



Bethel Christian Mission Newsletter

Serving Jesus in Jamaica
February 2006

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!!

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Youth in Praise

What a glorious blessing it was on "Boxing Day" Tuesday December 27th when we hosted youth from nine area churches who came together for a day of fellowship, fun, and praise – all centred on Jesus! Traditionally this day during the holiday season is reserved for giving of presents to family and friends – but we chose this day so that they would continue to focus on Christ - the greatest gift we have ever been given!

This was the kick-off event for the start of a new ministry, "Youth in Action" to encourage Christian teens to get radical by standing firm in their beliefs, stretch beyond their own denomination for fellowship and to intentionally reach out to the un-saved youth in our area. Our Timothy's, Kenrick Spencer and Kenroy Blackwood along with the Youth Presidents from the area churches are combining their energies into this ministry to be directed from Bethel.

We had over 160 in attendance at the event where throughout the day many games, activities and competitions took place. The youth from all the denominations were inter-mixed together so they would have a chance to meet their fellow Christian peers. A true picture of 1Corinthians 12:12 that reads "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ."

At the end of the day we gathered in the chapel and each youth group presented a musical item or skit and charged into a powerful time of Praise & Worship! Dean challenged them in his message to be bold in their witness. This was truly a great day!

But that is not the end of the story, because something only God could have orchestrated happened that day! This was a closed event - just for the members of the local youth groups who had to present a free ticket to attend. From the

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Praise God! We have begun construction! We have not yet reached our needed funding for Phase 2 - but we are confident in God that He will continue to provide!

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 September 2006.

Start planning now to be a part of the many needed construction teams to help us erect this building

beginning of the day when the music began playing, sounds of laughter and fun could be heard, and the smell of jerk chicken filled the air – many unsaved youth in the district came to the gate and wanted to come in. This gave us a great opportunity to share our faith with them and communicate that the only way they will be able to get into heaven is by accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

This was a reality check for them straight from the parable of the ten virgins Jesus told in Matthew 25: 11-12. "Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' but he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'" What a visual for the youth on both sides of the gate! The ones on the outside who for hours had pleaded and given many reasons for why they should be admitted now ultimately realizing that all their excuses will never get them into heaven – only faith in Christ Jesus!

The Christian youth on the inside of the gate saw how many of their friends and family members could quickly perish if they do not get bold with their witness and tell everyone they come in contact with about the saving grace of Jesus. Matthew 25 verse 13 tells us "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour." They realized they could be running out of time to reach the lost so they must make every opportunity count and not be silent!

Basketball Competition



alongside our Jamaican tradesmen. Please pray about making yourself available and God will supply the abilities and strength you will need. Contact us for information about becoming a member of a building team!

You can give directly today or make a faith pledge to be given over the next several months.

Donate 10 Block - \$100 to reach the Supporter Level

Donate 50 Block - \$500 to reach the Advocate Level

Donate 100 Block - \$1000 to reach the Benefactor Level

Donate 250 Block - \$2500 to reach the Visionary Level

Donate 500 Block - \$5000 to reach the Kingdom Builder Level

Donations can be sent to our



Football Competition

Ladies Bible Study & Sewing Classes

It was a tremendous blessing when several of my students asked in December if I could give them more days each week for Bible study as 1 day of class was just not enough!! Praise God for speaking to these ladies hearts and giving them the yearning to study the Word!

The ladies have grown so much and are now ready to devote themselves to a more in-depth study. They are very excited to have daily assignments that will satisfy their hunger between weekly sessions!

Thrilled with anticipation, we have just begun the Beth Moore study, "Jesus the One and Only". Prayer requests on the 1st day were for "wisdom to understand the materials", "to grow closer to the Lord through the teaching" and " to find plenty of quiet time to study"!

Jamaica Evangelical Ministry School - JEMS

Bethel Bible Institute has now been re-named – Jamaica Evangelical Ministry School (JEMS) as we are teaching a more in-depth level of curriculum. The first classes begin on February 14 with a week of modules on Acts, Colossians and Philemon. Pastors John Colyer from Ankeny IA, Pastor Shane Martin from Virginia Beach VA and Pastor Steve Stroup from Pella, IA will be the instructors for these special sessions.

Dean will begin teaching on the book of Romans the following week. We look forward to seeing the returning students and registration of the new ones that God will direct to us.

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Praises!

We have been given approval from the Manchester Parish Council to begin excavation work on the Bethel Christian Training Center and we are receiving the needed supplies at this time.

Prayer Requests:

JEMS - Pray for many new students to register and for wisdom and discipline in their studies. Pray that all of the previous students will be able to return.

Safety for the 1st Construction team traveling to us on Feb 11th to begin work on the Bethel Christian Training Center. Pray for safety for all and that the unsaved local tradesmen who will be working on the project will yield their lives to Christ.

Pray for continued health, safety and strength for our family in Iowa - Jeff, Kari, Brett and Jon, Brandy, David & Joslyn. We will be receiving a new grandbaby next June by Jon and Brandy so keep our next precious blessing also in your prayers!

Thank You!

We would like to thank each of you for your many prayers that are a daily encouragement to us!

We would also like to thank all of our financial supporters – your generosity makes it possible for us to be here serving Jesus!

A special thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Bethel Christian Training Center – your financial partnership with us enables the ministry here to grow and expand as God directs!

May God bless your day and we hope to hear from you!

In Christ, Dean & Karen Dawson

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