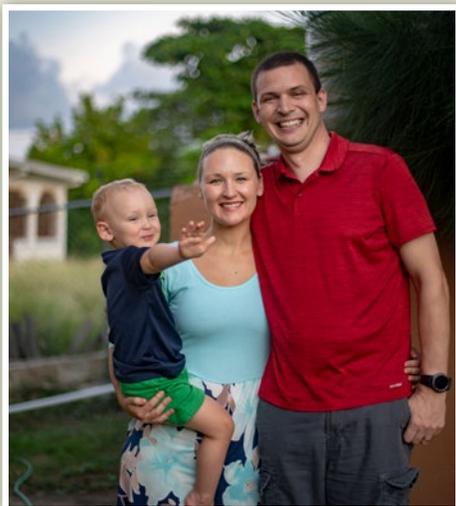


## Showers of Blessing

*We have SO MUCH to share with you in this edition of Vital Signs! Our God is an amazing God who is gracious beyond measure and who provides for us exceeding abundantly beyond all we could ask or think.*

### OUR MISSIONARY TEAM HAS GROWN

We have been asking you to pray for quite some time now that God would provide for us additional missionary staff to help us accomplish what God is calling us to do in Jamaica. And we waited, while we prepared, for God to expand our team – and He has! Let me introduce you to Mike, Jayne and Jase Kauffman.



*Showers of blessing we need,  
mercy drops round us are falling,  
but for the showers we plead.*



Mike and Jayne met on a basketball mission trip to a closed nation in East Africa in 2006. They have served with an international sports organization for the past 9 years leading teams overseas, training, recruiting, leading camps, and serving in local home school and after school programs. Prior to that, Mike was a certified athletic trainer at a local high school for 9 years, and Jayne's background is in teaching and running her own small business. They enjoy most things outdoors and all things sports, connecting with and investing in people, and traveling immensely. In November 2019 they shadowed the Heaters on the J-Team in preparation for officially joining the T4MM family in early 2020. Jase joined them almost three years ago and loves anything that involves a ball, emergency vehicle or tools. He also talks about going back to "Joo-maica" to visit his friends quite often. They are excited about building relationships and engaging with kids, mentoring young men, joining the T4MM missionaries on J-Teams, and seeing what other opportunities the Lord brings.

### Partnership Development

The Kauffmans will start full-time with us at the beginning of May. As with all T4MM missionaries, their ministry is faith based relying on prayer and financial partners. The Kauffmans have a good head start on their support raising goal, but they still need an additional \$3,500/month to be fully supported. Support raising can take as long as a couple of years or as short as a few months. This is where we make the BIG ASK – we would like to see the Kauffmans fully supported by May when they start full-time with us. The sooner they are fully supported, the sooner they can focus on ministry in Jamaica – please pray about and consider joining the Kauffmans' financial support team. Your support can be received through Bill Pay, our website, or by check – please indicate it is for the Kauffmans. If you would like to hear from the Kauffmans directly, please contact us at [teams@t4mm.org](mailto:teams@t4mm.org). The blessings of being a partner in the ministry are out of this world!

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### Managing Expectations

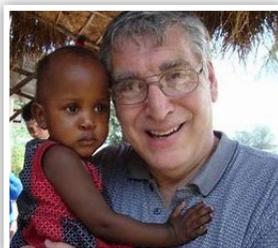
As discussions with the Kauffmans began to indicate they would be joining T4MM, our excitement began to grow. With that excitement came a flood of ideas, possibilities, and plans. As we began to share the good news with others, we quickly realized that we were going to need to manage expectations. It is natural to assume that the Kauffmans will simply pick up where the Nichols and the Hentzels left off – but that is not the case. The Kauffmans are not the new Harold and Teri or the new Randy and Sara – they are Mike, Jayne and Jase. This is a ministry they will grow into and will discover how to best use their spiritual gifts, heart passion, natural abilities, personalities, and life experiences to meet needs and fulfill what God is calling them to do in Jamaica.

