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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.

November 8-16, 2012 in Haiti ~ Short-term Mission Report

Thoughts from Chuck & Molly Lindberg, RN; Randolph, NY:

On November 8, 2012, our team of 13 short term missionaries arrived at the Buffalo airport to travel to JFK then on to Haiti for a week in which we would provide basic medical care to Haitian villages supported by our host agency, Village of Hope. As those of you who travel much know, sometimes our plans are interrupted by circumstance beyond our control. This interruption occurred and we were unable to fly from Buffalo to JFK and therefore we could not arrive in Haiti that day as planned. Since the airline could not promise that we could get into JFK or Haiti from Buffalo for the next 3 days, our team knew we needed to do some serious praying. We knew that if God wanted us to complete this mission trip, He would help us find a way.

God's plan is always better than our plan and He did want us to be in Haiti that week. We were able to rent 3 vans in Buffalo and drive to JFK for the next morning flight to Haiti. We may have been a day late, but we were in Haiti and met by our hosts, Bert and Roberta Anderson. Also greeting us was an old friend and partner in many mobile medical projects, Fan Fan Janvier.

Even though we were only able to do 4 days of mobile medical clinics, we provided care to almost 700 people and, as always, were in awe of how patient Haitians are while waiting hours to be seen by our medical providers.

Our team members are honored to be able to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ while in Haiti and we receive more blessings than anyone can imagine.



Thoughts from Judy Turner; Randolph, NY:

I have been to Haiti many times and every time I go, I never know what my job is going to be. This time, God put me in the pharmacy. Wow, how can I help there? As I did my job of keeping lunch bags with a patient card in it ready for Denny [Dennis Zink, pharmacist] to fill I had a chance to look around and see the faces of all God's people there, the babies to the elders, all wanting to be seen. Even though I cannot speak their language, I know God was there with us showing His love with just a smile, a hand shake, or a nod.

So if God calls you to go and you say "what can I do?", God will open a spot and the blessing you receive will be the greatest. So when you hear God calling say "Here I am Lord, I will go where You lead me."

Thoughts from Donna LoVullo, RN; Kenmore, NY

There are no words to explain the peace that I feel after another mission trip to Haiti. Whatever I sacrifice to make a trip like this is repaid 10x's in full by the people I serve, and by God. Stephen (my son) and I have talked about our trip. While we were there, he became ill, and he wondered—was it a GI bug, heat exhaustion, a parasite? These are things that Haitians face daily and without adequate health care. The experience made him bond even more with those we cared for and any problems he has with college and work are put in prospective. He feels the trip has taught even clearer what is important in life. I have been blessed twice in making this mission trip with our wonderful team and this time, with my son.



Thoughts from Josephine Eells; Oswego, NY

This was my second trip to Haiti, and it was rewarding to see the progress with the schools and the many ways they have been able to maximize their education; unfortunately, not everyone is able to go to school. When making these trips you always ask yourself, "am I really making a difference or would it be better to take the money and send it on to the right places?". But then when you are there (and if you are lucky enough to share it with a family member as I have been both times) you realize it touches your soul and truly changes you forever. You go away knowing and wanting to always do more.

Haiti Missionaries, Bert & Roberta Anderson

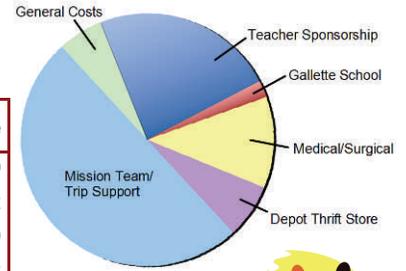
Many of you know Bert and Roberta Anderson have been serving in Haiti, most recently with Village of Hope. Their commitment with VOH was for one year during the construction of the new health center in Gantherier. It's been two years and the health center is up and running as of last April. The Anderson's will be transitioning home soon. They look forward to going to church at Panama United Methodist Church, catching up with family and friends seeing what God has planned next for them. Please pray for them as they prepare to leave Haiti. Pray for their replacements, pray for the changes both in Haiti and at home.



Financial Summary 2012

Financial Statement for the calendar year ending Dec 31, 2012

	Beginning Balance	2012 Contributions	2012 Expenses	Ending Balance
Teacher Sponsorship	\$8,733	\$12,807	\$7,100	\$14,440
Galette School	\$40,226	\$27,705	\$600	\$67,332
Mobile Medical / Surgical	\$4,067	\$2,792	\$3,550	\$3,309
Building Materials	\$1,182	\$0	\$0	\$1,182
Depot Thrift Store	\$1,186	\$3,597	\$2,102	\$2,681
Mission Team / Trip Support	\$4,505	\$13,751	\$15,198	\$3,058
General Costs	\$7,787	\$1,497	\$1,733	\$7,551
Total :	\$67,686	\$62,150	\$30,283	\$99,553
Change in net assets January 1, 2012—December 31, 2012: \$31,867				



In honor of full disclosure, individuals wanting a full financial report are encouraged to send a self-addressed stamped envelope to ARM stating your request.

ARM Depot Update

Thrift Store of Gently-used Items
Main Street, Randolph, NY
by Chuck Lindberg

The Depot store has been very successful this past year though actual receipts do not reflect this; exactly how we like it! Our focus is helping, not making money. Merchandise donations have been very good and many "less affluent" people have been helped by our friendly, Christian staff. A HUGE thank you to Margo Doner, Josie Pence, and Store Manager, Mary Jo Lindberg. Great job!!

Learn more about our ministry:
www.armissions.org/local_regional.htm

Report from Jamaica: Harold and Teri Nichols

Hard to believe a few weeks ago we held our 10th annual Christmas party for Bible Club. We enjoyed a wonderful performance of the Christmas Story by the youngest group. The evening finished with hotdogs, cake, and of course a visit from the big guy in the red suit who brought gifts (Harold). Many of the gifts that were handed out came from Western New York and for that we give thanks.

We look forward to the next year in ministry with the children and have a team coming this summer to conduct a VBS. The Ministry of TEAMS for Medical Missions will send 4 teams this year and are actively looking for physicians, nurses, pharmacists to fill positions as soon as May '13. Contact our home office for details (TEAMS@T4mm.org). We will also construct 4 small homes for the needy this year. If you or your church would like to assist in this outreach, let us know!

Thank you for remembering us in prayer. *Be Joyful in Hope, Patient in Affliction, and Faithful in Prayer. Romans 12:12*



New ARM Depot Sign

In September, Greg Wintern from Chautauqua Sign of Falconer, NY, donated the new sign over the front door of the ARM Depot in Randolph, NY. The sign was given in memory of Jeannie Haglund, aunt to Mr. Wintern. Thank you! Jeannie will never be forgotten by ARM!



ARM Fundraiser Success

The sale of Haitian artisan items at the What's New Fair at Jamestown Community College resulted in \$1,082.75 raised for the ARM Teacher Sponsorship Program.



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We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4