

## BETHEL CHRISTIAN MISSION SERVING JESUS IN JAMAICA

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### Newsletter



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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Every fall up "north" the trees lose their leaves and winter arrives as icy winds bring the snow. Now in March, many of you look forward with much anticipation to the approaching "thaw" as God once again shows you His loving character by bringing you out of the cold and into the warmth of Spring. God faithfully has brought you through another winter - just as He will faithfully take you through all of life's trials and torments. Just as we look forward to the changing of the seasons - we now look forward to what God has planned for us on our journey with Him!

We were blessed to have Pete & Diana Zanetti, one of our Bethel Board members and his lovely wife join us for the 3rd week in January. This was Diana's first visit to Jamaica and was excited to put faces to the names Pete had so often mentioned. Pete assisted Dean in laying some of the groundwork for the Conference Centre that is currently planned for 2005 and other projects.

We gladly accepted an invitation from Pastor David & Loretta Nelms and the West Palm Beach Berean Baptist Church to be part of their Mission Conference Jan 28th -Feb 1st. It was a wonderful time of making new friends and seeing some old ones. We had the privilege of speaking to their pre-school and elementary grades and encouraged each of them to be God's witnesses because He wants to use them to reach other children with the Gospel. God is really at work in the hearts of the congregation and we are excited that many will be joining us in July at Bethel.

Action packed is the only way to describe the month of February! We hosted a combined team from Ankeny Free Church and Federated Fellowship from Pella, IA. Pastor Steve Stroup kicked off on Saturday with an intensive all day study on the Book of James - it was awesome and the attendees are already asking for more of these studies! Praise God!

The Child Evangelism team went into several of the local Basic Schools of 3-5 yr olds and used puppets to tell the story "Hermie, the Uncommon Caterpillar" by Max Lucado. The children, teachers and principals were thrilled as that team spent the day sharing the love of God, singing songs and doing a craft.

Judy Colyer shared the steps to becoming closer to Jesus at a two day Women's Conference with drama and song by Jan, Jill & Jen. Through Judy's seminars, the ladies in Jamaica recognized their hunger to grow closer to Jesus and she made it easy for them to understand how to accomplish this desire. Praise God! Six ladies accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior after falling in love with Him through Judy's intimate lessons that spoke to their hearts. Veterinarian Marlin Hentzel made "house calls" for a couple folks who have pigs and laying hens and then held a very informative evening seminar with practical instruction for raising healthier livestock. He generously brought chicken vitamins to distribute and I can report the poultry are doing great and laying larger eggs!

Dr. Jim Blessman's Eyeglass Clinics were attended by over 700 people who received an exam and glasses at no charge. What a blessing! Each team member was trained on how to dispense the eyeglasses - but most importantly shared their love for God with each person and gave a very clear

