

TEAMS for Medical Missions

Healing the Body – Making Disciples – Strengthening the Church

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November 5-12, 2011 J-Team ~ DAY-BY-DAY PRAYER & PRAISE GUIDE

“O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good” - Psalm 107:1

We are ready to serve the Lord in Jamaica!

There will be twelve suitcases coming from Allentown, packed only with medicines, teaching materials, and supplies to provide practical and spiritual help. The most important item packed in our personal suitcase will be the Bible. It is our light, food, map, tool, and guide. Throughout the week, in whatever we are doing, we'll refer to it to find all that we need to equip us and to nourish us. God's Word is alive and active! We want to share it with those who need its comfort, strength, and words of life.

The children's Bible lessons this week will tell of our God who cares for us and even can rescue us in impossible situations. We trust the stories will encourage them to know Him and to *“give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.”*

We count on your prayers as we go!

God graciously provided . . .

- **MediPack volunteers** who joyfully processed over \$54,000. of medicines to dispense on this trip. Our cost for these: \$2,100. *We praise Him!*
- **18 J-Teamers** to care for patients in our clinics, to teach Bible lessons, and to build a new home.
- **Members and friends from Jamaican churches** who volunteer in our clinics. They are a great blessing as they welcome and talk with patients
- **Bibles and teaching supplies** for the children and adults who come to the clinics or Bible club.
- **Funds** to build a home for Jacqueline Wauchope

J-Teamers help enhance and strengthen the work that takes place year-round by our field missionaries:

Harold & Teri Nichols and Randy & Sara Hentzel

Medicine: Doctors: Gary Bonfante, Peter Gonnella and Carolyn Rosner ~ Nurses: Mary Cardwell, Michelle Fey and Kathy Kochanek ~ Pharmacists: Anne Clay and Susie Partridge ~ Medical Records: Charlene Thompson

Teaching: Debbie Gonnella, Ruth Shive and Balinda Tucker

Building: Dewey Lane, Al Mack, Rick Meservey, Ben Rosner, and Kevin Thompson

J-Team Leader: Ray Shive

Mango Valley – in action!

Harold & Teri Nichols returned on October 21st from their brief furlough and are fully immersed in ministry once again. *Pray for a good start to their weekly clubs for children and youth especially.* **Randy & Sara Hentzel** have visited almost all the families in Equador and other nearby communities. *Pray for them to find a permanent place to live, a suitable site for their Bible classes and to know the Lord's leading as they establish their ministry.*

Now the November J-Team arrives to serve . . .

The **medical team** holds five clinics, treats over 700 patients, and dispenses over 2,000 prescriptions.

The **teachers** lead devotions in 9 schools. They also provide spiritual care for adults and children in each clinic.

The **builders** provide a home for Jacqueline Wauchope (pronounced *Warp*.) After hearing of this need, we talked further with the leaders at her church, Maranatha Baptist, and realized that this was an urgent situation for Ms Jacqueline and her three young children. She has no home and is currently living with relatives on “captured” land (as squatters—there is no ownership or deed to the land.) It's our privilege to join with her church to build their home in the name of Christ.

Day-By-Day

5th – Our travel begins from five airports: Allentown, PA; Canton-Akron, OH; Dulles International; Portland, ME; and Reagan National. We connect in Charlotte, NC for our final flight to Montego Bay. *Please pray for safety in travel and a smooth process through customs with our medicines.*

6th – *Sunday School* for the children in Equador. Afterwards the team participates in the *morning church service* at Maranatha Baptist. *Pray for the Word to be received with gladness.*

7th — 11th – *The sub-teams for medicine, building, and evangelism/teaching need prayer for stamina, compassion, and alertness to share the word of God and to encourage people in their faith.*

7th – The *medical team* is in Oracabessa. Many church members come to help. The *teachers* lead devotions in Galina before teaching at the clinic. The *builders* begin their house project. *Pray that we will be useable in the Lord's hands.*

8th – Jacks River is the site for our *medical clinic*. and also the two schools where the *teachers* visit and lead devotions. As the *builders* work, they allow time to talk with those who stop and watch. *Pray for each one to see the Lord Jesus in what we say and do.*

The *J-Team men* lead a service tonight for the men at Teen Challenge. These residents desire the Lord's help to gain victory over their addictions. *Pray for God to bless this fellowship time in a wonderful way.*

9th – The Boscobel Church is a strong witness in a growing community. Dozens arrive early and greet the *medical team* when they set up at 8 a.m. *Pray for a calm spirit to prevail during our registration process.* The *teachers* visit two schools and then teach in the clinic. The *builders* paint and then complete the roof on Jacqueline's house. *Pray for physical strength today.*

At 5 pm, *the whole team helps* in the weekly Bible Club at TEAMS House. We divide 95+ children/teens into four classes for Bible stories and crafts. *Pray that their hearts will be open to God's wonderful Word.*

10th – The *medical team* is warmly welcomed at the Maranatha Church clinic. After speaking in two schools, the *teachers* return to the clinic to teach there. The *builders* complete the final details on the house and then prepare for the dedication service this afternoon. *Pray for God to receive much glory today.*

11th – Our final day at Maranatha for the *medical and teaching teams*. The *teachers* lead school devotions at Oracabessa Primary School for over 1,000 students. The *builders* complete some repair projects at TEAMS House and other needs in the community.

After supper, the J-Team and missionaries gather to share and give testimony for what God has done.
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12th – We travel back to Montego Bay this morning for our return flights. (I'm sure our conversations will recall many instances of how God answered prayer throughout the week.) *Pray that God will deepen our love for the lost, especially those in airports and planes.*

Praise for Jamaican coworkers

- Dennis & Valerie Kerr register our medical team and pharmaceuticals with the Ministry of Health.
- Joe & Elaine Ramcharan provide transportation throughout the week; Elaine assists in the clinics.
- Avery Gordon & Yvette Whyte care for the day-to-day hospitality details at TEAMS House. *(Mitsi Lawrence is at home now, waiting for her new baby's soon arrival.)*

Thank you for being fellow-workers with us through prayer!

"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know" – Jeremiah 33:3.

To learn more about our ministry in Jamaica and join us in the work, please contact us:

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