



Bethel Christian Mission Newsletter

Serving Jesus in Jamaica
November 2006

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!!

"Thanks, thanks, We give you thanks, For all you have done.

I am so blessed, My soul is at rest, Dear Lord – we give you thanks!"

The above words to a Jamaican praise chorus are so fitting as I begin to write this newsletter on Thanksgiving Day. We are indeed giving thanks to God for all of His provisions and we truly feel blessed to serve such an awesome God!

We thank Him for our staff that serves alongside us with true servant's hearts. We are immensely grateful for the many teams He has sent to help us to strengthen the local pastors and congregations in far greater ways than we could accomplish alone. We praise God for the teams whose hearts have been stolen away by the school children they have ministered to and the young lives they that have been changed because someone cared.

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Teams Are a Blessing!

Youth Pastor Robbie Norman and his team from Harvest Baptist Church in Covington GA joined us the first of October. They ministered in the local Basic and Primary Schools and participated in a Teen Outreach event.

Dr. Long from Luther Rice University brought down some great folks on his multi-church team to minister extensively.

BETHEL CHRISTIAN TRAINING CENTER

Praise God! We are presently casting the bond beams and getting ready to pour our first floor. the work is progressing slowly at this stage as this portion is very time consuming and labor intensive.

With rapidly rising costs - we are finding the need to ask for more donations to get the structure up and completed. Delays at this time will only add to the cost, as cement has risen sharply. We are committed to this building that God inspired and are confident in Him that He will

Part of the team visited local Basic Schools and ministered through stories and puppets. They also made visitations to Curphey Veterans Home and the Manchester Infirmary.

A talented group of ladies also came with Dr. Long to share their sewing skills with our ladies Bible study/Sewing classes and then went to work sewing dresses for ladies at the Infirmary. They worked very hard and got to deliver them in person to some very grateful ladies. We will continue to sew dresses with ladies who want to come help us sew until everyone at the home has received a handmade bundle of love!

May Day High School Rescue Team

At the beginning of this school year, Dean was approached for help by the administration and guidance counsellor because they openly admitted that they had morally lost control of the students. Many things led to the complexity of the problems they were facing: bad attitudes, fighting, poor or non-attendance of classes, drugs sold outside the school's gate, and students who were victims of physical and sexual abuse.

"Contract" students are those who are in their last phase of discipline before being permanently expelled from the entire Jamaican school system. These students are placed in colored uniforms to identify them to the staff and student body – Black uniforms for the 63 boys and White uniforms for the seven girls. Dean was asked to provide assistance to try to reach these troubled youths one last time.

Praise God for the wonderful group of pastors and lay leaders from Dr. Long's team who went everyday to May Day High School to minister. The team worked with all 900 students and taught on Sexual Purity, Goal Setting and Self Esteem.

They found teens that had no self-esteem and were told they are worth nothing by their own family members. They immediately responded to the love and concern the team members showed. Through prayers, tears and confessions of faith they sought the hope only Jesus Christ can give and found Him waiting with open arms to forgive and heal them! A total of 110 students gave their lives to Christ over the week.

Mission Conferences and Family Visit

see us through!

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 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

Ankeny Free Church, both in Iowa, during the middle of October. We met some wonderful fellow missionaries and spent joyous time worshipping our Lord and Saviour with the congregations. We were truly blessed by their interest in missions and seeing the gospel taken to the far corners of the earth.

We also got to see our newest grandson, Samuel Dean, and spent every available minute being Grandpa & Grandma to our four grandchildren! We were able to stay with our oldest son and commute to the conferences that were close by. We were able to visit with Karen's parents who stayed longer in Iowa for our arrival before heading to warm Arizona. God truly knew how to work a schedule to give us the benefit of precious time with our families!

Infirmity Quilts Update

Lynda Charleston and her team of faithful quilters have been busy with commitments to construct over 100 quilts so far – that is just in four short months! God has definitely placed his hand of blessing on this project and words cannot describe the thankfulness we are feeling – it is just so amazingly good!

Praises!

For the door that has been opened at May Day High School for ministry to the students.

For the way God showed Maureen Kimbrough from Green Run Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, VA how she can use her skills on the mission field during her extended stay here at Bethel.

For the continued work that has been accomplished on the Training Center.

Prayer Requests:

Prayerfully consider the Bethel Christian Training Center in your plans for year-end giving before Tax Time.

Continued health, safety and strength for our family in Iowa - Jeff, Kari, Brett and Jon, Brandy, David, Joslyn & Samuel.

Thank You!

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!

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!

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