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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.



## News from Jamaica—TEAMS for Medical Missions

*"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19*



We bring you warm greetings from the little island of Jamaica. It appears that would be a proper greeting with the type of winter the north is experiencing. It has been a busy season of transition for TEAMS for Medical Missions. January 1 marked a new beginning in the leadership of TEAMS. Ray and Ruth Shive have retired after serving as the Directors of the mission for over a decade. John Heater has been appointed Director of TEAMS and has already led his first trip to Jamaica last November. John and his wife Linda have moved to the Allentown area to work in the office and put on that large pair of shoes left to fill by the Shives. Pray for both families, as this is a time of transition.

Conducting free mobile medical clinics is the bulk of the ministry outreach of TEAMS. The clinics are held in local churches as an extension of their evangelism outreach. TEAMS also assists the churches outreach by constructing small homes for the indigent. We use the local church to guide us to needs in the community and then partner with them to help follow up with the spiritual needs of the family.



Toys from Randolph get smiles in Jamaica

In February, with the provision of the Lord, we will construct our 50<sup>th</sup> home. This has been a humbling ministry. I am reminded of Psalm 40 when David writes, *"He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and the mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God."* For many of the people we reach through the building ministry, this verse is a literal explanation of what has happened to them.

The vision of our ministry is to help strengthen the local church. We now have co-workers, Randy and Sara Hentzel, who are helping us strengthen the church in a remarkable way. Randy has planted a Bible College with 40 students in attendance. The curriculum has been developed in Kenya for church leaders without formal training and is spreading worldwide. Bible Training Center for Pastors can be found at [www.bibletraining.com](http://www.bibletraining.com) where you can research how the program works. We have chosen a church for one of our mobile medical clinic locations that currently has 7 students enrolled in the Bible College. It is a joy to see our vision to help strengthen the local church come into fruition.

Nearly 10 years ago Teri watched children carry buckets of water back and forth to their home. They passed right by our gate and the Lord nudged Teri to reach out to these children.

We began our first Bible club with about 20 children in a small room of TEAMS house. Over the years we have had to erect a pavilion, playground, and human foosball game to assist us in this ministry which has grown to over 120 children. We meet on Wednesday evenings and the children break into three groups to learn Bible stories, memorize Scripture, and make crafts. Each week the children rotate and experience a different way to learn the same lesson. Currently the children are learning about Zacchaeus.

Many of the young persons who have been involved in Bible



Youth in service.



club are now in their late teens / early 20's. We meet on Friday evenings with the teens and have been training them in service. We were blessed during the Christmas season as the youth elected to adopt a service project as opposed to their annual Christmas party. We were joined by Tom & Jane Cain from Randolph and the youth ministered to an elderly couple in our neighborhood. "Mass Neville" is blind and lives in a small room with his wife. Their home was in very bad shape and the young people replaced a wall, two windows, and gave them a nice paint job. Some of the girls worked together and prepared a nice meal for Neville & his wife to enjoy when the work was done. It was priceless to hear the children testify how serving blessed them more than any of the parties we have had in the past. We pray God will continue to use every young person and show them opportunities to serve His people.

We invite you to join us on a "J-Team". We are always in search of doctors, nurses, pharmacists, builders, and teachers. Our 1-week teams come the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in February, May, August and November. Contact our home office at 610-398-0070 or look us up at [www.t4mm.org](http://www.t4mm.org)

*Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now.*

*Harold and Teri Nichols*

*Missionaries with TEAMS for Medical Missions*

# Financial Summary 2013

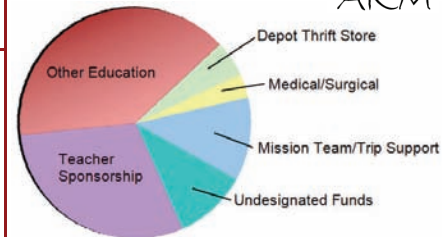
Financial Statement for the calendar year ending Dec 31, 2013



	Beginning Balance	2013 Contributions	2013 Expenses	Ending Balance
Teacher Sponsorship	\$18,370	\$13,473	\$25,363	\$6,480
Other Education	\$63,402	\$11,130	\$33,871	\$40,661
Depot Thrift Store	\$2,681	\$4,765	\$4,200	\$3,246
Mobile Medical/Surgical	\$3,309	\$500	\$2,810	\$999
Mission Team / Trip Support	\$3,058	\$7,050	\$10,008	\$100
General Costs*	\$954	\$448	\$0	\$1,402
Undesignated Funds	\$7,779	\$8,167	\$8,625	\$7,322
<b>Total :</b>	<b>\$99,553</b>	<b>\$45,533</b>	<b>\$84,876</b>	<b>\$60,209</b>

**Change in net assets January 1, 2013—December 31, 2013: \$39,344**

\*Note: These costs are covered by the Board of Directors and/or by specific donation



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

### God Runs the Depot

When I phoned Michele to apologize for my tardiness in not getting the Depot update to her, she asked if we were in need of certain items (clothing etc.). My reply was that whenever we become low (or out) of certain things, someone almost always drops off a bag or box of what we need. It's as though God is running the Depot—not us.

In short—all is going well, frigid but well. Sales have been down due to the weather; however, we have served some important needs. We are now taking on a new volunteer who was referred to us for work experience by Cattaraugus DSS. We have done this in the past and it has always proved to be challenging, interesting, rewarding and full of unique opportunities.

Learn more about our ministry: [www.armissions.org/local\\_regional.htm](http://www.armissions.org/local_regional.htm)

## Galette Teachers Continue to Work Hard for Students

A special “thank you” to all of you who sponsor teachers in the Institution Mixte La Trinite Chretienne—the school in Galette, Haiti, run by Pastor Bernato. The teachers serve 300 students, making a difference in the community. Recently, ARM members made a trip to Haiti and spent time with Pastor Bernato talking about the school and teachers. After many years without a raise, ARM agreed to trust the Lord and offer an increase in the Teacher Sponsorship funds in order for the teachers to receive a 5% raise and for the school to hire additional teacher’s aides.

The annual budget for the Teacher Sponsorship Program is now \$28,360. This equates to less than \$2,600/year per classroom! Making a difference in 300 children was never so cost effective!!! And you can help, too!

For more information on the Teacher Sponsorship Program, go to ARM's website and print the PDF flier.

[www.armissions.org/teacher\\_sponsorship](http://www.armissions.org/teacher_sponsorship)



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I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2