

TEAMS for MEDICAL MISSIONS

OCTOBER 2025

Vital Signs



Serving Together

I don't know about you, but I hated group projects in high school. The teachers would often team up students who, shall we say, struggled in school with others who did not. The result was like pulling teeth to accomplish the goal of the project, with one or two students doing all the work to ensure it was done, and the acceptable grade was achieved. The purpose of the group project was rarely accomplished, that is, learning to work as a group, but the need for us to learn that skill was made all too evident. Why do I often prefer working alone rather than with others? Mainly because I have ideas of how something is to be done, have a plan on how to accomplish it, and am confident my plan will work. I pray for wisdom and assume the ideas that follow are an answer to that prayer. When another asks questions or poses alternatives, it requires I stop moving forward and painstakingly explain why my plan is the correct one. When they persist, it requires me to evaluate my plan

in light of additional information or from a different perspective. Never mind that it may lead to a better plan, what about MY plan? And if truth be told, even if the alternative is an improvement, I still like my plan better. Working this way, I may be able to accomplish much, but life experience has shown, we do better serving together than separately.

1Corinthians 12 calls us the body of Christ, with each of us being individual parts that together make up that body. Verse 20 says, "the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you." Life is not about me, it is about loving God and serving others – and serving WITH others. Serving together is God's design, and His purpose is not to just get us to learn how to do group projects together, but to bring better outcomes, accomplish greater things, and grow personally and corporately, all for His glory. That is HIS plan and when we follow it, amazing things happen!

Serving Together in Jamaica Young people

Of the 62 J-Teamers so far this year, 16 were 25 years old or younger. Not only do they bring an extra dose of energy to the teams, but also a different perspective, different skillsets, talents, and life experience, expanding our ministry potential and impact. These young people not only better connect with our Jamaican young people, but they attract them to the ministry. Together they discuss their experiences as followers of Christ in their different cultures, minister side by side in the community, and encourage and strengthen each other in their walk with Christ. As a result, our core Jamaican volunteers have taken on more responsibility and younger students have begun to volunteer. We are seeing many making professions of faith, engaging in discussions, asking good questions, and seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. We are also seeing our young J-Teamers leading the way in building a support base back home for them on their missions trip. They are sharing their story, the story of T4MM, and their enthusiasm for what they are expecting God to do on their missions trip. Two of our young people received enough donations to cover more than one trip! We are looking forward to them both repeating.

Ministry Team Members

Nick and Kezia Walsh continue to serve our community through children's ministry, leading the Bible Training Center, and strengthening local churches. They are assisting Ocho Rios Gospel Chapel with preaching, leadership, youth ministry and children's Sunday School. Additionally, they are helping Gale Gospel Hall, Nick's home church, one Sunday a month. Earlier this year they started an E-Sports Ministry which involves using video games as a platform to share the gospel and disciple young people. This aspect of ministry has proven extremely

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fruitful – young men who would attend but remain disengaged, have now reengaged and are participating in learning and sharing, making professions of faith, and excited about growing spiritually. This ministry is growing quickly with plans to take it on the road. Kezia continues to be our community liaison, finding and meeting needs, overseeing our food distribution, visiting shut-ins, providing relational encouragement, and being our eyes and ears in the community.



Nick and Cardo supervising

Ipreeme Jones continues to serve in TFA each week providing structure and discipline, helping with homework, co-teaching on Fridays, and providing medical aid as needed. She also serves with our J-Teams in a variety of roles – usually at the clinic, but at times on the building site or helping with the kids/youth ministry team. During the school year Ipreeme shadows a special needs young man for the school district full-time.

Serving Together to Jamaica

Churches joining forces with T4MM

We are excited to welcome four churches to the TEAMS family.

Jasper Bible of Jasper, MI sent church members to join our May J-Team. Alan and Carol Robertson brought 11 first-timers with them and we were so excited for this team within the team and for the increased impact of returning to their church family as a group on mission. This group included three families of youth with a parent which added to their impact at TEAMS House as they mingled and ministered with our TFA students.

Cedar Crest BFC of Allentown, PA is sending four team members for our November J-Team with plans to make J-Teams an ongoing opportunity for their congregation to join.

