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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.

2005 - HAITI Classroom Desk Construction Project

Beautiful smiles, giggles and laughter; the sound of children with futures of hope and promise.

The desire of ARM is to provide even more smiles of pride and success through building school desks for a school in a small Haitian village. Would you consider investing in a Haitian child by "buying a desk"?

The cost of the material for each desk is only \$30. ARM is raising money to build 50 desks for the school in the Haitian rural village of Galette. These desks will serve up to 150 students since each desk is sized large enough to seat 3 students. With this fundraising campaign we are hoping to raise the \$1500 needed to build all 50 desks.

ARM, along with its medical clinics and Bible school ministry, is developing programs where we can help increase the opportunity for education of the children. Countries, like Haiti, with areas of extreme poverty, will never be able to overcome this extreme poverty by relying only on aide from others. ARM desires to find ways to provide tools and opportunities for Haitians to help themselves both economically and spiritually with a focus on literacy and education .

Funds received that exceed our \$1500 goal will be applied to the next phase of this project which is the sponsorship of teachers for these newly completed classrooms. In Haiti, students must pay tuition to at-

tend school so that teacher salaries and supplies can be paid. Many families cannot afford this so their children have no opportunity for education, or they must choose which child to send to school.

For only \$1700 per year a teacher can be sponsored for a 30 student classroom. For an additional \$1000 per year all the additional teaching supplies needed as well as material for uniforms can be provided. This cost breaks down to only \$90 per student per year. ARM hopes that, over time, we will be able to provide the continuous support to sponsor eight teachers for the Galette school, along with the other needed supplies so that the parents of Galette can provide an education to their children that today they cannot afford.

ARM's child-focused dream is to use the Galette school as a model that will eventually be duplicated in other rural villages throughout Haiti, one day providing an education to countless of additional children.

Together, we can make our vision a reality, giving all praise and glory to God.

Send designated gifts to: Allegany Region Missions
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"Haitian peasants have a proverb: "Bondye konn bay, men li pa konn separe." The literal translation is "God gives but doesn't share." This means that "God gives us humans everything we need to flourish, but he's not the one who's supposed to divvy up the loot. That charge was laid upon us."

Quote from Paul Farmer

*Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer.
By Tracy Kidder. 2003.*



New school desks in Galette. Built by a 2004 ARM team with the help of local Haitian young men and funds from all of the many sponsors and donators.

January Teams Trade Blessings with Haitians

The January mission teams arrived home with stories of God's mercies and blessings. *Thank you to the Lord for His care; thank you to all of the financial sponsors and donators; thank you to everyone who prayed - our Lord is faithful.*

The mobile medical team (Jan 22-29), lead by Deb Deloe, saw a total of 556 people in the 5 days of clinics held in Gallette, a small rural village in Haiti. Deb reported seeing some very sick children, adults and elderly, but noticed the overall health of the patients was better than what she saw on a trip a year ago.

Mary Rappole, leader of the women's health clinic (Jan 27-Feb 6), reported serving 322 patients and was able to help 42 pregnant women with prenatal care. From Mary's 6th trip to Haiti, she shares that she continues to be amazed by God and seeing Him work in the lives of each team member, stating, "It is really about experiencing God's glory. God delights when we work for Him."

Two Special Patients and Forever Memories By Deb Deloe

Our mobile medical team had a wonderful experience this year. I think I had more time to absorb things and to really observe the country as well as the people; last year was too much culture shock. I would like to share my story about 2 special patients.

The first patient was a 10 month-old infant boy who only weighed 10 lbs. He was so weak and near death he could not even cry anymore. The Dad carried him to the clinic looking for help to get his son to eat. After many questions, the end result was the baby was the youngest of 10 other children at home and when the baby would not eat they just stopped trying to feed him. Fan Fan [Haitian missionary] helped us talk to the man and had him return the next day when we gave him \$150 Haitian (\$20 US) for food. He was so grateful, tears were in his eyes. I asked him to bring the baby back in 2 days so I could check him again (and give them bottles, formula and rice cereal I bought)...he never returned. In my heart I feel the baby died that Thursday night; when we were in church it just came over me in a flood during the service. God rest his blessed little soul.

The other patient was a 28 year-old man with a fever of 103.2 and a bad cough. Adults don't often get fevers that high. During my questioning I asked him if he had ever been tested for HIV, sadly the answer was yes. Two years ago he tested positive and had not had any treatment for it. He said he had no money for the medicines even if he could get to a doctor who could treat him. He will die soon.

Coming Mission Trips

Please Pray

March 19th – March 26th, 2005

HAITI (with New Missions)
Lynn Ellis, leader
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March 26th – April 3rd, 2005

HAITI (with CSI)
mobile med & VBS & construction
Molly Lindberg, leader
mclin@cecomet.net; (716)-358-3046

April 16th – April 24th, 2005

HAITI (with CSI)
Construction (*trip closed*)
Anne and Emmett Tenpas, leaders
Bemus Point United Methodist Church,
annetenpas@alltel.net; (716)-789-3407

October 2005

INDIA (with Equip INDIA)
Planning will continue with sufficient interest,
contact Molly Lindberg, leader
mclin@cecomet.net; (716)-358-3046



Haiti facts:

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and also one of the poorest in the world, 80% of the population lives in abject poverty. Life expectancy is only 51 years. Literacy (defined as those age 15 and over that can read and write) is only slightly over 50%.



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Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58 40:3