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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.

Haiti Trip: Village of Hope—February 10-17, 2012

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Short-term missionary volunteers are special people: God loving, altruistic, adventurous and of strong character. Putting 13 such individuals together for a week is one thing, but when most of the individuals in that group don't know the other 12, interesting things can happen! ...and happen they did! Organized by members of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in St. Petersburg, Florida, team members from Florida and from ARM (NY and PA) met for the first time in the Miami airport. We all came to serve the Lord in a Mobile Medical and Dental team and flew on to Haiti bearing meds and preparing to bare our hearts according to God's will.

With 4 American clinicians, 1 Haitian doctor, an American dentist, pharmacist, nurses and others willing to be support staff, we headed to 3 different tent cities for the week armed



with Creole translators to help make it all run smoothly. Two years after the earthquake, tent cities are still the place of residence for *many* Haitians. Some looked run-down just like the pictures we see

on the news. But one of the cities we worked within was very large and very well maintained. The land had been leveled, gravel put down for drainage, the tents were organized in a "street" fashion and latrines and showers were built. (One hint: latrines have the *vents* in the roof...the showers don't!!)

The pharmacy staff gave new meaning to the word "mobile" in mobile clinic as they worked out of the back of the truck for most of the week. In true Haitian fashion, the support staff from Village of Hope was able to rig up a terrific tarp for shade.



In our 4 days of clinics, we were able to serve more than 900 patients and dispense multiple medications for each. The dentist saw 136 patients and pulled even more teeth, immediately making a huge difference in people's lives. But numbers aren't everything. What really matters are the hearts that are touched. God brought together 13 strangers, enabling us to work together as a team, touching the bodies and souls of Haitians for Jesus. We were also able to provide a paying job (*for the first time!*) as a translator for a young Haitian man. Those working with him



learned that Daniel had gifts beyond knowing English.....he was a caring and calming influence to those patients waiting for the dentist.

When you make yourself available for Jesus to work through you, great things happen for Him.

A special thank you to Bert and Roberta Anderson, directors of Village of Hope, for their planning, hospitality and their visible God-focused hearts.

Galette School Update Keep Praying!!

ARM President, Dr. Bert Rappole, with Mary Rappole and Michele Harms, met with Pastor Bernato on February 17, 2012. Despite some hardships, the Galette, Haiti, school is doing well and the students are learning! Finding land for building a new school has proven to be a challenge; however, through much prayer, God is opening doors for new land opportunities and is building excitement in the community. We are all being reminded of the importance of waiting for God's timing. Thank you for your continued prayers as we await His plans and His best for this endeavor.



Village of Hope - Health Clinic

The Village of Hope, Lazarus Project, is building a health center in Haiti. The mission of the Health Center is to "bring God's healing love to promote wellness, to relieve suffering and to restore health as swiftly as possible to the students and staff at the Village of Hope School and to the people living in the Galette Chambon and Balan Community Sections, by providing the best possible physical, emotional and spiritual care for each of our patients and their families." As the building is racing toward completion, the Haitian staff has been hired and are already reaching out in service to the community. The update below is a letter from Bert and Roberta Anderson, directors of the Village of Hope ministry in Haiti.



For more information, visit www.lazarusprojecthaiti.org

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The influence of the St Thomas Episcopal Church\ARM mobile medical team in February went well beyond the patients to whom they provided care. Shortly after the team left, our medical staff asked if they could do another mobile med clinic. I told them when the next mobile med team would be here and they said no, they wanted to go out now, this week. I told them if they got the approval from MSPP (the local health dept.), and worked with the meds we have, they could use Lucien as driver and Populaire as security. They did just that. They went to a little community between Croix des Bouquets and Ganthier, back up toward the mountains where Esther knew a pastor. They saw over a hundred patients and made referrals to our health center for those needing continued care.

They returned with great enthusiasm and are going to do another one-day clinic in the market area of Croix des Bouquets. While they are providing the care and medicines at no charge to the patient, they are telling them about the new health center (including the costs for the services). We may not have Madison Avenue ads but I think we have something better!

Again, a special thanks to Rene and Richard Clark, as team leaders, and to all of the team members from FL, WNY, PA, KS - (Lutherans, Baptists, United Methodists) who planted seeds of hope and encouragement to a young staff of medical professionals.

Blessings to all, Bert and Roberta



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ARM Depot Update Randolph, NY by Chuck Lindberg



First, we at the Depot wish to express our sadness over the passing of Jeannie. She was an active, hands-on, supporter of the Depot. We lost a "doer" and "disciple maker" (Matthew 28:19-20).

We continue to "plod along" with only minor glitches. Our dumpster has been broken into twice (to make deposits not withdrawals). The Cattaraugus County sheriff's department is hot on the case.

March is "**Crazy Sale Month**" at the store. Each of our three store managers will pick a day and theme for a particular sale. To date, the **First Day of Spring will feature anything with birds or flowers discounted**. Also, **anything green will be half price on St. Patrick's Day**.

Because of limited store space and increased donations, inventory must constantly move.

May God continue to guide and bless this mission.

For hours and other information, visit the Depot website: www.armissions.org/local_regional.htm

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~Well done
My good
and faithful
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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
Matthew 28:19-20