation will go toward the purchase a goat. **Each goat costs \$27.40 US.**

Make your check payable to: *Quisqueya Chapel, PO Box 15665, W. Palm Beach, FL 33416.* On the "note line" mark for purchase of goats for Gonaïeve. (The mail for this Haiti church is collected in Florida, so 37¢ US postage is all that is needed on your envelope.)

For a story by a Haiti missionary about the Gonaïeve flood and its effects, visit the ARM website: www.armissions.org

Mission Trips

*Deadlines are here
Prayers are needed*

January 22nd – Jan 29th, 2005

HAITI (with CSI)

mobile medical (*trip closed*)

Deb Deloe, leader

deloe@hotmail.com; (716)-753-2731

January 27th – Feb 6th, 2005

HAITI (with CSI)

women's health (*trip closed*)

Mary Rappole, leader

rorap@madbbs.com; (716) 357-2385

March 19th – March 26th, 2005

HAITI (with New Missions)

Lynn Ellis, leader (*deadline 12/12*)

lellisinhaiti@yahoo.com; (716)-358-4560

March 26th – April 3rd, 2005

HAITI (with CSI)

mobile med & VBS & construction

Molly Lindberg, leader (*deadline 12/12*)

mclin@cecomet.net; (716)-358-3046

April 16th – April 24th, 2005

HAITI (with CSI)

Construction (*trip closed*)

Anne and Emmett Tenpas, leaders

Bemus Point United Methodist Church,

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October 2005

INDIA (with Equip INDIA)

Planning will continue with sufficient

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He put a new song in my mouth, a
hymn of praise to our God. Many
will see and fear and put their trust
in the Lord. Psalm 40:3