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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.

## Teacher Sponsorship

*"To teach is to touch a life forever"*



In our lives, it can be so hard to know if we have made a difference. However, we all remember a teacher who impacted our lives—a teacher we will remember forever.

In Haiti, tuition must be paid in order for a child to attend school and in an economy where it is difficult to put food on the table, many children go without an education.

Combining this need and our desire to impact the children of Haiti, ARM has begun the Teacher Sponsorship Program. By contributing \$1500, a Church, Sunday School, Mom's club, Youth group and/or others can pay a teacher's salary for an entire year. When the teacher is paid, 30+ children go to school FREE!

The first sponsorship program for 10 teachers has already begun in Gallette, Haiti, a small village, 10 miles east of Port-au-Prince. Contact [ARMissions@stny.rr.com](mailto:ARMissions@stny.rr.com) to learn more about and become part of this amazing vision. Members of ARM will be glad to come to your church or organization and share about this life-changing endeavor. All sponsorships are tax-deductible donations.

*There are teachers waiting for your sponsorship.*



## Depot Ministry

- New Name
- Growing Ministry

Originally known as the Clothing Ministry, the Lord's blessings have caused an out-growth of the name. Now, the Depot Ministry is not only involved in the collection, packing and shipping of donated new & nearly-new clothing to locations locally, within in the US, Haiti, Jamaica, Moldova, Russia and India, but the ministry also "pedals" bicycles and a whole lot more. Founded by Sam Huffman, the Depot Ministry's focus is to create a Western New York warehouse and delivery base for supplying missionary needs (clothing, books, bikes, medical equipment, and more) as they work to advance the Word of God.

Can you fix bicycles? Want to help pack clothing for shipment? The Depot Ministry would love your help. Contact Sam: (716) 358-3492.



## Haiti Missionaries to Visit Area

Greg and Cathie Benson

- Want to know more about missions?
- Want to know more about Haiti?
- Want to know how to pray for missionaries and the countries in which they serve?

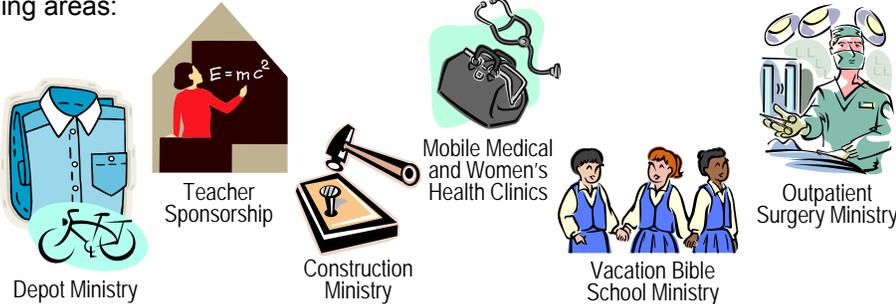
Make time in your schedule to come and hear this hard-working former dairy farmer and his special wife share about their call to the foreign mission field and the vision of ministry they hold for the nation of Haiti.

Friday, September 9, 2005	Bensons arrive in Chautauqua County
Saturday, 9/10	8:00 AM Golf at Chautauqua 4:00 PM Picnic - Bemus Point UM Church at Hockran's residence, 4578 Johnson Rd, Bemus Point
Sunday, 9/11	8:00 AM Coffee at Bemus Point UM Church 8:30 AM Praise & Worship Service, Bensons speak 9:45 AM Cable Hollow Community Church, Russell, PA . Bensons bring morning sermon 2:00 PM Mission Meadows Activity Center Dewittville, NY - public invited Praise & Worship with Jay Baehr, mission presentation by Bensons 6:00 PM Panama United Methodist youth group
Monday, 9/12	8:30 AM Downtime for Bensons 6:00 PM Picnic - East Randolph UM Church at Messinger's residence, 3450 Caswell Rd, Randolph
Tuesday, 9/13	8:30 AM Downtime for Bensons - tour, golf, shops? 6:00 PM Light dinner at Rappole's home in Chautauqua Institution. All invited; must RSVP: 357-2385 or rorap@madbbs.com
Wednesday, 9/14	7:15 AM Greater Jamestown AM Rotary - all invited Marvin House, 5th and Main St. RSVP to 357-2385 or rorap@madbbs.com 8:30 AM Road trip to sight-see at Niagara Falls 7:00 PM Mission Dinner - Christ First UM Church at CFUMC, 663 Lake View Ave, Jamestown
Thursday, 9/15	Benson's leave

(If you would like more information or if you are interested in joining a golf outing, contact [ARMissions@stny.rr.com](mailto:ARMissions@stny.rr.com))

## Ten Thousand Villages Sale — a Success!!

The Ten Thousand Villages Festival Sale held in July was a wonderful success. Thank you to all who helped and all who purchased the unique crafts. ARM raised \$3,450 for its ministry. Remember, 100% of all monies raised by ARM go toward ministry. These funds may be used in the following areas:



## ☺ Flannel Graph ☺ Being Used by God - Beautifully

Remember the days in Sunday School when the teacher took the beautifully colored felt pictures of Bible characters and told a Bible story? Remember the stories coming to life as the figures were added to the flannel board scenery? Linda Ferrie's love of ministry to children includes this vibrant world of flannel graph.

For those of you who have met and worked with this gentle lady, you know Linda's heart and mind are on our Lord every moment of the day. When Linda began working with ARM's Vacation Bible School teams, she saw first-hand the need for a creative avenue to share the Bible stories with Haiti village children who had never heard them before. Since then, flannel graph has become a staple, along with live skits and songs, to share the love and promises of our Lord with His children.

Linda's dream has also grown as others have caught her vision. The school in Gallette, Haiti will soon have two flannel graph kits with lesson books for teaching Bible stories in the classroom. Next on Linda's agenda is helping the teachers learn how to use the flannel graph to teach Biblical truths. For more information or to join Linda in her endeavor for Christ, contact her through [ARMission@stny.rr.com](mailto:ARMission@stny.rr.com).

## Team Members Needed

Coming Mission Trips

**-Answer the Call-**

**January 2006** – HAITI **deadline: Now! Don't wait!**

January 14–20 = Women's Health at SIF Clinic

January 19–28 = Surgery team

January 21–28 = Mobile Medical and VBS Teams  
Women's Health at Gallette

Contact Tammy Thayer

[tthayer@stny.rr.com](mailto:tthayer@stny.rr.com); (716)-782-2055

**April 2006** – HAITI **deadline: November 1, 2005**

April 15–23 = Vacation Bible School & Construction & Mobile Medical Teams

Contact Molly Lindberg

[mclin@cecomet.net](mailto:mclin@cecomet.net); (716)-358-3046

## IS GOD CALLING ME TO LEAD A TEAM ?

Do you feel God's gentle nudge to go to a short-term mission field and take friends, church family, youth group, church mission committee or others with you? Being a team leader is a rewarding opportunity to be used by God to help others answer His call, too.

For more information and ARM support, contact any of the ARM Officers listed below.

## Come To The Races !!

Have some fun and help the ministry of ARM at the same time! ARM will be manning a food-vender location at the Cattaraugus Races.

Saturday, September 10th

Saturday, September 24th

- ▶ COME AND EAT!!
- ▶ BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!!
- ▶ WATCH THE RACES!!

HELP NEEDED — SERVE HOT DOGS AND MORE!! If you can help with this fundraiser, come at 3 PM to serve up some fun. For questions, contact Molly at (716)-358-3046.



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Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:1