### Starting with what we know

The Kauffmans will travel with the rest of the T4MM missionaries on every J-Team at least for the next year. They will spend time before and after each J-Team in Jamaica developing relationships with our Jamaican partners and community. Out of these relationships will grow ministry and will help us refine their job descriptions. We are beyond excited to have Mike, Jayne and Jase joining us! Please consider becoming part of their team. Again, the sooner they are fully supported, the sooner they can focus on ministry in Jamaica.

## OUR OVERSIGHT BOARD HAS GROWN

We have been praying for additional members to be added to our board of directors, specifically in three areas of expertise: medical, marketing, and ministry. Medical, because we want to stay current with all things medical as well as expand our contacts of medical providers. Marketing, because we want to be prepared to expand when and where God directs us to expand. And ministry, because we want to remain a Spirit-led ministry. So we waited, while we prepared, for God to expand our board – and He has! Let me introduce you to Rev. Dana Weller.



Dana served as Director of the Bible Fellowship Church Board of Missions from January 1995 to July 2014. The Board had oversight of 190 adults in various stages of mission ministry. There were 160 active missionaries in 36 countries. A native of Aristes, PA, Dana was a member of the Bible Fellowship Church of Mt. Carmel, PA since the age of twelve. He attended Berean Bible School, Covenant College, and Reformed Episcopal Seminary. For 26 years he has pastored Bible Fellowship Churches in Bethlehem, PA (assistant), Philadelphia, PA, Blandon, PA, and for the final 13 years in Emmaus, PA. Dana has been on thirty-six missionary related trips, and has visited missionary families in Asia, Europe, Africa, the Caribbean, Central and South America. He and his wife, Lanette, have been married for 52 years and have two married children and four grandchildren. They have hosted international students in their home including kids from Germany, Mexico, Sweden, Columbia, Thailand, Italy, Switzerland, Malaysia, Japan, Denmark and Hong Kong. Lanette is a retired library teacher from Saucon Valley High School.

Dana has already begun to make an impact on the team providing perspective, insight and encouragement, and will be joining us on his first J-Team later this year. We are so pleased to have Dana join our team!

## TRANSPORTATION

One of my new favorite verses is Isaiah 65:24 – *It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.* Over the past year we have been discussing the need for a new TEAMS bus in Jamaica. Our present 2002 Hiace has been a workhorse for many years but does not have too many years left on it. On our November 2019 J-Team, we decided it was time to begin a campaign to raise the necessary funds to purchase a new 15-passenger bus. But before I could even announce the need, a gift of \$45,000 was pledged to purchase a new bus! And by the end of the year, we had received the funds. With this gift, we will be able to purchase a new or low-mileage used 15-passenger TEAMS bus! We are in the process of shopping for the right bus now and will have it shipped from Japan to Jamaica. Since we are able to purchase the bus right away, it will enable our present bus to be reserved for hauling cargo, extending its life expectancy as well.



## Giving Opportunities

### Medicine Fund

\$4,500 needed each J-Team

### Construction Fund

\$5,000 needed each J-Team

### The Kauffmans

\$3,500/month still needed to be fully supported

### J-Team Openings:

	May 2-10, 2020	Aug 1-9, 2020	Nov 7-15, 2020	Feb 6-14, 2021
Doctors	☑☑☑	☐☐☐	☑☐☐	☑☑☑
Nurses	☑☑	☐☐	☑☐	☑☐
Patient Screener	☑	☐	☐	☐
Pharmacists	☑☑☑	☑☑☑	☑☑☑☑	☑☐☐
Clinic Clerk	☑☑	☐	☐	☐
Builders	☑☑☐☐☐	☑☑☐☐☐	☑☐☐☐☐	☑☐☐☐☐
Teacher	☑	☑	☐	☐
Encouragers	☑☑	☐☐	☑☐	☐☐

## TRAINING WORKSHOP FINANCES

We are excited to announce that Neville and Maria Tomlinson will be leading Trauma Informed Care training during the week of August 10-14, 2020 in St. Mary, Jamaica. Our focus will be on equipping churches to better meet the needs of their congregations and communities. Please pray as preparations are being made, for advertising, for locations, and as we send out personal invitations. Please also pray for those who will attend that this ministry-changing, life-changing information can be learned and applied in their various aspects of community interaction.