Eastview Baptist of Rock Hill, SC is sending five team members for our November J-Team, including their Senior Pastor. This team is coming because a couple from this church came on previous J-Teams and returned to recruit more from their church to join a J-Team.

GracePoint Church of Palmyra, PA sent their pastoral team to do a recon trip with us. This was mutually well received with plans for future groups from GracePoint to join us in Jamaica.

Since our last Vital Signs

February J-Team

Dates: February 1-9, 2025

Devotional Theme: *Bless Your Heart* – focused on our heart and how it defines us

Stats: 18 team members; 2 first-timers; 506 patients seen; 2058 prescriptions filled; one house recipient; 9 schools visited

Cool Things:

- Dr. Rose Marie Hamilton of Jamaica helped in our Wednesday clinic because we were short a physician. She is such a joy to work with and was a Godsend.
- It was exciting having Eli Escobar, a high school junior, come on his own and work with Linda and with Brent. Eli and Brent shared their testimonies with the children in 9 schools and at the clinics.
- Matt Harvey preached at Maranatha Baptist on Sunday
- The building team built a house for Annette, her daughter, and 3 grandchildren. The site was in Oracabessa on the side of a mountain with an incredible view.



Dr Hamilton



Eli and Brent



Building team

Office Staff Retirements

We want to say a big THANK YOU to Jane Leaser and Ann Wendling for their many years of faithful service to TEAMS for Medical Missions. This past December, after 20 years and 15 years respectively, Jane and Ann retired from our home office. It was hard to see them go as we have depended on these two dear friends to keep us up and running for so many years. We greatly appreciate their faithfulness and commitment to doing things correctly, keeping track of data bases, handling donations, paying bills, keeping us compliant with the IRS, corresponding with you, and praying for the ministry. Because of them, we were able to focus on the ministry in Jamaica, and we will greatly miss them as part of the team.



Jane and Ann

We also want to say a big THANK YOU to Brent Shick and Petra Reinhart. Brent has taken over the duties of office manager and Petra is helping out as needed on the accounting side of things. Please continue to pray for us as we seek to add to our office staff moving forward.

JOB opportunities

Assistant Director(s) – individual or couple – looking for someone with spiritual maturity, leadership skills, organizational skills, and a heart for the Lord and people. Would involve traveling, at times leading teams in Jamaica, representing the ministry, and other duties depending on skillset. This is a support-based position. If interested, contact John Heater at john@t4mm.org.

Field Missionaries – individuals or couples – looking for someone with spiritual maturity, administrative skills, a love for equipping and empowering people, and a heart for the Lord and people. Would involve living in Jamaica, overseeing property management, and being a resource/encouragement/spiritual influence on our ministry partners and ministry team members. This is a support-based position. If interested, contact John Heater at john@t4mm.org.

May J-Team

Dates: May 3-11, 2025

Devotional Theme: *Faith Works*
(Book of James) – living out our faith

Stats: 21 team members; 13 first-timers;
503 patients seen; 1991 prescriptions filled;
one house recipient; 9 schools visited

Cool Things:

- We attended Immanuel United Church for Sunday Service and were extremely blessed. Our young people on the team attended their Youth Sunday School class and enjoyed connecting with local teens.



- Justin Voorhees was our first new doctor to join a J-Team this year. He did home visits for some of our shut-ins and was able to use his specialty and expertise in helping us address some unique medical needs.



- Judy Long, who is in her 80s, was able to fulfill her life-long dream of serving on a mission team! And what a blessing she was.
- The building team built a home for Lloyd, an elderly gentleman with many in the community recommending he receive a house. Lloyd's nephew from Canada came for the week to help him get settled into his new home.



