

**BETHEL CHRISTIAN MISSION**  
**SERVING JESUS IN JAMAICA**

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**Newsletter**



Karen and Dean Dawson

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## Bethel Christian Mission Newsletter January 2005

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Greetings from Jamaica!

As we start the New Year in Jamaica, we are amazed at what God has already done just in the month of January! We have seen many accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, prayers have been answered and people are surrendering their lives to full- time Christian service. Praise the Lord for these blessings!!

At the Church of God of Prophecy at Crosskeys, with teams help we were able to rebuild the structure that just a few months ago was in ruins from the effects of Hurricane Ivan. On Sunday January 2nd Dean was asked to preach and several came forward to start the year out right by asking Jesus to be their personal Savior! We are seeing many re- commitments to church attendance and weekly Bible Study through a "door to door" weekly walk to reach the community.

More of the ladies in Karen's Bible Study/Sewing Classes have witnessed God at work in their lives and received answer to prayers for employment. God's provision is so good!

Bethel hosted the Wycliffe Bible Translators for a week of training seminars. During this week, three people surrendered their lives to full-time missionary service - one is going to India and two to Africa. It is so awesome how God is calling His people from the Caribbean to serve in His mission field around the world!

Alana Berglund, a school teacher from Iowa came last summer with a team from New Life Community Church to teach VBS. She is now preparing and raising her support to travel to Ghana to be a teacher to the children of missionaries King's Pride and Priscilla. God has the biggest network of all and when we forwarded the prayer request to her - she accepted the call quickly! We are so thrilled that the desire of her heart was answered by this opportunity to serve God!

Yesterday, January 28th we held an AWANA Awareness Day and three more churches signed up to start AWANA clubs! Praise God for stirring the hearts of the church leaders to recognize the importance of their children's spiritual needs and stepping up to start AWANA that will

reach their entire communities!

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As our ministry continues to expand in the directions God is taking us, we find that if we are to continue to grow His ministry - we must build. We currently do not have any individual classrooms or meeting area for large group training events.

God has continually expanded our opportunities to help train and disciple national pastors and lay leaders for the church. We find this is a most urgent need so that God can use Bethel to expand His ministry here in Jamaica.

The new facility will have eight individual classrooms in the bottom level and main floor seating to accommodate 250 people. The cost for the project is approximately \$200,000 US and we will raise the needed funding in two phases.

Phase One needs to raise \$100,000 US to erect the outside structure and our goal is to have this funding by September 2005. We want to break ground at our annual Bethel Board Meeting to be held here on the grounds on September 23rd.

Phase Two will complete the interior, furnish and equip the facility with the remaining \$100,000 US goal that we are confidently praying will be raised by March 2006.

As this newsletter is being written, God has already added His approval and confirmation! We received a pledge for \$50,000 US matching funds for every dollar we are able to raise. Simply put - every dollar that is donated will be matched with a dollar up to the total pledge of \$50K! Karen always asks God to show her His direction with bright Neon light and this time He has given us Halogen!

Karen and I know with both our hearts that this is definitely the direction God would have us to go and now we need to again step out on faith and do our part. We ask each of you to pray about how you can be a part of the funding of this project. You can give directly today or make a faith pledge to be given over the next several months.

Donations can be sent to our Bethel Board in the US at: Bethel Christian Mission, c/o Larry Riley, CPA, 924 Exmoor Ave., Louisville, KY 40223

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers! Prayer is powerful, and prayer is one of the best gifts we can give or receive. We pray that God blesses you and your families through-out 2005!

In Christ, Dean & Karen Dawson

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