



# Bethel Christian Mission Newsletter

Serving Jesus in Jamaica  
May 2006

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## Work Permits & Visas

Praise be to God our Father who lovingly provides for all of our needs! We were each granted another three year Jamaican Work Permit and Visa! After multiple trips to Kingston for fingerprinting, police record checks and filing of quadruple forms and documentation we picked up our permits last Monday. This required much more paperwork than three years ago as security measures have been tightened here since 9/11.

## AWANA at Bethel

For the past 3 years Bethel has helped in the start-up of 16 clubs in the parish of Manchester and the surrounding area and assisted them in purchasing their initial books, shirts & game kits. We encourage each church that holds a Vacation Bible School summer program to come to an AWANA introductory session and then decide if they would like to add this program to their children's ministry schedule.

We are pleased to announce the start of the Bethel

## BETHEL CHRISTIAN TRAINING CENTER

Praise God! Phase One construction has begun! 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 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

AWANA Club! The need arose after the only Newport area club was not re-newed for 2006 and we were so encouraged how our Timothy's rose to the challenge and are administrating the program! Kenrick is the Commander and Kenroy is the Assistant Commander. We currently have 40 children enrolled and 5 trained leaders from 2 local churches.

With just a month left before the summer holiday break - we plan to publicize the club extensively in the local churches and schools before the start of the fall meetings and anticipate that the club will double in size quickly!

Keep the children in your prayers as they attend the AWANA Bible Quiz in Santa Cruz on May 27th - they are very excited about attending and have been studying and preparing!

### Youth In Action

On June 10th we will be hosting a youth panel discussion on topics that affect their lives. We have invited the youth from eight local churches and area high schools to attend and have assembled a fantastic panel of young adult pastors and educators to answer their questions and giving information based on a Christian lifestyle and Biblical ethics. Our topics include: Music in the Church, Teens and Dating, Teen Pregnancy and the Church and Homosexuality.

### Bethel Christian Training Center

The lower level site excavation is complete after breaking up and removing several tones of rock. The second level is now in progress, but work has halted temporarily because of a Caribbean wide shortage of cement. We have not been able to pour footings or support columns - but do have all the steel tied and it is ready when the cement finally arrives.

Please keep the cement situation in your prayers as this impacts the entire Jamaican economy and has caused unemployment in the construction sector across the island. Hardware stores have also laid off employees since their sales have plummeted as builders are not buying lumber, steel or other materials since they cannot proceed without the cement . . .

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 Mission Board at: Bethel Christian Mission C/o Larry Riley, CPA 924 Exmoor Ave. Louisville, KY 40223

We ask you to pray for God's direction in determining if He wishes you to partner with us on this project. We are totally relying on Him to touch the hearts of His people and lead the procession in getting the training center completed.

**Join our mailing list!**

## **JEMS, Bible Studies, Sewing etc**

JEMS students are finishing up their study on the Book of Romans and will be going on summer break in two weeks.

The Ladies Bible Study on Beth Moore's "Jesus, the One and Only" will also be finishing up by the end of June and the ladies will take a summer holiday also. They have grown in their walk with our Lord through this study and enjoy immensely the vivid details of Jesus life.

The Ladies Sewing Class is anxiously waiting for the arrival of July 21 – 28 when the Grace Quilters will return to teach quilting! The group came in 2004 and everyone had such a fun-filled week of fellowship - that we just had to have them back for an encore!!

ADVERTISEMENT: Are you a quilter? Would you like to join the group and help teach the ladies here how to enjoy this wonderful hobby? Please contact Karen as there is a need for more "hands and hearts" to help assist in the classes! We would love to have you join us and you will be thoroughly blessed!

## **Luther Rice University**

Dean, Kenrick and Kenroy just finished their spring semester classes and Karen has enrolled to join them in the summer semester. She enjoys teaching the ladies and this will enhance those endeavours plus she would like to pursue Christian Counselling for women and children as that is a huge need everyday.

## **Youth Leadership Camp Sponsors**

In July, previous Bethel director Rick Graham and his team of educators from Capital Christian High School in Sacramento California will direct a Youth Leadership Camp for approximately 100 youth from the area. These high school students have been recommended to attend by their principals and pastors and will learn Christian leadership principles to direct their lives in the years to come.

The daytime sessions will include all the needed supplies for studying and lunch for all of the youth. We are asking for sponsors to help offset the cost – so please consult the Lord and see if this is a project He wants you to assist us

Join

with!

We would be very grateful for any amount that you can send to our board at this address: Bethel Christian Mission  
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### **Praises!**

God's provision of our new Work Permits & Visas!

Growth in our Timothys: Kenrick & Kenroy They are truly a blessing!

Thankful that God continues to bring those who are in spiritual need to us and that Bethel continues to be a lighthouse in the area.

Intern Josh Wilson will return for his second summer of ministry with us along with Rai who attends college with him in Missouri.

### **Prayer Requests:**

Pray for the arrival of cement for both our use here at Bethel and across the island as unemployed construction workers struggle even more so to provide for their families.

Pray for the Bethel AWANA Club team as they travel to the AWANA Bible Quiz in Santa Cruz on May 27th. Pray they have fun and glorify God with their knowledge of His word!

Pray for the Youth In Action panel discussion on June 10th – that it will be an open forum for the youth to get answers and direction on issues that affect their everyday lives.

Pray for the additional planned funding needed for the Bethel Christian Training Center and for Construction Teams to work on the project.

Continued health, safety and strength for our family in Iowa - Jeff, Kari, Brett and Jon, Brandy, David & Joslyn. Also for our soon to arrive 4th grandchild Samuel due in June!

### **Thank You!**

Both of us would like to thank each of you for your many prayers - we feel your prayers and they encourage us daily. We give God all the praise and the glory because He has been so good 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! We pray that your households and congregations prosper under the Lord's care as you give Him honour with your gifts to this ministry.

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 soon!

In Christ, Dean & Karen Dawson

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