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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.

Teams Head To Haiti - 2007

There are two teams heading to Haiti this year under the sponsorship of ARM. The busy time of planning, gathering donations, packing and getting ready are upon the team members and your support and prayers are coveted.

Please pray for:

- health for team members and families: some team members have their own health issues or are dealing with sick family members they will be leaving behind
- safety and travel mercies to, from, and within Haiti
- team camaraderie, sensitivity and open communication
- personal endurance for the busy week of service in the heat and foreign environment of Haiti
- a clear witness of Christ in every action and word
- protection from evil (devil's actions and voodoo)
- impact on the Haiti people in each avenue of service
 - Mobile Med - discernment in the treatment of patients
 - Construction - safety and an extra "measure" of strength and health
 - VBS - clarity in teaching and the ability to communicate Christ's love
- Christ's special touch on the hearts of each team member as they serve
- growth in personal devotions, spiritual life, discernment of God's leading in their lives
- the Haitian people - open hearts to Christ

Notes from the Randolph DEPOT

By Charles Lindberg

The Depot Store has become an attractive and useful part of the Main Street, Randolph business scene. During the Christmas season it was decorated with a Christmas Tree, manger scenes, a Victorian village in one display window and various gift ideas in the other. A good number of local people did their gift shopping here at a price they could afford. Things have slowed down somewhat since the holidays; however, we were able to supply bedding, etc. to an Amish family who recently suffered a fire loss (we do need to replenish stock in this area).

Space for sorting and storing donations continues to be a problem. It is always amazing how one thing leads to another. People are now offering donations of furniture and larger household items which we are unable to accept due to space limitations. For now, we are referring donors and those in need to Community Helping Hands in the Gateway Center.

BOOKS WANTED Help with the Empowerment Project

Books in the native language of Haitian Creole are needed. Make donations to ARM for the "Creole Book Fund" and you can help build libraries for rural schools.

The Angel Food Ministry has order collection and food pickup here at the Depot and sees an increase in orders each month.

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February 2 - 10, 2007

Mobile Medical & Vacation Bible School Teams

Team Leader: Leslie Johnson

Team members:

Bert Anderson	Julie Price
Roberta Anderson	Victoria Roberts
Lynn Ellis	Andrea Schmitt
Linda Ferrie	Robin Schuckman
Kathleen Hughes	Taylor Shreve
Laurie Johnson	Jerezem Sison-Stage
Steve Johnson	Jack Sturges
Brenda Minton	Tammy Thayer
Myrt Peterson	Howie Wheeler
Keith Price	Jan Wheeler

April 6 - 15, 2007

Mobile Medical, VBS & Construction Teams

Team Leader: Molly Lindberg

Team members:

Bert Anderson	Dan Pihlblad
Ashley Baker	Brian Pound
Lauren Carnahan	Sara Pound
Audrey Cline	Mary Kay Rambuski
Chelsey Cummings	Marie Silvis
Missy Cotter	Rachel Spring
Nancy Engstrom	Anita Taylor
Elizabeth Fessel	Rachel Teets
Jean Haglund	Anne Tenpas
Michele Harms	Emmett Tenpas
Holly Krueger	Kara Tenpas
Janelle Krueger	Courtney Thompson
Katie Krueger	Judy Turner
Chuck Lindberg	Mary Valvo
Mary Jo Lindberg	Mike VanVlack
Becca Ottaway	Miriam Wise
Heidi Ottaway	

I Can Help!

Items needed for mission teams (donations for April needed by March 19th for packing)

- Children's Chewable Vitamins
- Cough drops (non-medicated)
- TUMS (or similar store brand)
- Miconazole 2% cream
- Aloe Vera lotions (sample size)
- Personal care items: bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, wash cloths, etc.

•Funds for purchasing items for Mobile Med, VBS, Construction

Call 716-358-9126 or e-mail information@armissions.org if you have donations of goods

Haiti 2007

2006 Teams Report

Accomplishments through Christ

Praise the Lord for His amazing mercies and His powerful blessings

Mobile Medical Teams (Haiti):

January 2006—served 748 patients; 5 days of clinics; filled 2748 prescriptions

April 2006—served 634 patients; 4 days of clinics; filled 2498 prescriptions

Surgical Team (Haiti):

January 2006—35 surgeries: Hernia repairs & 3 special cases: skin grafts for two children with non-healing trauma injuries; life-saving surgery on 3-yr-old with bowel obstruction and incarcerated hernia.

Women's Health Team (Haiti):

January 2006—40 women served in first week and over 100 women during the mobile medical clinic week. Family planning teaching, prenatal care, treatment of STDs, discussion of fertility concerns. Taught 20 medical students and 10 student nurses.

Vacation Bible Schools (Haiti):

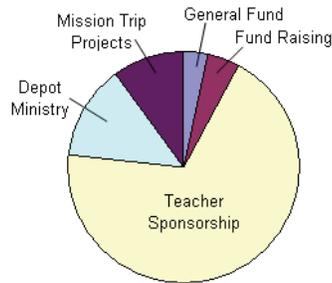
January 2006 and April 2006—began with about 100 children and increased to around 300 children and adults. VBS included skits, stories, singing, playing instruments, sports, puzzles, playing games, flashcard math, and more.

Construction Team (Haiti):

April 2006—built 75 school desks, 3 teacher desks, 20 kindergarten chairs, 3 large round kindergarten tables.

Construction Team (Hurricane Katrina relief):

November 2006—Construction of homes in Waveland, Mississippi. Rebuilding, plumbing, electrical work, painting, and more. Team support through cooking.



Financial Summary 2006

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

for the calendar year ending
December 31, 2006

	deposits	expenditures
General Fund	\$1,472.75	(\$1,073.02)
General Fund Memorials	\$3,354.75	\$0.00
Administration Cost Fund	\$97.00	\$0.00
Fund Raising (spring auction, Oktoberfest sale, fall dinner)	\$7,356.00	(\$1,255.86)
Teacher Sponsorship - Haiti	\$29,680.00	(\$19,780.00)
Depot Ministry Fund	\$5,503.52	(\$3,809.74)
Mission Trip Projects: Medicines, Construction, Supplies	\$6,002.58	(\$2,867.37)
Ministry Total	\$53,466.60	(\$28,785.99)
Individuals Airfare & Ground Costs (donations & deposits by team members to cover their own airfare. Two teams getting ready for payments in early 2007)	\$52,345.06	(\$27,653.86)
Cash Flow Total	\$105,811.66	(\$56,439.85)

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.

Mark Your Calendar!

Upcoming Fundraising Event!

March 10, 2007 at 7:00 pm

Bemus Point United Methodist Church

Auction—Desserts—Music

Tickets \$5

(purchase tickets from team members listed in this newsletter or at the door)

Auction items include donations from area businesses, gift baskets and more, including a Chinese auction. Yummy desserts served all evening. COME!! HAVE FUN!!

(Donations for auction are very welcome, please contact ARM)



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But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8