Salem Youth Team

Dates: June 14-22, 2025

Devotional Theme: *What's Love got to do with it?*
– loving God, others, and self

Stats: 11 team members



Cool Things:

- This is the third year that we have hosted a youth team from Salem Bible. Our goal is to create a week of ministry that matches the giftedness and personality of each team and watch God work both in and through them as they minister to our community. Once again, they made a huge impact as they built on relationships from the previous two years, developed new relationships, made daily school presentations, participated in TFA all week, and enhanced the TFA program by upgrading their meeting spaces and creating a gaming room to accommodate TFA's new arm of ministry. It was fun watching each student get stretched as they ministered outside their comfort zones and at times skillsets. As a result, growth took place and our community was blessed.
- On Saturday, the team hosted a Sports Day up on Huddersfield Field. We had a great turnout, made balloon animals, served shaved ice, played large group games, and shared the gospel. Along with our TFA youth, we also had a group from Nick's church in Ocho Rios volunteer with us. It was a joy to watch our Jamaican youth, Nick's church youth, and our US youth working side by side to minister to this neighborhood.

August J-Team

Dates: August 2-10, 2025

Devotional Theme: *Following Jesus (John 17)*
– characteristics of followers of Jesus

Stats: 23 team members; 3 first-timers;
462 patients seen; 1849 prescriptions filled;
one house recipient; 60+ children at Bible Blast

Cool Things:

- We had nine churches represented on this team, 18 J-Teamers came with a family member, and 8 were under the age of 25.
- We held our fifth annual Bible Blast with great enthusiasm and success. One of the most exciting things this year was the large number of Jamaican youth working side by side with our US youth at Bible Blast, at the building site, and at the clinics. This comradery and teamwork carried into evening gametime fellowship, culminating with a beach day at the end of the week – 19 Jamaican teens joined us at the beach!
- Matt Harvey taught our Port Maria Bible Training Center class.
- The building team built a house for Pauline in Fellowship Hall and had many little helpers from the neighborhood. Ipreeeme Jones took the opportunity to set up a table of crafts, coloring pages, and Bible stories to minister to these children as the building team worked on Pauline's house. It was exciting to see Ipreeeme's initiative and ingenuity impact these young ones for Christ.



J-Team Openings

OPENINGS	FEB 7-15, 2026	MAY 2-10, 2026	AUG 1-9, 2026	NOV 7-15, 2026
3 Providers	☒☒☒	☐☐☐	☐☐☐	☐☐☐
2 Nurses	☒☐	☐☐	☐☐	☐☐
3 Pharmacists	☒☒☐	☐☐☐	☒☐☐	☒☐☐
1 Clinic Clerks	☒	☒	☐	☐
3-5 Builders	☒☒☒☒☐	☐☐☐☐☐	☐☐☐☐☐	☐☐☐☐☐
3 Kids/Youth Min.	☒☒☒	☐☐☐	☒☐☐☐☐☐☐	☐☐☐
1-2 Encouragers	☒☐	☒☐	☐☐	☐☐

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Special Project needs:

Lawn Equipment: \$2,350

Backpack leaf blower (\$950); Lawnmower (\$530); Chainsaw (\$790) - we used to use a lawn company, now we have hired a man from the community - our present lawn equipment is not adequate to the task or non-existent. We need new equipment for the purpose of safety and productivity.

PS4 game consoles and controllers

the E-gaming ministry is expanding with plans to make it mobile and take it on the road to other communities on the island. To do this effectively, we need additional game consoles and controllers. We are open to receiving either the consoles and controllers themselves, or financial donations to purchase them.

HEARTBEAT

by John Heater

Wow, it has been a long time since you last heard from us, but it is not because of a lack of things to communicate, I have just been remiss - I apologize. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement as we serve together in this ministry. Serving together is such a joy, and watching God work through the variety of giftedness He has given to His children is amazing. This has never been more evident than these past nine months. There is an excitement in the air surrounding the ministry on the ground around TEAMS House. We have a growing number of churches wanting to get involved in the ministry sending teams and making connections. God is doing much in the area of youth ministry with U.S. youth groups returning to continue relational ministry started previously, Jamaican youth making faith commitments and receiving discipleship and leadership training,

and expansion of youth ministry to different venues outside our neighborhood of Huddersfield. Our BTC program continues to train adults, pastors, and church leaders in the Word of God and church administration, and our Jamaican ministry partners continue to minister to our community, even when we are not present. And our support base at home is indispensable! It is so good to have such an effective, supportive team, and we so appreciate you being part of that! Thank you!

Keep lookin' up,
John and Linda

