

## Vital Signs

**Moments**

Ephesians 5:15-17 - ...redeeming the time because the days are evil...

**Looking for Moments**

One of the most effective ways we have found to do ministry is to see where God is working and join Him. We do not have to be particularly clever or creative, if we just get onboard with what God is already doing, ministry happens. What has been effective in ministering in Jamaica for a long time is children's ministry and meeting basic needs. Both enable immediate and direct ministry to happen as well as open doors for increased ministry.

The Kauffmans' ministry is expanding, and doors are opening. When Mike first offered to teach the neighborhood young men and women how to play basketball, there was a handful of older teens who expressed an interest. Over the past year, that interest has grown such that Mike is now offering three nights a week with different age groups for 25-30 young people, ages 6-20. Out of his oldest group, Mike has identified one young man to disciple. This young man has the respect of the others and is a natural leader with a true spiritual interest. Pray for Mike as he begins to disciple this young man.

*continued on page 2***Living in the Moment**

Life can be hectic and full, making us feel like we need to move at a frenetic pace. At times it is necessary. But in the process, we often blow right by divine appointments without even realizing it. Ephesians 5:16 tells us to redeem the time because the days are evil. There are two words for time used in Scripture: Chronos and Kairos. Chronos refers to chronological time – a specific time or amount of time. Kairos refers to an opportunity. Ephesians 5:16 uses Kairos, telling us to make the most of every opportunity because the days are evil. Many of our stateside responsibilities here at T4MM involve details, ordering things, arranging travel, communicating, raising funds, reporting, planning and recruiting. Many of our Jamaica-side responsibilities involve details, fixing things, communicating, resolving conflict, maintaining property in the tropics, transportation – oh, and ministering to people. If we are not careful, our days will fill up with grocery lists of things we need to accomplish, leaving us with little to no time to fulfill the real purpose of ministry – to minister to people! What would it look like to catch a glimpse of God's to do list that He has created for me for tomorrow? I wonder how closely my list would match His list. Is it possible to know what His to do list is for me? Would He share it with me? I should smile. Of course He will share it with me – but I must ask, listen, look, and do. First, I need to start my day asking for His to do list. Then I need to listen for what He tells me – what He puts on my heart and mind to do. Next, I need to look for opportunities to minister – look for those divine appointments. When I ask, listen, and look, God will reveal His to do list – not necessarily all at once, but throughout the day. All that will be left, is to do what God nudges me to do as each divine appointment pops up.

Why is it important to make the most of every opportunity on any given day? Ephesians 5:16 tells us, because the days are evil. Things in this world are not getting better, they are getting worse. And they will continue to deteriorate until Christ returns and makes all things right and new again. I cannot wait until that day comes! But the downside to that day coming, is that the window of opportunity for those without Christ to turn to Him, will be closed forever. My encouragement to you, as it is to myself, is to make the most of every opportunity to share the gospel and impact people for Jesus Christ, because time is short, and no one is promised tomorrow.



Backyard children's ministry is making a comeback as well, though it looks different from our previous T4MM Bible Club. We are incorporating into our J-Team structure a ministry team which will focus on ministering to children in our local community. These teams provide a more consistent children's ministry to our overall ministry and strengthen the Kauffmans outreach into the community.

Our Gate Ministry and Food Distribution is increasing as needs are increasing. There is no way humanly possible to meet all the needs of our community, but we can meet many, and the relationships that are being formed and strengthened are leading to increased opportunities to minister on a deeper, spiritual level. Please pray for us as we make the most of every one of these opportunities.



## Reflecting on Moments

We have great cause to celebrate! A year ago, God dropped the opportunity in our laps to purchase a residence just five lots down from TEAMS House which would meet a number of needs we had been praying about for quite some time. Within a matter of months, God used YOU to raise the \$225,000 needed to purchase the property, and while Jamaican paperwork held up our move-in date, we were able to get settled in a week before needing to use it. It has already proven helpful in creating the atmosphere and opportunities to enhance the Kauffman's ministry specifically, and we are eagerly anticipating what more God has instore for this property. To share with you more in detail what God has done this past year, we are planning a Celebration Tour to enable as many as possible to participate. These events are geared to report back to you what God is doing, share our vision for things to come, provide opportunities to connect with others who share your heart for Jamaica, and provide opportunities for you be more involved with T4MM.

## Making Moments

Life requires both waiting on God and fulfilling our responsibility to work. God has created us in His image and expects us to relate biblically with Him, others, and self; to think biblically; to choose wisely; to feel deeply, experiencing life to the full; and to use our bodies for His glory and purpose. We are designed to dream, create, and impact our world. God has chosen to do His best work through our personalities and giftedness – so we must act. We must not only look for opportunities that God has set up for us, but we must also make opportunities. We must be intentional about ministering to people, and part of that is to set the stage for God to work. Our Bible Training Center was started because the need for affordable and accessible ministry training for pastors and church leaders was lacking in Jamaica. The results are ongoing, the opportunities are growing, and churches are being strengthened because of solid teaching that has come from being trained. Please pray for our newest class of students in Ochi which started book 1 this past February.

A large part of our success as a ministry is attributed to those who are partnering with us. There is an old Jamaican saying, "One hand can't clap" – we have many in Jamaica who appreciate the ministry T4MM brings and have joined with us in providing that ministry to their communities. Without them we could do very little. We also have many in the States who have committed themselves to T4MM and to Jamaica. Part of our strategy as a ministry is to connect US churches to Jamaican churches and create opportunities for ministry to flourish. We have many churches who have participated in this ministry, but there are a few who have expressed an interest in playing a larger role, and we would like to thank them specifically.

