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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.

Statement of Faith — What We Believe

God has called each of us to serve Him with our eyes fully focused on Him and our hearts/minds immersed in His truths. ARM's Statement of Faith is to help show people our organization's solid Biblical foundation and to direct those interested in ministering with us to follow Him in unity as, together, we serve His children.

The Bible

We believe the Bible, all 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is divinely inspired, the only infallible, authoritative written Word of God, trustworthy in all it affirms and through which our Lord speaks in living power revealing His will for our salvation and for Christian faith and life. (*II Timothy 3:16-17, II Samuel 22:31*)

The Trinity

We believe there is only one true, holy God, eternally existent in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. (*Ephesians 4:4-6, II Corinthians 3:17, John 1:1-18*)

God the Father

We believe in God the Father, creator of all things, who is holy, omnipotent and all knowing; loving, merciful and faithful, desiring all to come to Him. (*Genesis 1:1, Revelation 1:8, Matthew 10:29, John 3:16, I Peter 1:3-5, I Corinthians 1:8-9*)

The Lord Jesus Christ

We believe in the full deity and full humanity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, death on the cross as our substitute, His bodily resurrection and ascension into heaven, present ministry of intercession for us, and His imminent return to earth in power and glory. (*Colossians 2:9, Luke 1:35, I Corinthians 15:3-4, I John 2:1-2*)

Salvation

We believe that man was created in the image of God to have fellowship with Him, but fell into sin and is lost, separated from God; therefore, every man is in need of regeneration by the Holy Spirit, through repentance, being born again into a personal faith in Jesus Christ. Salvation is wholly a work of God's free grace through the atoning death of Jesus on the cross and cannot be earned by our actions or goodness or revoked by our failures. (*Genesis 1:27, Romans 5:12, Romans 5:10, John 3:3, John 3:16-17, I John 1:9, Ephesians 2:8-9, Ephesians 1:13-14, II Corinthians 1:21-22, I John 5:13*)

Holy Spirit

We believe in the deity and person of the Holy Spirit whose ministry is to glorify Christ and during this age to convict sinners, regenerate the believer, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for Christlike living and service, interceding on our behalf and sealing us until the day of redemption. (*John 14:16-20, John 16:7-14, Titus 3:5-7, Romans 8:26-27, Ephesians 4:30*)

The Resurrection

We believe in the visible, personal and imminent return of Jesus Christ and the resurrection of all mankind; of the believer to everlasting glory and communion with the Lord; of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting punishment. (*I Thessalonians 5:2, I Thessalonians 4:14-17, II Corinthians 5:10, II Thessalonians 1:7-9, John 3:18, John 3:36, Matthew 13:36-43*)

Spiritual Unity

We believe there is one true Church universal, united by faith and comprised of all those who acknowledge Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord; as members of one family we strive to answer His command to love one another in celebration of God's grace and to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel. (*Romans 15:5-7, I Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 4:1-3, I John 4:7-21, Ephesians 5:1-2*)

The Great Commission

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ commands all believers to take the Gospel to the lost and needy through word and deed. With our Lord's imminent return, there is, therefore, an urgency about the way we go about our work. (*Matthew 28:19-20, I John 1:3, Acts 1:8, I John 3:17-18, Matthew 25:40, Matthew 24:36-44*)

Sanctity of Life

We believe in the sanctity of human life and in God's intimate care and knowledge of every man, woman and child. We believe human life begins at the moment of conception and oppose all manners of abortion and euthanasia. In all our activities, every person is treated with care and compassion regardless of race, age, sex, religion, marital status, national origin, color, creed, or handicap. (*Psalms 139:13-16, Jeremiah 1:5, Luke 1:44, Luke 6:31,36*)

Do You Know a Person/Family in Need?

The Depot, a ministry of ARM, has opened a new location in the old Ethan Allen Building (green metal building) at 2020 Allen Street Extension, Falconer, NY. The Depot includes donated clothes and other household items (and food). Everyone is welcome to shop in the store to purchase items at minimal costs, but those in real need may acquire items FREE of charge.

If you or someone you know is in need,

Come to The Depot.



Teacher Sponsorship Includes Programs in Teacher Professional Development

The focus of the Teacher Sponsorship Program is the education of the children of Haiti which includes providing the students with a quality education. The ability of a teacher to keep his/her classroom growing, learning and interesting can take lots of work. By providing teachers with workshops containing new ideas, new techniques and a support network for excellence, the success of each student becomes a beneficial outcome.

Teri Teal Bucci, PhD, Associate Professor of Mathematics Education with the Ohio State University at Mansfield, is organizing a one-week professional development program for the teachers of Quisqueya Christian School in Port-au-Prince, the H.O.P.E. school (a ministry of Christian Service International) and the Gallette rural school (the first ARM Teacher-Sponsored school). The annual professional development program will bring US Educator Teams to Haiti in the summer to work with the teachers. Development of this program, including its design and focus-topics, is in collaboration with colleagues at the University of Caraibe and the Quisqueya Christina School.

The network, created by bringing together teachers from different areas of Haiti, will be a powerful resource and support avenue. The hope is that this development program will continue throughout the year with teachers from each school assisting one other in problem solving, creative teaching techniques and facilitating the development of successful students.



If you would like more information on the Teacher Sponsorship Program or if you are interested in sponsoring a teacher in the Gallette school, please contact ARM at ARMissions@stny.rr.com. More sponsors are needed.



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Auction - Dessert - Music! ARM Fundraiser Fun!

When: Saturday, February 11, 2006
at 7:00 PM



Where: Bemus Point United Methodist Church, in the
Family Life Center
4954 Bemus Ellery Road, Bemus Point

What: Music by - Randy & Erin Graham
- The Silver Tones



Desserts - mouth-watering selection

Auction - items include donations from area businesses, gift baskets and other great goodies.

(Auction donations are welcome, contact Mary at rorap@madbbs.com)

Cost: Tickets for the event are \$5 per person and includes the music and desserts.

All proceeds directly benefit ARM ministry projects in Chautauqua County, the US and around the world!



Mark your Calendar!

Bid on your favorite item!

Plan for a FUN and YUMMY time!!

ARM 2006 Mission Teams

January 2006 – in HAITI at time of newsletter printing

April 2006 – HAITI April 15-23

Construction & Vacation Bible School & Mobile Medical Teams

?? 2006 – Hurricane relief

?? 2006 – JAMAICA

*If you have interest in joining a mission team,
contact an ARM representative listed below.*

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. Titus 3:4-5