

## Heater Headlines

August 2020

**So much to share since our last update in May!**

### **August and November J-Teams 2020**

The Ministry of Health will not approve any medical teams for the rest of 2020. It was tremendously disappointing and sad to have to cancel the J-Teams but the first team back in 2021 will certainly be sweet fellowship after such a long time apart. Please keep our patients in prayer!

### **Physically Present in Jamaica**

John and Mike Kauffman were in Jamaica from July 20-August 13. They were quarantined through August 2nd. Twice daily temperature checks and numerous daily calls checking on possible symptoms were par for the course, but it was good to be at TEAMS house.

They were able to bring additional relief funds with them. **Thank you to all who have already donated to the relief fund!!!** For a third time since COVID hit, essential food items were distributed in our community. Bags of food were given to 60 families this week. Omar has hired 10 different men to work on projects at TEAMS house.

It was a great time for both John and Mike to meet with our ministry partners and dear friends, see the progress of the work projects and determine the best ways to minister until we can return with J-Teams.

### **T4MM Fundraiser Telethon**

**October 17, 2020 7-8:30pm**

Join us for our first ever T4MM Telethon. Come be a part of something good that benefits so many, participate from home, see the reports of all the important things that are happening, hear from friends in Jamaica and on-the-spot interviews, and celebrate with us as gifts come in.

You CAN participate in this.

Want to host a watch party??

How do I host a watch party? Invite a few friends or family to join you to watch our live event. Some may want to host a small group at home. Churches may want to host a small gathering at the church (all within safety guidelines and social distancing for Covid-19). It will be a great opportunity to see and hear what God has been doing in Jamaica for the last 20 years from the viewpoint of our friends in Jamaica. Give us a call or send us an email, so we can get you connected and help you plan for your watch party! What a great way to celebrate what God is doing in Jamaica with friends and family!

### **Family News**

Our family has grown by 2 girls. Dawson and Kate were married June 27 in Middletown, PA and Molly Joana Burkholder was born August 10. We are blessed and so thankful! Check out the pictures below.

### **J-Teams in 2021**

Won't you join us for a J-Team next year? Builders are still needed for February and there are lots of openings for May 1-9, August 7-15, and November 6-14. Let's start looking forward to serving the Lord together in 2021! You can find information and register for a J-Team under the Get Involved tab.

### **Mike, Jayne, and Jase Kauffman**

Their launch with T4MM sure was different than we expected but we are so glad to have them and they are adding so much to the team already! We are thankful for those who have given to their start-up costs of \$7500. What a blessing that is to them and us! Please pray for them as they still need \$2800 in monthly support.

### **Prayer Items:**

- J-Teams - Please pray that we can soon return to Jamaica with J-Teams. Pray for our friends in Jamaica who do not have the ability to get the medical attention and medicines that they need. Pray for their spiritual health that they may seek the Lord and grow in Him.
- Mike and Jayne Kauffman - Please pray for them as they process together all that Mike experienced in Jamaica and for God to direct them to individuals and to the areas of ministry He has for them. Pray that more individuals or churches will partner with them in their ministry. They still need \$2800/month.
- BTC - Please pray for Paul Hemmings and the leadership team as they seek to start new classes. Please pray specifically for those students that God is calling to commit to studying His Word.
- October 17, 2020 - Please pray for our Fundraising Telethon. We would appreciate prayer for us as we plan and prepare for this night.
- Direction - Please pray for our ministry team as we continue to seek the Lord and be faithful in bringing the Gospel to Jamaica. Please pray for our 5 missionaries as they participate in a team building retreat with Safe Place Ministries in September. We are excited to plan and prepare together for 2021.

### **We give God praise for:**

- Mike and John's return from their 24 days in Jamaica. We are thankful for good health and many good visits with our ministry partners and friends. It was good to be together and encourage one another in the Lord.
- God's provision for us here in the US and in Jamaica. He has provided health, safety, faithful ministry partners and financial resources. It was a joy for John and Mike to see firsthand how the relief funds are providing for this community and especially to distribute the food to 60 families with Patrick and Omar.
- The BTC program is continuing and will soon see 2 more classes graduate. God is raising up new teachers from the graduates.

**Thank you so much for your prayers, financial support, and care for us and for T4MM. Not only do you encourage us tremendously by partnering with us but it is awe-inspiring for us to see how God leads so many of our favorite people from different communities to accomplish His work in St Mary, Jamaica. Thanks for journeying with us.**

Keep lookin' up,  
John and Linda Heater

