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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.

God Has a Plan

by Janelle Krueger, April 2007 Haiti Mission Team Member

Did you ever wonder.....or think about the whole "God has a plan" idea? I believe in it so much – even more now that I've returned from a mission trip to Haiti. My daughters and I just returned from a first-time, overseas mission trip. Wow! What an experience! I know without a doubt it was a "planned" mission from God.

We began this adventure with an idea – one we thought was our own (I'm convinced now that our Lord had something to do with it). My daughters were adamant about an overseas mission trip after doing some mission work within our own country. I felt "pulled" into going with them. We knew we couldn't afford it, but the fundraising came "too easily" and, miraculously, we were able to go.

know it was His plan. We arrived at the Haiti airport and I immediately met a man who was deaf loading our supplies. I began signing with him and he introduced me to his friend who was helping and was also deaf – thus started the beginning of our adventure. We were lead through a week of worship, VBS, and fellowship. We prayed, we sang, and we taught Bible stories to children who had no running water or electricity. But they loved, they smiled, and they connected. My daughters even met children of missionaries living in Haiti and have formed permanent friendships. By the second day we were in Haiti, my daughters were trying to figure out what kind of job they could get to save money to be able to do mission work in Haiti again.



Daughters Holly & Katie

If the Lord is calling, answer His call. As He gives you what I refer to as "life building experiences," He promises you life learning, life loving, and a lasting impression.

God bless you as He prepares you for what He wants for you - jump into the adventure with Him. Or, has He already prepared you for His service? - Answer His call.



Author with Haitian friends during a fun day at Vacation Bible School.

I believe we are groomed to do things that God has planned. For example, I grew up with a deaf sister and had gone through various positions and career changes, including working with children. I found that these experiences came in handy while in Haiti so I

Haitian Education Volunteers -Trip in June-

A group of volunteers interested in taking part in the first annual Empowerment Project Workshop will be heading to Haiti from June 24th to July 1st, 2007. Terri Bucci and Donna Farland of the Empowerment Project, an education and development program for Haitian teachers and the education system, are excited about taking US volunteers to Haiti as additional mentors to the Haitian teachers with whom they work. The volunteers also have the option of taking a preparation course at Ohio State University from June 11th-15th entitled *International Teacher Professional Development*. Please keep these wonderful volunteers in your prayers.

Positions on this team may still be available; contact Donna Farland at Farlandd@aol.com.

Volunteers need to raise their own trip support; if you can't go but would love to partner with others as they serve, contact ARM.



\$2000 in Creole Books Head to Haiti

With many loving donations, ARM was able to purchase \$1,995.63 worth of Creole library books for the two focus-schools in Haiti. These books, along with 30 personalized white boards and a couple hundred dry-erase markers accompanied Terri Bucci and the Empowerment Project team to Haiti in March 2007.



While in Haiti in April, an ARM team member picked up the *Shapes/Fòm* book and had the joy of learning the Creole words for shapes, then helping a child with her shapes.

Only our Lord knows how many children will be blessed by these books. You can be a part of this amazing project by donating to the *Creole Books Fund*.

Donations Make a Difference in Haiti and the Gateway Center



Thank you to Howard Walters, owner of Randolph Auto Supply, for several hundreds of dollars worth of tools donated to ARM which were then delivered to the CSI missionaries in Haiti. The tools included an air-powered grease gun for vehicle joints, a new pickle fork for taking tie rod ends off, a nut buster, a flat hammer used in car-body work, an assortment of O-rings and small roll pins, and a new welding helmet with #10 lens. To the missionaries in Haiti, it was Christmas in April! Howard was close to the late Sam Huffman and always enjoyed hearing about the ARM trips to Haiti.



Thank you to the Cattaraugus County Bank for donation of computers to ARM which were taken to the Gateway Center for use by the E2CC BOCES training classrooms. Denise Ormond and Dave Skieba of CCB donated 5 PCs with printers, monitors and keyboards, and 2 laptops. The BOCES technician will be installing the computers in the training classroom within the next couple of weeks to be used for workforce development training. The BOCES Gateway classroom also looks sharp with three classroom tables donated to ARM by Colecraft, who also donated four white boards. **Thank you** Colecraft.



Thank you to all who helped make the February and April trips to Haiti a success. Thanks to all of the individuals, businesses, churches, families and more who donated money, medications, pantry items, soap, supplies and more, and above all, thank you to all for your prayers. Find a team member to hear first-hand how God blessed.



Challenge 2007 and Beyond Building Intermediate and Secondary Classrooms

The school in Galette, like many schools in Haiti, only goes up to the 6th grade, limiting the level of schooling the local children receive when they are unable to travel to or afford the tuition at another school. The challenge God has laid upon ARM is to meet this problem as an opportunity for His glory.

The dream is to add one additional grade level per year, allowing students currently in the 6th grade to continue their education at Galette until they graduate.

The challenge is to find individuals, church groups, clubs, organizations, businesses and more who are willing to sponsor a teacher for \$1500/year. In doing so, a class of 30 students will continue their priceless education. If you or someone you know is interested in knowing more about sponsoring a teacher, contact ARM and we will gladly come and share with one person or a whole group. 100% of every dollar donated to ARM is used for the designated ministry, so you can be assured that every penny donated for Teacher Sponsorship will be used for that ministry and to the glory of Jesus Christ.

Join the challenge: (716)-358-9126
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PRAY—In Galette, Pastor Bernato would like to build more pavilion-style classrooms for his school; this would require the purchase of the empty lot of land next to his school. However, the land is currently owned by a voodoo witch doctor who is not ready to sell his land. Please pray for this witch doctor, for a change of heart in the sale of this land and for salvation.

2008 Tentative Mission Trip Plans

January 2008 - HAITI Mary Rappole: team leader
1/12 - 1/17 Women's Health Clinic
1/17 - 1/25 Surgical & Mobile Medical Team
Spring 2008 - HAITI Construction Team?
Spring 2008 - HAITI Mobile Medical, VBS Team?
Contact ARM to express interest in the above trips or to have assistance in putting together a team.



! Annual Auction Success !

The annual Dessert and Auction Night held on March 10th was an amazing time of fun, laughter, great sweet treats and fundraising. A total of \$5,221.78 was raised!
Thank you to everyone (individuals, businesses, churches, etc.) who donated items for the auction. Thank you to all of the ARM members who supplied some of the most yummy desserts known to man! Thank you to all who volunteered to make the night a grand success.



COMING THIS FALL

This Fall, ARM will hold its 2nd annual dinner evening. Plans are underway for great speakers, a great venue and great food. Make plans to attend.



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The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let distant shores be glad! Psalm 97:1