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Bible Club in Jamaica ~ Exciting New Format

report by Harold and Teri Nichols

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Dear Friends in Jesus,

We are EXCITED to announce a new format for our Bible club; a format we believe will give us the ability to better impact our 140 students each Wednesday and we would love for you to be a part of this exciting endeavor!

In the past, Bible Club has consisted of 38 weeks of different lessons and although we covered lots of ground, we have been looking for a way to make the impact of scripture lessons more solid and lasting. Our plans are to create a 3-group rotation in which Station-1 will have the main lesson, Station-2 will complete a lesson-based craft activity, and Station-3 will have Bible verse memory games and lesson reviews. The next week, each group rotates to the next station. Instead of 38 different short lessons per year, we will be presenting 9-13 fully developed lessons, where Biblical principles are reinforced for the full three weeks through each of the group stations. On the 4th week we will have a movie day, and months with 5 weeks will allow time for extracurricular activities like putting on a play, having a choir at Christmas and a Passover supper or pageant at Easter.



We are also blessed to have additional missionaries here to help and we want to take advantage of this by separating the young children (ages 5-7) into its own group for more focused attention and teaching.

The Lord has allowed us, for over 6 years, to teach the children as a whole group, but we have done without crafts and have been unable to get serious about scripture memory. We have been unable to recognize achievements, like memory work or attendance, because of the large group. By doing Bible club on a rotational basis, much like a VBS, we believe the Lord has given us a method to more effec-

tively reach these children for Christ.

We have our hearts full of vision, faith, and energy to sow into these very needy children, but we need your help. God has blessed us with many children to share Christ with, but with size comes larger facility needs, more food, more game equipment, more birthday and Christmas gifts, and craft supplies.

This year we are building a human foosball court with a current donation that is being held just for this project. We still need an outdoor bathroom, and hope to implement uniforms (T-shirts or similar) to keep each group distinctive with a color. So, we are appealing to you for the financial resources for these extra projects, some of which we are going to step out in faith and have done by opening day September.

Bible Club costs last year averaged out to be \$500 US per month, which has covered food, supplies, Bibles, curriculums, and some Christmas and birthday gifts. We expect this number to go up with the new taxes the government has implemented, and the higher food costs. We are in need of ministry partners to help with the monthly costs and to help with our new format start-up.

150 T-shirts = \$900.00 US (*Onetime expense and then we can order as we need them*)

Outdoor Bathroom = \$800.00 US

Opening Day of Bible Club = \$350.00 US

Thank you for helping us to ***Glorify God*** by bringing the ***good news of Jesus Christ***, to the Nation of Jamaica

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Harold and Teri Nichols, who call Randolph, NY, home, have been missionaries to Jamaica for 10 years this October. Little did they know at the time God would have a plan for them to reach many for Jesus, including neighborhood children in the form of Bible Club. Each week, about 140 children hear God's word and see it in action in the lives of the Nichols. Investing in this ministry invests in young people for Jesus. ARM encourages you to support this ministry and send your gifts and partnerships to the address above.



Update from the ARM President

Bert Rappole, MD

As you have seen through the ARM updates and newsletters, mission activity both locally and internationally continues to have a strong interest for people living in western NY, northern PA and beyond. Thank you for your prayers for the teams and individuals who served and will be serving this year.

ARM's current focus, other than facilitating and supporting mission teams, has been Pastor Ben's (Pastor Bernato) school - Institution Mixte la Trinite Chretienne de Galette. Financial donations that are designated to the ongoing support of this school continue to be used for Teacher Sponsorship (\$1400/month) and we have frequent communications with Pastor Ben on building a new school in Galette. Acquiring land has been a slow process for us. As Americans we think things can happen instantaneously, but in many countries, like Haiti, things often occur at a slower pace than we like.

The first meeting with Pastor Ben and his school board concerning building a school in Galette occurred in August 2009 with many meetings held since then. In February of this year, Michele, Mary and I met with Pastor Ben and Gems Antenor at the Village of Hope guest house. We discussed land purchase again and Gems reviewed the books with us. Gems is a young Haitian man who was an interpreter for CSI and now works for the UN. In college he studied accounting and is assisting ARM by meeting with Ben on a regular basis reviewing financial transactions while improved documentation is developing.

Following the February meeting, the Mayor of Galette offered to sell land to be used for the school. The land was inspected by Emmett and Pastor Ben in April and found suitable, so the process of purchasing began. Pastor Ben now has a notaire (like a lawyer) and a survey has been completed.

Jim Holler will meet with Pastor Ben on September 1st. Fanfan, Bert or Roberta Anderson, and Gems will also be attending this meeting. Hopefully all the loose ends can be addressed and the land can finally be purchased. At that time, phase II can begin: planning and building the school. When this happens we will need all of you to help. ARM will be raising funds for this project and will be sending teams to work with the Haitians in construction of the new school. We want this to be *their* school with the members of the Galette community involved in the planning and building of the new school, and in operating the school.

We ask that you continue to pray that God's work will be done through Allegheny Region Missions for this project and His work both local and international.

ARM Depot Update

Randolph, NY

by Chuck Lindberg



Summer sales have been a bit above average. We are so thankful we can help others in Jesus' name. As usual, we find the remains of yard sales on our doorstep (sometimes piled quite high in front of our door), sadly, facilitating the financing the dumpster! One of the "perks" (for me) of the operation are the occasional times I get to help assemble a jig-saw-puzzle. Our staff of three refuse to sell anything that is broken, doesn't work, or a puzzle that is missing pieces.

The lack of space continually plagues us but we are starting to gather winter clothing -especially coats- and storing as many as possible.



Anyone have an excess coat? There are many who have none. As in the Depot's parting words to our customers "God Bless."

Pray for Mission Trips for Friends of ARM

Jim Holler, Kathy Adams & Kidder UMC—Village of Hope, Haiti, 8/2012
Molly Lindberg & Randolph UMC—to Village of Hope, 11/2012

Donate Haitian Artisan Items for Fundraising Event

On November 10 and 11, ARM will have a booth of Haitian artisan items for sale at the What's New Fair held at Jamestown Community College as an ARM fundraising event.

Do you have Haitian souvenirs you purchased on a mission trip and now want to donate those items to ARM to sell? New items have been purchased in Haiti, but more items are needed.

Coordinate donation of items through Michele Harms. Send an e-mail to ARMissions@gmail.com



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