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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, surgical construction and education.

## ARM Granted Tax Exempt Status

*Praise the Lord!*

Allegany Region Missions received 501(c)3 status from the Internal Revenue Service. The tax exempt status is retroactive to December 30, 2003.

ARM's application was accepted without being returned for corrections and resubmission. For many organizations, this process can take years, but the Lord was with ARM and granted us a smooth process.

The ability to accept donations and in return provide a tax advantage to donors will open doors for large and small contributors. It will also allow team members to receive a tax exemption for their trip costs through ARM.

Best of all, it will allow ARM to look forward to growing to meet the opportunities our Lord places in our path.

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Great and mighty is the Lord our God!

## IMPORTANT MEETING

**August 22nd, 7:00pm**

All individuals interested in the participating in the ministry—future of ARM are asked to please attend this very important ministry meeting.

**Sunday, August 22nd**

**7:00pm**

**East Randolph United Methodist Church**

The agenda will include future trip planning, fund raising, member ministry updates, team leaders, budgeting, and more. (no dinner)

Come help brainstorm, bring ideas, feel the excitement, share suggestions and witness the Lord's blessings.

Directions: ERUMC is on Church Street  
located across from the Fire  
Department of East Randolph

## Ministry Possibilities

*Hear am I, send me.*

Is God calling you?

Possible destinations and projects:

- Haiti
  - construction
  - surgical
  - mobile medical
  - VBS and education teams
- Jamaica
  - join Harold and Terry in ministry opportunities
- India (Equip INDIA)
  - build Disability Ministry Center (2005)
  - youth camp volunteers (May and October)
  - rehabilitation professionals

Contact ARM through  
Mary Rappole, at rorap@madbbs.com  
Team leaders needed.

## Nichols Accept New Ministry Opportunity

Harold and Teri Nichols have joined *TEAMS for Medical Missions* to further their commitment to Christ to serve the people of Jamaica.

The Nichols, originally from Randolph, have been serving with CSI as guest house hosts in Jamaica and have marveled at the ministry opportunities God has opened for them. With our Lord changing their ministry focus from team hosts to evangelism, the joining with *TEAMS for Medical Missions* became a God-ordained fit.

*TEAMS* stands for Teaching—Evangelism—And—Medical Services. Through *TEAMS*, the Nichols will continue their ministry focuses. They will continue to host mission teams, but focus the majority of their time in discipleship and outreach. The Nichols have been given a burden for the men of Jamaica and feel lead to minister to the local pastors and reach the men of Jamaica for Christ. Teri's dental clinic ministry will also continue as she touches Jamaicans with help and love.

This change in ministry base adds additional expenses, including rent, utilities and etc. needed for a home. They also need continued funding for their dental ministry and their men's ministries. Please pray about becoming invested in this vital ministry.

To learn more about the ministry of *TEAMS for Medical Missions*, visit [www.t4mm.org](http://www.t4mm.org), or contact them at PO BOX 215, Macungie, PA 18062. The Nichols' address in Jamaica is: 125 Huddersfield, St. Mary Parish, Jamaica.

Harold and Teri will be visiting the U.S. in September and October. Watch for them to come and speak to a church in your area.



## ARM Summer Picnic Yummy & an Introduction to the Banks Family

Those who attended the ARM Summer Picnic were treated to great food, fellowship and the Banks family. (A special thank you to Linda and Kelly Ferrie for their hard work.) Tim and Toby Banks will be the newest CSI missionaries to Haiti, becoming directors of the H.O.P.E. Center for Girls. Their story of how God called them to Himself and to Haiti was inspiring.

H.O.P.E. stands for Haitian Orphanage that Provides for and Educates. The vision of this ministry is "to provide a Christian family environment which will enable orphaned Haitian girls to grow and mature in order to demonstrate those principles in leadership roles in Haiti."

Tim, Toby and their children, Alex, Zac, Josh, Isaac and Hannah covet your prayers and are also in need of financial assistance. If you desire to help the Banks family and want to learn more about this ministry, visit the following web site: [www.haitihope.org](http://www.haitihope.org)



## PRAY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES

Not everyone is called to go to the mission field, but all of us are called to join the ministry of our missionaries through prayer.

Here is a seven-day cycle of prayer topics to use in your work as a prayer partner for Christ's missionaries. May God abundantly bless you as you pray!

- Day 1: Your Missionary's Own Relationship to God
- Day 2: Your Missionary's Physical and Emotional Life
- Day 3: Your Missionary's Family
- Day 4: Your Missionary's Ability to Communicate
- Day 5: Your Missionary's Ministry
- Day 6: Your Missionary's Fellow Workers
- Day 7: Your Missionary's Country of Service



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Praise the Lord, Oh my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the Lord, Oh my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Psalm 103:1