We asked you, our partners in the ministry, to give to the Heartbeat Fund to help us finish 2019 well, and to put us in a position to start 2020 strong – and you did! Our End of the Year Giving results included \$23,500 for the Heartbeat Fund, above and beyond regular monthly giving. This puts us in a great position to move forward and expand the ministry as God directs. We are humbled by your generosity and trust in us – thank you!

## FEBRUARY 2020 J-TEAM

We enjoyed a full team of 21 in February plus our Jamaican staff and were able to serve 652 patients, give out 2741 prescriptions, build one house and help build another, and visit 10 schools. We had 6 first-time J-Teamers on this team who fit in extremely well. Our men were able to spend a lot of time with our Jamaican young men not only on the worksite but also around TEAMS House. It is a joy to see

them interact with each other and for our young men to see the example our men set. After the team left, our Jamaican staff delivered food to around 40 people in need in our community.



### BEENIE-MAN'S HOUSE

Joe Forrest (Beenie-man) is one of our young men who grew up under Harold and Teri Nichols' ministry. Beenie is special – he was more than a Bible clubber turned teenager turned young adult. Beenie was/is family. Many of you know his story, how Harold and Teri took him into their home when he was young and very sick with only a few months to live. But God had other plans. Not only did he survive, he began to thrive. At first, he was so sick he could not talk, but soon was not only talking but singing, and he became a happy little boy that has grown into a productive, faithful young man. For the past couple of years he has been working full-time between a hardware store and a block factory, saving

up his money to build himself a house, and with a little help from some former and present J-Teamers, he is now able to move into his house while he puts the finishing touches on it.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

1. **The Kauffmans – to be fully supported by May, to adapt to Jamaican culture, to grow into their new ministry.**
2. **Medicine Fund and Construction Fund are in need of funds.**
3. **For August J-Team, we need doctors, nurses, patient screener, clinic clerk, encourager, builders, and \$3,000 more for building supplies.**
4. **For our Jamaican staff as we are asking them to get more involved in ministry on the ground.**



## Fundraising Dinner

The purpose of this event is four-fold:

**Save the Date:  
Saturday,  
October 17**

**Looking Back** – we will be celebrating all that God has done through our prayer partners, our financial partners, our J-Teamers, our U.S. staff, our Jamaican staff, our board, and our missionaries.

**Connecting** – this event provides the opportunity for J-Teamers to connect or reconnect with other J-Teamers and see the bigger picture of ministry of which we all play a part. We will also be introducing our Jamaican staff via video as well as our newest missionary staff, the Kauffmans, in person.

**Recruiting** – invite your friends, coworkers, neighbors, philanthropists, medical and construction contacts. Our J-Teams travel to Jamaica every three months and we are constantly in need of new J-Teamers. As the ministry grows, so must the financial support base. Please invite those who would like to learn more about TEAMS for Medical Missions.

**Looking Forward** – we will be sharing our vision going forward and will give you the opportunity to join us in that vision through prayer, giving, and joining a J-Team.

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# HEARTBEAT

by  
*John Heater*

**Proverbs 13:12** - *Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life.*

Have you ever wanted something so badly that you could taste it? You were pretty sure you were going to get it, but not sure when? And the longer it took for the day to arrive when it would be yours, the more discouraged you got. Waiting is neither easy nor pleasant — yet it tends to be a huge part of life and ministry. And then the day arrives, and your heart just about explodes with excitement!

This is where T4MM finds itself — a desire fulfilled is a tree of life. Not only do we have a new missionary family joining

the team, but God is setting us up for an incredible year of ministry! Financially He has moved in your hearts to give in such a way that we will be able to expand the ministry as He leads. Practically He has moved in the hearts of a family who has provided us with a new TEAMS bus in preparation for having additional drivers and expanded needs. And personally, He is moving in our hearts to prepare us for what lies ahead.

The cool thing is that you serve that same God who has incredible plans in store for

your future — one that involves hope. Be patient and on the lookout, because a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

Keep lookin' up,

*John*

