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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.



## Cooperative Mission Trip to the Amazon *ARM and CSI serve together* by Chuck Lindberg



A group of 11 from ARM boarded a flight from Buffalo on the morning of Monday, March 2, 2009. Landing in Atlanta, GA, we met the 6 CSI members of our team and flew on to Manaus, Brazil, arriving about midnight. A short bus ride later, we were boarding the boat which would carry us down the Amazon River. It was a bit after 3 am when we had finally found a place for our luggage and more importantly a place to lay our heads (6 people in three double bunks per each room measuring slightly over 6ft by 6ft).



By 7am we were chugging down a very beautiful river to our first destination Murinting (an indigenous Indian village). After the gang plank came to rest on the shore, most of our team, loaded up with supplies for the medical team and the VBS group, climbed up a hill to a small "clinic" building. Our dentist and his assistant stayed on the boat as there was a small room on board containing a dental chair and some nasty looking "pliers." We were in Murinting for 2 days and many grateful patients were treated by our doctor, nurses and support staff with meds supplied by our pharmacist and his assistant.



As most know, every team seems to have a clown—we were no exception, but in this case it was a real clown (Rainbow) complete with balloons and silly costume. Before very long you could hardly see Rainbow among the huge crowd of children. Many of the children were riveted to the antics of our puppeteer and the more athletically inclined to our sports and games leaders.

Meals were always served buffet style in the largest room on the boat. A longish table came down from the ceiling on two sturdy poles. Benches line the walls and laps served as dining tables. At night the table was raised and hammocks were strung for sleeping.

Overnight on the boat, we arrived the next morning to dock at the somewhat larger but more remote village of Novo Céu for 2 more days of medical care and VBS fun. One night was devoted to crocodile hunting via a small boat. A couple of small (about 8 inches) crocs were found and one of our team brought the example around to our rooms. Also caught was a large "fish" that night—it took quite a struggle to remove the hook from her arm!



Back to Manaus (a long trip back) we left our boat and transferred to accommodations in the Wesleyan Seminary. We had a full day of sightseeing (quite a modern city), Teatro Amazonas/Praca (the opera house) and adjoining park, zoo, central market, and you guessed it—shopping. Most everyone came home with a hammock.

Church one evening was very lively and well attended (and long), but very inspiring even if we couldn't understand Portuguese. Devotions were held each night while aboard the boat on the top deck in the open air. This was a great time of faith sharing with the boat crew and Brazilian members of our team. A highly rewarding experience and one few, if any, of us will forget. It's always very exciting and to some extent humbling to witness the great faith and devotion to our Lord shown by those in distant countries. Praise the Lord.

Thank you to each of you for your prayers for my mother, Gail, and my family during her illness and Home-going. Mom is the reason I know Jesus as my Savior, and her love and quiet servant heart witnessed to many. With a mixture of sadness and heaven-joy, Michele, ARM secretary



Did you know... All ARM Meetings are open to all?

Come and listen, share ideas, join in His work. Newest project-in-prayer—building a school in Gallette, Haiti.

**Next meeting—September 2009**

**Contact** [information@armissions.org](mailto:information@armissions.org)

**for date, time & location of meetings.**

# ARM Mission Trips, 2010

An amazing year in mission!

Join a team Pray for a team! Give to a team!

Contact team leaders today — Space on teams is limited.



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**March 6—14, 2010**  
Mobile medical & Vacation Bible School  
Molly Lindberg & Judy Turner team leaders  
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**HAITI**  
**APRIL 10—17, 2010**  
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**HAITI**  
**APRIL 17—24, 2010**  
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**APRIL or SEPTEMBER, 2010**  
Surgical Team  
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## News Update from the ARM Depot Store

Main Street, Randolph, NY

The ARM Depot Store has teamed with Chautauqua Works and now has a fulltime (paid by CW) summer employee. Store hours have been expanded from 4 days per week to **open 9 am—3:30 pm, Monday through Saturday.** It's a bit early



to tell how much impact this will have, but so far, revenues are up (used for store maintenance and ARM ministry) and word is apparently spreading as we see more people in a day. Because of our present economy and lack of meaningful employment, we are hearing more and more people expressing their gratitude for what is available in the store. Donations have remained about the same and are mostly adequate, however, baby and children's clothing and supplies (cribs, etc.) are always in very short supply. Pass the word!!

We always maintain a supply of Bibles and Christian literature and encourage our customers to take and read.

Assistance has been given in the form of clothing and small household items to victims of house fires. The Depot also continues to be the order and distribution center for the "Angel Food" ministry in the Randolph area. We have been able to provide food for several needy families.

We always appreciate anyone's suggestions and/or comments, and of course your prayers.

God Bless,

Chuck Lindberg, Mary Jo Lindberg  
and the Depot Staff



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Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)