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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.

3rd Annual Fundraising Event Coming Soon

Back by Popular Demand — A Night of Fun and Frivolity!



Dessert & Auction Night

March 1st, 2008 at 7:00 pm

Bemus Point United Methodist Church

Tickets \$5

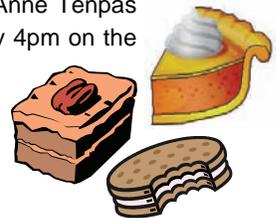


Back by popular demand!! ARM will be holding its annual Dessert & Auction Night. The evening will begin with the dessert tables brimming with yummy goodies and with a music presentation by local talent, **For His Glory**. After a short break for more desserts, the auction will begin. Our "mild" auctioneer, Cliff Nyweide, will add to the fun of winning wanted items while supporting the mission endeavors of ARM. There will also be a silent auction for some of the smaller items with winners of the highest bid announced before the end of the night.

Auction items are wonderfully donated by supporters of ARM. Past items have included service and item donations from area businesses, gift baskets and more.

Entrance into the event costs \$5 by either pre-sale or at-the-door tickets. You can further help ARM have a great event by providing items for auction. If you have a service item or a quality auction-item, please contact Anne Tenpas (annetenpas@alltel.net, (716)-789-3407) to make arrangements to have the item at the church by 4pm on the auction night.

This event is the main fundraiser for ARM project expenses (see the financial summary in this newsletter). 100% of the proceeds will go toward mission project costs. Thank you in advance for your support of ARM's ministry endeavors as we do our best to serve our precious Lord in showing His love to others.



2008 Mission Trips

Keep us in your prayers!

January 2008: HAITI Mary Rappole, leader
1/12 - 1/17 Women's Health Clinic
1/17 - 1/26 Surgical Team In Haiti at the time of this printing

March 22-29: HAITI Michele Harms & Jeannie Haglund, leaders.
Mobile Medical, VBS, Construction —**FULL TEAM**

April 12-20: HAITI Anne and Emmett Tenpas, leaders.
In cooperation with Bemus Point United Methodist Church,
Construction and VBS. —**FULL TEAM**

Upcoming Events

Come and Join Us!

February 9, 2008 at 9:00am to noon:

ARM Vision-Setting Round-table Event.

Everyone is welcome to this discussion and brainstorming session centering around the future of ARM, including topics such as: "is ARM on the right track" and "where do we head next." The event will be held at Colecraft, Allen Street, Falconer.

March 1, 2008 at 7:00pm:

Annual Dessert & Auction Night.

Mark your calendar and attend this exciting event. See above.

Team Just Returned from Jamaica

On January 5–13, 2008, thirteen “short term” missionaries traveled to Jamaica, West Indies to work with “full time” missionaries Harold and Teri Nichols. The Nichols are originally from the East Randolph United Methodist Church and were called to the mission field after traveling to Haiti with an ARM group about 6 years ago. God has blessed them and their ministry in St. Mary's Parish which is one of the poorest areas on the Jamaican island. The team was blessed with good weather and was able to build a small house for an elderly couple, finish a concrete pad for another home, and paint and repair a home that a group from this area had built 5 years ago. Most importantly the team was given the opportunity to spread God's word and show His love to many, many new friends in Jamaica.



Team & friends in front of completed home.

Update: Bert and Roberta in Haiti



Bert and Roberta Anderson made it safely to Haiti in December. Here are excerpts from their most recent update letter.

Dear Friends, Just a quick note to update you and thank you for your prayers and your support.

Our new vehicle has arrived! It is a Nissan pick-up truck. Manual transmission, four wheel drive, 4 cylinder diesel, and most importantly, air conditioning!

We attended church in Gallette, the community where mobile medical teams usually go. Pastor Bernato welcomed us but then thought that a mobile medical team was here. Our Creole was not very good. Fortunately, he was able to call Fan-Fan and learn why we are here.

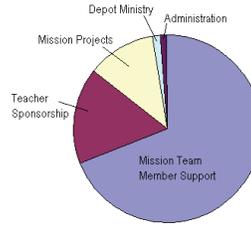
Language classes have been challenging. We didn't know just how stressful the classes are until the tutor cancelled class one day. It was better than a snow day! But, we are making some progress. The staff here is willing to help us with the learning process. We have to be careful that they understand us as they will say everything is ok even when they don't know what you said.

Tim and Toby Banks, Directors of the orphanage, have been overseeing clinic operations until our arrival and have been working hard to get files organized and ready for the upcoming teams. We are trying to standardize the process so that

Financial Summary 2007

Financial Statement

for the calendar year ending
December 31, 2007



Beginning Balance \$70,859.89

Revenue and Support:

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| Teacher Sponsorship contributions | \$14,825.00 |
| Designated project contributions | \$4,111.00 |
| Mission team airfare and trip support raising | \$44,898.45 |
| Depot thrift store sales | \$1,934.50 |
| Operating/Administrative fund contributions | \$900.00 |
| Fundraising event proceeds | \$5,398.43 |
| Total Revenue and Support: | \$72,067.38 |

Distributions and Expenses

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| Teacher Sponsorship | (\$15,180.00) |
| Mission project expenses | (\$8,071.51) |
| Mission team member airfare and trip support | (\$63,033.96) |
| Depot thrift store expenses | (\$1,355.66) |
| Operating/Administrative expenses | (\$984.00) |
| Total Distributions and Expenses: | (\$88,625.13) |

Changes in net assets: (\$16,557.75)

Ending Balance—Net assets \$54,302.14

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.

no matter where a team is from, the expectations will be clear and consistent, enabling us to be more efficient and responsible stewards of the health clinic. Nancy Smith, a nurse from Florida, will join is on January 15th. She will provide various health education services not only to the clinic patients but also to the community at large.

Blessings for a healthy and happy New Year – or as they say in Creole: Byen Ane!

Are you able to join Bert and Roberta's ministry with prayer support &/or financial support? Contact them by e-mail bertandbert@gmail.com or thru Christian Service International, 1714 West Royale Dr, Muncie, IN 47304.



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Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the stars one by one, and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing. Isaiah 40:26