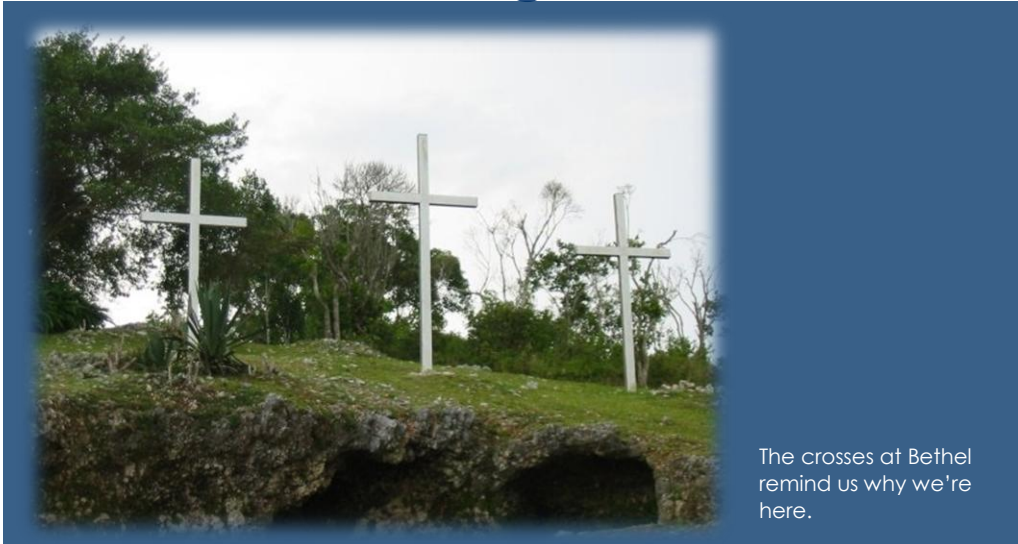


The Hentzels

Serving Jesus in Jamaica



The crosses at Bethel remind us why we're here.

Prayer for the Hentzels

- *Unbroken Fellowship with God – hearing his will and walking in it.*
- *Discernment and wisdom in handling the unending requests for money, food, and housing materials..*
- *Wisdom in placing the summer teams where they will make the most impact and be most impacted.*
- *Our house and home of 14 years to sell or rent.*
- *Peace during financial stress and total trust in God's perfect plan*
- *Social outlets for Anna, TJ and especially Kali.*

Greetings from Jamaica!

We're hoping the spring weather is reminding you of the new life available in Jesus Christ! I'm writing this on Good Friday and we're remembering the ultimate sacrifice of the perfect Lamb whose life was given for ours. All glory and honor and praise to our risen Savior! The traditional Jamaican Good Friday includes church in the morning and spice "bun and cheese" for Good Friday lunch! The kids weren't too impressed with the lunch!

Transitions

We've been here almost 6 months now, and much of our time has been spent *learning*. We've realized that visiting and living here are VERY different! We've learned to drive on the left side of roads that never look wide enough for two cars - and what to do when they really aren't. We've learned that the turn signal is on the right and the windshield wipers are on the left (that took awhile). We were reminded that Christmas is not about snow, or about the traditional foods (can't get any of them here), but about family and celebrating Christ's birth. We've realized that if you get everything you came for in one trip to town, you should consider yourself blessed! We've learned that a "just order pizza" mom can learn to cook like great-grandma did. We've been taught that "buddy" is a slang word here and that they will look at you funny if use it to address them. We've learned that geckos will bite if you mess with them too much. But mostly, we've learned that the Jamaican people are a complicated bunch but worth the effort of trying to understand them! And we've learned that they have much more to teach us in the coming years!

Prayer for Bethel Christian Mission

- *Staff health, safety and endurance.*
- *Provision of \$11,000 required to pour concrete roof on Bethel Training Center.*
- *Discipleship ministry in the high schools to be firmly established and "part of the system" for next school year.*
- *Steady rain or steady supply of water throughout the summer.*



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TJ and Andrew Babcock enjoying nature.
Kimone, Kali, Anna enjoying each other.

Family Updates

Kali, Anna and TJ have adjusted well to Jamaica. Kali struggles the most, as she is the most social and misses the daily contact with others her age. She dislikes home-schooling for that reason (it couldn't be her teacher!), but for now at least, it is our best option. Thankfully, we have found a pre-teen youth group for her to participate in, and she loves that weekly activity. Anna loves homeschooling, because she can go at her own pace. TJ is content also, especially after the "ah-ha" moment when reading began to make sense to him. He enjoys doing tomorrow's school in the evening, so that he has more outside time, and I'm happy to accommodate him. Our oldest daughter, Amy, got engaged at Christmas time, so we are looking

forward to her May wedding. Tyler and Amy will stay in Lincoln, NE for the summer, and then relocate to Nashville, TN so that Tyler can continue his education there. Randy and Sara will be in the US for 3 weeks for the wedding. Kali, Anna, and TJ will stay another month with friends and family. Cassi will accompany Randy and Sara to Jamaica, to take summer classes at the Northern Caribbean University nearby. We're looking forward to having her with us for the summer. Our family has grown to include Kimone, a lovely 16 year old Jamaican girl. The previous missionaries, Dean and Karen Dawson, had adopted her, but were denied a US Visa for her to return with them to the US. We are delighted to continue to host her at Bethel, and she has fit right in to our family and our hearts.

Ministry Updates

We started off with a whirlwind of activity. We hosted an American Thanksgiving, so that we could learn what other American missionaries on the island were involved in. It was great fun, and provided us with quite a few contacts during our transition. We then hosted hundreds of kids at several Christmas holiday parties, including two Jesus Birthday parties for local orphanages, and two youth events for local churches. We had help with these from our older daughters, the Marlin Hentzel family, and the Babcock family.

In addition, we've had six teams visit in our first six months. The first was a wonderful team from our home church who came to help us "nest." They remodeled a bathroom and applied many, many coats of paint to make us feel more at home. We have also hosted two construction teams (North Carolina and Central Iowa), two medical teams (H2 Jamaica, ABWE), and the Ames, Iowa - Cornerstone College students. Each team helped us make ministry progress beyond what we had anticipated. We appreciate the energy and encouragement mission teams provide. Please consider planning or joining a team soon!



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Ministry Updates continued

When Randy first discussed ministry opportunities with our full time staff, one of their desires was to focus on the three high schools in our vicinity. Some of these students do not have a Bible preaching church nearby and are vulnerable to gang influence from Kingston. We continue to encourage, support and partner with a local group of young men and women mentored by the Dawsons known as KFC – Krazy For Christ. Together, with KFC and the Cornerstone Mission Team, we have been able to present the gospel in all three schools, and have taught a discipleship class over the lunch hour in one school. This class is attended by up to 50 youth. We are praying to expand into small groups in this school and the other two.



Summer Plans

This summer, thanks to our mission teams, we will be able to:

- help eleven communities with Vacation Bible School,
- encourage four existing AWANA clubs with an "Olympics"
- start two or three more AWANA Clubs,
- host a team leadership camp for the influencers in the three targeted high schools,
- train teachers better reading decoding skills,
- provide a women's ministry event,
- carry out many compassion events
- preach in five communities with tent "crusades",
- reach hundreds of teen girls with the gospel during a sports event,
- complete a wide range of construction projects,
- celebrate Jesus Christ's life through ministry and fellowship.

Please note the new support address!

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**This new system has been put in place so we will get
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Thank you for your patience in the past!

We look forward to being able to respond more quickly in the future.