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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.

## It's All About the People & 'Mountains Beyond Mountains'

*The following was submitted by Anne and Emmett Tenpas, team leaders for the April Haiti team of 19 sponsored by the Bemus Point United Methodist Church and ARM. Their group included a construction team and a vacation Bible school team.*

Since this medium doesn't allow us to show our photos, we began to wonder how to share about our projects. We then began to realize that most of the pictures we took weren't about the progress of an architectural structure; they were about the people in the pictures. As Pete Hatch said, "people that God loves just as much as he loves me."

We were privileged to work with a Haitian construction crew and to feel just how it is to haul concrete in buckets onto scaffolding in 100 degree sun for \$8 a day and still praise the Lord.

Every day, the Bible school team sang, played, worshiped and prayed with over 110 children and 40 adults. Many of the children, without enough food or clothing, were hungry to learn. Their future may be in the school the crew was building and we know they will learn to read the Bible there.

As we worked on the health clinic roof, we saw that hundreds of patients passed through there daily. Before they were let in to see the doctor, each one studied the Word of God.

Our interpreter, EZ, shared how he would go without food so that his mother could pay for his school. When he told her he was hungry, she would say we can eat tomorrow because education and God are more important. These two things can never be taken away from you.

We learned the Haitian proverb 'Ge Mon Deye Mon.' This literally translates to 'There are Mountains Beyond Mountains.' It means that if you think that you are strong, there is always someone stronger; if you think that you are smart, there is always someone smarter; if you think that you have a problem or a rough time in your life, there is always someone that has it worse. But this proverb has a flip side in that when God blesses you, He is always right there to bless you again; if He calls you to service, He will equip you to carry it out; if you give him everything you have, He will return so much more, because it is in Him we live and move and have our being.

So if you want to see the Lord's progress, look into the faces of our team members. I can assure you that not one of them is the same as when we boarded the plane.



## Mission Teams - Haiti's Hope

By Charlie Hodges

I was privileged to join the ARM mission team to Haiti in March [a team of 17 lead by Molly Lindberg]. I have been on a number of trips to various countries doing mostly construction work, so it was good to be able to be involved with a trip that also provided medical care and VBS (and still got to "pound nails", too).

The 50 student desks and 5 teacher's desks we built will help furnish 5 additional classrooms. What a pleasure it was to work with the kids, the young men at the school and Pastor Bernato.

When I asked one of the Haitian translators what he felt Haiti's hope was, he indicated that he felt Haiti had no hope for several reasons. I then asked him how he felt about mission teams coming to Haiti. His face brightened and he said, "That is Haiti's hope."

God is doing some amazing things in Haiti and it was a wonderful opportunity for us to be His hands.

## Fun & A Big Screen

Do you enjoy a night of relaxation and family fun in front of a big screen? Luke, missionary at the SIF Clinic in Haiti, has set up a big sheet-screen and shows DVDs in French to anyone who gathers. Movies have included The Passion, Prince of Egypt, The Jesus Film and more. Do you have a DVD with the French language tract or want to help purchase some G-rated family movies? Contact Michele Harms for more details through [ARMissions@stny.rr.com](mailto:ARMissions@stny.rr.com).



## Lynn Ellis: Accepts Call to Haiti « From Randolph to Haiti »

Lynn Ellis has been called to serve as part of Quisqueya International Christian School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti (starting August 10, 2005). Lynn will be using her skills in special education to help set up programs for students with learning problems. She will also be assisting the middle/high school principal with teacher observation, evaluation and training. The school children at Quisqueya are from missionary families (~30%) and Haitian professional families (~70%). The school attracts the Haitian professionals who want their children to have an "American" education. Lynn states, "it gives the teacher an opportunity to reach the children and then the parents with the gospel." Lynn also hopes to help with mission projects with ARM and others as her time allows. (see [www.quisqueya.org](http://www.quisqueya.org) for more school information)

For Lynn's news/prayer updates and/or to help support her financially, contact Lynn at [lellisinhaiti@yahoo.com](mailto:lellisinhaiti@yahoo.com). Lynn most covets your prayers, so ask her for a prayer card and join her as she follows His leading.

### Join in Prayer for Our Haitian Brothers and Sisters

The March mobile medical team wanted to meet more than physical needs of the patients it would serve. We wanted to let each patient know we love them because of Christ and He is the one that is their Healer. To accomplish this, each patient was asked "how can we pray for you." Each patient was prayed for by the team members. Below is the summary of the prayers received from the 580 patients seen during the 5-days of clinics.

1. Physical health and healing
2. To better things in their life
3. Improve spiritual life
4. To do well in school
5. For their baby (born and unborn)
6. For peace in Haiti
7. For un-named problems
8. For their family
9. For specific persecutions
10. Specific problems: a house, need work, difficult pregnancy, marriage problems, to remain a virgin, pregnant but not married, intelligence and memory, to be able to go to school, longer life.

Thank you for joining ARM and the March mobile medical team in praying for the needs of our Haitian brothers and sisters.

## Coming Mission Trips Please Pray

### January 2006 — HAITI (with CSI)

January 14–28 = Women's Health at SIF clinic  
January 19–28 = Surgery team  
January 21–28 = Mobile Medical team  
January 21–28 = Women's Health at Gallette  
Mary Rappole, leader  
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### Spring 2006 — HAITI (with CSI)

mobile med & VBS & construction  
contact Molly Lindberg  
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### more?

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### WILL YOU ANSWER THE CALL AND BECOME A TEAM LEADER ?

If you are called to go on a mission trip, talk to a past team leader to investigate the challenge and joy of serving as a team leader. Call Molly or Mary—see contact numbers above.

## 10,000 Villages Sale at Chautauqua

Ten Thousand Villages International Festival Sale will be held July 28-31 at the Chautauqua Atheneum Hotel lobby from 9am to 9pm each day. ARM will receive 20% of the retail sales for our mission ministry fund. Come, see and buy!

We will need lots of help setting up the sale and manning the tables for the event. If you are able to help, please contact Mary Rappole at [rorap@madbbs.com](mailto:rorap@madbbs.com). ([www.tenthousandvillages.org](http://www.tenthousandvillages.org))



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Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your  
name be the glory, because of your  
love and faithfulness

Psalm 115:1