Bethel Bible Fellowship in Pennsylvania is the sending church for both the Kauffmans and the Heaters. They support us financially, prayerfully, and with personnel. They will be sending a special projects team in October to help with renovations on the residence, with plans for many more teams in the future.



First Baptist of Allentown in Pennsylvania has been a long-time friend and ministry partner providing finances, prayer, people, board members, and even missionaries. Their well of ministry-minded folks is deep and we draw often from it.

John Knox Presbyterian in Ohio has chosen T4MM to be their international missions focus as a church. They not only support us through finances and prayer but have committed to sending their people on a regular basis to partner with us in Jamaica.

Salem Bible in Pennsylvania has expressed an interest in expanding their involvement with T4MM through sending teams outside of J-Teams to strengthen the ministry in Jamaica and create opportunities for deeper connections between Salem and our local Jamaican churches.

Restoration Church in VA Beach sent their pastor and his wife on a reconnaissance trip last year and are returning with a group from their church this August as part of our J-Team. The plan is for more and more of their congregation to get involved in ongoing ministry in our Jamaican community.

Northwest Baptist in Maryland is sending a group of its members and leadership to serve on this August J-Team with plans to involve their body in ministering to our Jamaican community on a regular basis.

Partnership is required if ministry is going to flourish in Jamaica. Thank you to these churches specifically and to the MANY other churches and individuals who make T4MM possible. Together we represent Jesus Christ to Jamaica.



# Come Celebrate with Us!

## JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERIAN

5155 Eastlake Street  
NW North Canton, OH

Oct. 2, 2022  
at 5pm

## BETHEL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

418 Elm Street  
Emmaus, PA

Oct. 15, 2022  
at 6pm

## CHANTILLY BIBLE CHURCH

4390 Pleasant Valley Rd.

Chantilly, VA

TBD – Feb/Mar 2023

Cost: Donation · Dinner is provided

RSVP: 610-398-0070 or TEAMS@t4mm.org

# J-Teams have Restarted!

February J-Team, 2022 enabled us to reconnect with our clinic churches to prepare for when Jamaica would re-open to Medical Mission teams. The team also built a home and ministered to our local community through kids' ministry and food distribution. While we were hoping we could bring a medical team in May, Jamaica was not ready yet. Our May J-Team consisted of one person, but she was mighty! She and Linda visited all the schools in which we minister – first time since COVID shut everything down. We also did a food distribution and worked on the new residence getting it ready for a 33-member team from Messiah College we would host the following week.

And then the word came down... Jamaica was re-opening for Medical Mission teams across the island. Pray for us and for our August J-Team as we will be hosting clinics in our 4 churches for the first time in 2½ years – and we do not know what to expect – but we are EXCITED to be back! This team will also build a house and run a backyard Bible program.

J-Teams are back in full force. Each team we are looking for medical personnel, builders, clinic personnel, encouragers, and kids/sports ministry workers as we seek to impact all aspects of our community's needs. Sign up today!



OPENINGS	NOV 5-13, 2022	FEB 4-12, 2023	MAY 6-14, 2023	AUG 5-13, 2023	NOV 4-12, 2023
3 Doctors	☑☑☑	☑☑☑	☐☐☐	☐☐☐	☐☐☐
2 Nurses	☐☐	☑☑	☐☐	☐☐	☐☐
Patient Screener	☐	☐	☑	☐	☐
3 Pharmacists	☑☐☐	☑☑☐	☑☑☐	☐☐☐	☐☐☐
1-2 Clinic Clerks	☑	☑	☐☐	☐☐	☐☐
3-5 Builders	☑☑☐☐☐	☑☐☐☐	☐☐☐☐☐	☐☐☐☐☐	☐☐☐☐☐
3-5 Kids/Sports Min.	☑☐☐☐☐	☐☐☐☐☐	☐☐☐☐☐	☐☐☐☐☐	☐☐☐☐☐
1-2 Encouragers	☑☐	☐☐	☐☐	☐☐	☐☐

## Update on Finances

Phase 2 of our TEAMS Houses Projects is at full throttle, and we need your help to complete these renovations on both properties:



### Residence security fence: \$15,000

500 feet of fencing (2-ft block base with 6-ft high chain-link fencing) plus an 8-ft high block wall across the back of the yard



### Residence kitchen renovation: \$5,000

replacing cabinets and countertop (due to termites) plus new stove, sink, and dishwasher

### Storage/apprenticeship building: \$10,000

our vision for this building has grown to include space for apprenticeships for local young men and women (masonry, carpentry, construction)



### TEAMS Outdoor Bathhouse renovation: \$5,000

adjacent to the all-purpose court in the backyard

Ongoing ministry expenses in Jamaica:

- Food Distribution: \$600/month
- Bible Training Center: \$600/month

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# HEARTBEAT

by  
John Heater

## GOD IS ON THE MOVE!

All during COVID when we were unable to bring full teams to Jamaica, God was moving in the hearts of our community in Jamaica. Many decided to step up to fill the gap and have now become part of our team. With this expansion of personnel, we can continue ministry even when we are not on the island. With the return of our J-Teams in conjunction

with our expanded Jamaican base, we can make an even greater impact on our community. Our vision is to add apprenticeships for local young men and women who want to learn a trade. Our initial focus will be on masonry, carpentry, and construction — and we will see where it goes from there. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to follow the Lord's

leading, and make plans to join us on a J-Team!

Keep lookin' up,  
*John*

