



*2020 is off to a great start!*

*It is a privilege to serve the Lord with T4MM and a joy to report what God is doing!*

**February J-Team**

This was a full team, meaning every J-Team position was filled. There were 15 veterans and 6 first timers. Every one of our first timers came because they heard about the trip from a J-Teamer. These J-Teamers came from New York, North Carolina, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. It was a tremendous time of ministry, fellowship, spiritual growth and encouragement. The joy of seeing the team come together in purpose and unity is a precious gift. By the statistics, we saw 652 patients at 5 days of clinics, gave out 2741 prescriptions, built one house, made some progress on another and visited 10 schools. Pictures can bring these numbers to life: check out the February 2020 J-Team album on our Facebook page (T4MM – TEAMS for Medical Missions).



**What are some of the things that excite us about what God is doing in Jamaica?**

The consistency of teams coming every 3 months to provide medical care in the same churches, to bring a devotional message in the same schools and to build a home in the community is in and of itself a faithful witness to God's love for this community. It is making a difference.



With the return of the building team, there have been substantial opportunities for life on life ministry to happen with the young men who were once Bible Clubbers and J-Team volunteers as they serve side by side to make a difference in their community.

God is using J-Teamers, ministry partners and local church leaders to engage this community actively in teaching, preaching, praying and spiritual conversations to bring the Gospel directly to this community both in word and deed.

Our ministry partners and churches are catching the vision, are more open to outreach, and are taking on more leadership roles which we anticipate will lead to broader impact in the community.

As we spend more time in country before each J-Team, we have come face to face with the serious needs of many in our community and God has placed us in a position to meet some of those needs. This has led to taking some to see a doctor or to the hospital, providing transportation for others, calling the local authorities to find placement for one of our patients who could no longer care for himself at home, arranging to pick up *Food For the Poor* supplies and purchasing supplemental food items. We are so thankful for Omar Vassell, Patrick Marshall and the young men in the community who help us package and deliver the food. It is hard to hear so many more requests for homes than we could ever supply and then to discern which ones should receive a home from the next J-Teams. The needs are so great but with the help of faithful ministry partners and the leading of the Holy Spirit it is a tremendous joy to be able to come alongside a family and provide for their housing needs.



And lastly, we are thrilled to have the opportunity to pour into each team: by teaching throughout the week, by making a way for them to use their talents and gifts to serve the Lord and providing an environment which encourages spiritual enrichment and growth.

*Welcome Mike, Jayne and Jase Kauffman! The Kauffmans are missionary appointees with TEAMS for Medical Missions and will be joining us in May 2020! We are very excited to have them join the team.*

## House for Beenie



Joe Forrest has been a part of the TEAMS family for many years. He has been working and saving to build himself a house on his family's land. When given the opportunity to come alongside Joe and help him get his house built, many former J-Teamers wanted to contribute to the fund. The construction began in January. The foundation was laid. The cement blocks that Joe had purchased were used for the walls and a roof was put on. The building team helped in February with a few projects like putting in the windows and flashing the walls. The Feb J-Team dedicated Joe's home to the Lord. His smile tells the whole story. We are very thankful for those who have contributed to this project. Please keep Joe in prayer as he puts the final touches on his house so that he can move in.

### Join a J-Team

J-Team Openings	May 2-10, 2020	Aug 1-9, 2020	Nov 7-15, 2020	Feb 6-14, 2021
3 Doctors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2 Nurses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
1 Patient Screener	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Pharmacists	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
1 Clinic Clerk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-5 Builders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
1 Teacher	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1-2 Encouragers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

### Prayer Requests:

- Mike & Jayne Kauffman - Please pray for them as they raise their support and prepare for their work with T4MM.
- BTCJ - The leadership team is recruiting new students. Please pray for 20-30 students for each of the new classes.
- J-Teams - Please pray for God to supply the team members needed in May, August and November.
- Finances - Please pray for funds for the Heartbeat Fund, Medicine Fund, Building Fund and TEAMS house fund.
- Heaters - We appreciate your prayers for us that we might serve the Lord well both in Allentown and in Jamaica. We are thankful for your prayers for Linda's health. She continues to get good reports from each test and visit to her doctors.

### What's coming up for us and for T4MM?

- Feb 29-Mar 1 - Chantilly Bible Church Missions Conference
- March 15 - Salem Bible Church Mission Conference
- March 22 - First Baptist Church of Allentown Mission Conference
- April 19-29 - In Jamaica preparing for May J-Team
- Apr 30-May 10 - Advance Team and May J-Team

### Thank you!

Thank you for your interest in our ministry with TEAMS for Medical Missions! Your care, support and prayers mean so much to us and we can't thank you enough!!

Keep lookin' up,  
John and Linda Heater