

# ***JAMAICAN EVANGELISM NEWS***

## ***JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 08***

*The Hurricane Season has brought a lot of rain to Jamaica, with some flooding, but no major damage for which we and they are thankful.*

### ***May Pen - Macca Tre***

**e**Ronnie Craig writes, "This summer has been a very busy one for us. I have had 2 weeks of camps, one week of VBS, and a work team at May Pen church and one week of Bible college at



Mandeville which I had to oversee. These events were very successful. I was the Dean for intermediate camp; there were 98 campers in attendance. There were 7 baptisms and many others have recommitted their lives to the Lord. The VBS at May Pen was well attended also. It started out with about 40 children and each day it grew significantly. On the last day, we had over a 100 children. While the VBS was going on, I was also supervising the work being done on the church school which was a very successful project. The church at Macca Tree and May Pen are doing well in spite of the many challenges. We are presently doing a major

construction project on the church building at Macca Tree. This is taking a lot out of me, as I have to be overseeing and helping with the manual labor. I am giving God thanks for sustaining me with the strength needed to go on." He also writes that his daughter Nicole is currently in the states attending Florida Christian College. Brother Craig closes with: "Thank you for taking on the task of supporting me and my family financially in the ministry. We appreciate you helping us very much. Our prayers are that the good Lord will continue to bless and keep you as you continue to support and bless others in the work of the Lord." Construction on the kitchen at Macca Tree is at a standstill for now because of lack of funds. If you would like to help please designate on your check.



**May Pen Church Building**

### ***Mandeville***



Donovan Bent reports that the work in Mandeville is going well. He is especially pleased with the spiritual growth of the congregation and the good rapport that he has with the men, who are developing their leadership abilities. Jamaica Bible Seminary now has a room to use in the Mandeville church building and they have good attendance when the classes are held. Nadine Bent will begin her 4th round of chemotherapy and then will be reevaluated



to see if she needs more treatment. Most of their costs for treatment are taken care of by the government, but their travel expenses to and from Montego Bay have put a strain on their finances. Some of you have already helped with this and it is much appreciate



**Donovan's Farm**

Please keep them in your prayers and if you are able to send any more contributions to help with their medical expenses, it would be a blessing and encouragement to them. Donovan has a small farm in Top Hill where he lives and produces crops to sell to help supplement their income. However, the weather does not always cooperate and then Donovan takes a loss. He covets your prayers on their behalf.

## MOCHO

**Dan & Joanna Smith with Mervin**



everywhere.

Mervin Ward continues on the construction of the bathrooms at Mocho and they are 80% finished. He wants to sponsor rallies there at Mocho to strengthen and encourage the Christians and these bathrooms are very much needed. Transportation for Mervin is a real problem at this time. Since he still does not have his van back (it was repossessed because of those who sold to Mervin illegally and then disappeared; the bank actually owns the van) he has to depend on others. He has been to see a lawyer, but things are slow in getting done. We hope to recoup some of the money, but it all depends on the government. In the meantime, Mervin still needs transportation. Satan is alive and well in Jamaica, as he is



This old bell, now lying out in the bushes behind the church building, was originally purchased about 1935 by C. Vincent Hall, who established the first Church of Christ in Jamaica, and mounted the bell on a large concrete base a few yards from the building. Mervin hopes to use it again in the future.

## MINERAL HTS.



During our last tripto Jamaica, we were impressed with the young people here at Mineral Hts. Roger and Sharon invest a lot of time with them in teaching, training and fellowship. The youth are very active in and out of the church services. The Scott's son Roge', 16, plays drums and also sings and has expressed a desire to be a preacher.

**Roge Scott**

Two young men were recently baptized and 3 ladies placed fellowship. The summer VBS directed by Sandra Geringswald and a team from Florida was very successful with close to 140 children in attendance. The basic school has begun with 180 attending. Roger and family were able to go to Florida for a couple of weeks to get some rest. While in Orlando, Roger spoke to a Sunday School class. Roger is having some breathing problems, possibly asthma. The first



Sunday of October the church will have an anniversary service celebrating 18 years followed by a week of evangelistic meetings.

### **Mineral Hts. Young People**

## **NOTES**

Jamaica Evangelism exists primarily to support and train preachers, but as we have extra funds we have helped with other expenses. The Ashley



Church has suffered much damage from hurricanes in the past and so we, along with others, sent funds to help refurbish the building. You can see the progress they have made. Jerry Falconer is the preacher there. He is a good worker and has a nice family.



Brother Richard Ramsey is another fine preacher on the island and very respected. He preaches at the Richmond church and has a good group of people. He has his own source of support.