

Merry Christmas!



Samson Clay Heater

As 2023 comes to a close, it marks the end of our 10th year at TEAMS for Medical Missions. We spent a lot more time in Jamaica, visited churches and supporters in the U.S., kept up with administrative responsibilities in Pennsylvania and still fit in some quality time with our kids and grandkids throughout this year. A highlight was celebrating Homer and Pat Heater's 70th wedding anniversary with most of the family in September.

It has been quite a busy year, but we wouldn't have wanted to miss any of it. The year started early with the first trial in Kingston and then the second trial in July. Both men were convicted of the murders and will serve life sentences and not be eligible for parole for many years. Our friends in Jamaica were encouraged that justice was served. God provided peace and comfort throughout the trials and closure for Teri Nichols Hines, Sara Hentzel and her family, T4mm and us.

Ministry Highlights from 2023

- 67 J-Teamers (26 came for the first time) plus 22 on the 2 youth teams from Salem Bible and Bethel BFC
- Nickalous and Kezia married with reception at TEAMS house in April
- Ipreeme Jones was baptized in October
- J-Teams built 5 homes
- Full year of TEAMS Faith Academy (90 children registered) with faithful student volunteers
- Strong support from US Churches: some new, some renewed, and many continuing
- Strong support from fellow missionaries, board and office staff in the US
- Hiac was finally admitted to the infirmary and reunited with his son
- Faithful ministry partners in Jamaica serving with us and serving their community which is one of our main goals as we seek to evangelize, equip, encourage, and empower Jamaicans
- The BTCJ under Nickalous' leadership has renewed focus and enthusiasm, 1 new class started in 2023, one to graduate soon and new classes starting in 2024



We are encouraged by the ways we see God moving this ministry forward, the faithfulness of our ministry partners and trust Him to supply all that is needed as we continue to serve as the Directors of TEAMS for Medical Missions both in Pennsylvania and in Jamaica. We thank the Lord for His provision this year in so many ways: finances, safety, strength, good health, personnel, wisdom and comfort. Thank you for partnering with us, praying for us and caring for us so well!



We wish you a blessed New Year!

John & Linda

Prayer Requests for 2024:

1. J-Teams and Youth Teams – pray that the Lord will direct the volunteers that will serve on these teams
2. Fruitful ministry with Jamaican ministry partners, the Walshes, the Kauffmans and the Heaters
3. For TEAMS for Medical Missions to finish 2023 strong financially in all accounts
4. For the BTCJ under Nickalous Walsh's leadership and for new classes
5. For the TEAMS Faith Academy to continue to see growth and maturity in the students and student leaders
6. For additional missionaries in Jamaica

