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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.

## The Depot Store Serving the Lord in Unique Ways

Thrift Store of Gently-used Items

Store open: Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 2pm

Main Street, Randolph, NY

article by Mary Jo Lindberg, Manager, and Chuck Lindberg

Although The Depot Store has not been a very busy in terms of donations or sales, probably due to the very cold temperatures, we have been quite busy in other ways.

On January 10th, Junior Girl Scout Troup 10193 visited the store in hopes of finding articles of clothing they could transform into "runway worthy" styles. The girls have been planning a fashion show to earn a few of their badges. They have been learning about being resourceful, and with the cost of fashion, the girls felt that they could re-design already made clothing from those donated to the Depot (probably their \$5.00 budget per girl had something to do with their decision). Six girls came to the Depot hoping for thrifty finds that sparked their creativity. Valuable lessons were being learned through this project such as budgeting, local shopping, sewing, self-expression and "upcycling." After much shopping (and time) the girls were surprised to learn that the ARM Depot Store was donating their purchases as we felt this to be a very worthwhile learning experience. The girls left very excited and anxious for the Depot staff and all ARM members to attend their Fashion Show this spring.



Members of Junior Girl Scout Troup 10193

The Depot Store also played a rather important role in a bit of disaster relief. On January 22nd at 1:24am, the Randolph Fire Department Chief called to see if we could provide emergency clothing. A tractor trailer parked for the night caught on fire while the driver was asleep. He had to vacate his truck immediately and in so doing, stood outside this burning vehicle with nothing except his undershorts (no billfold, no cell phone, nothing). So,

wrapped in a blanket, he was able to find sufficient clothing at the Depot Store, free of charge. Needless to say, the gentleman was very grateful for the Store, the manager (Mary Jo) and our mission.

The Depot Store and staff also work closely with area Fire Departments by supplying blankets and clothing to victims of fires and other emergencies. We are in critical need of blankets for both adult and children.

Through an anonymous donation, The Depot Store and ARM are now members of the Randolph Area Community Development Corp. (RACDA), joining area businesses in developing and promoting the Randolph area.

A fitting conclusion to this "news report" is a quote from the Depot Store manager, Mary Jo, "I am just so thankful to God to be able to go the extra miles to help out others in need. Also, I would like to say thank you to all the Depot staff, Margo Doner, Josie Pence and Becky Wood. You all have done, and are doing, a great job!"

**CRITICAL NEED:**  
Blankets: Adult & Child



The ARM Depot Mission: To follow Christ's lead by providing hope to people in their time of physical and spiritual need through ministries of immediate care and programs providing life and job skill foundation development.

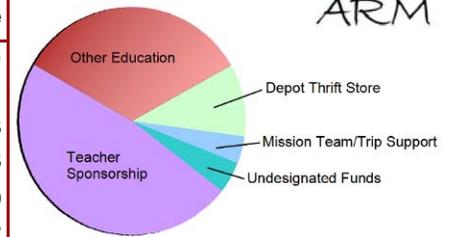
Learn more about The Depot Store ministry: [www.armissions.org](http://www.armissions.org)

# Financial Summary 2014

Financial Statement for the calendar year ending Dec 31, 2014



	Beginning Balance	2014 Contributions	2014 Expenses	Ending Balance
Teacher Sponsorship	\$6,480	\$13,590	\$21,530	(\$1,460)
Other Education	\$40,661	\$900	\$15,000	\$26,561
Depot Thrift Store	\$3,246	\$3,565	\$4,618	\$2,193
Mobile Medical/Surgical	\$998	\$125	\$0	\$1,123
Mission Team / Trip Support	\$100	\$1,800	\$1,800	\$100
General Costs*	\$1,402	\$0	\$0	\$1,402
Undesignated Funds	\$7,322	\$1,921	\$1,992	\$7,251
<b>Total :</b>	<b>\$60,209</b>	<b>\$21,901</b>	<b>\$44,940</b>	<b>\$37,170</b>



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.

**Change in net assets January 1, 2014—December 31, 2014: \$32,039**

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

## Building the Galette School "Kick-off" Dinner

Sunday, May 3, 2015

5:00 pm

at Bemus Point United Methodist Church

Dinner provided

**All Are Welcome!!**

NEW SCHOOL IN GALETTE, HAITI

Building plans are now in place and the excitement builds!!

- Come see the unveiling of the new school plans.
- Learn more about this life-changing project for the children and community of Galette.
- Excite others in your church, workplace and organizations to make a difference in the lives of students.

RSVP appreciated, by April 25<sup>th</sup>

716-358-3046 ~or~ MaryRappole@gmail.com

## Sponsor a Teacher & Help 300 Children

ARM is looking for individuals with a desire to help Haitian children through sponsoring the teachers of the Institution Mixte La Trinite Chretienne—the school in Galette, Haiti, run by Pastor Bernato. The teachers and aids serve 300 students, making a vital difference in the community.

The annual budget for the Teacher Sponsorship Program is \$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!

Through gifts of a few dollars to significant funds, God continues to provide the needed funds each quarter to cover the salaries and budgetary needs; however, the end of the year saw funding drop with the Teacher Sponsorship account in significant need (see the budget item above).

Please pray if our Lord is leading you to join this vital ministry.

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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The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.  
They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.  
Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

Psalm 19: 1-4