

## JAMAICAN EVANGELISM October - December 2008

### URGENT FINANCIAL NEEDS

The past few years Jamaican Evangelism has done quite well because of the generous contributions of some of you. However, we have lost a major contributor and the current U.S. economy has affected us as well as others. In December, unfortunately, we were not able to send the Jamaican preachers their full salaries and it is doubtful that we will have enough next month. Many of you receive this newsletter and only a few of you are contributors. If we could get 100 people to send \$50 a month, we would be able to continue to take care of the preachers. Would you prayerfully consider what you would be able to do to help spread the gospel in Jamaica? Right now we have four worthy men, and there are others also asking for and deserving of support. Many of the churches in Jamaica are small and the economy there is worse than here. Many in the churches are unemployed and have only small salaries, but we will continue to urge the few bigger churches to be more involved in supporting their own preachers.

In March, my wife Sharon and myself, our son Steve, Dan and Joanna Smith from Iowa, and Sandy Geringswald from Florida will all be going to Jamaica for preaching and teaching. Each are raising money for their trips. Sharon and I do not get a salary from Jamaican Evangelism, but we do use some of the funds when we go to the island to teach. Right now those funds are not available, so if any would like to help with trip expenses, that would be greatly appreciated. We do not like to ask for money, but it takes money to do the Lord's work. We do appreciate those who have and continue to faithfully support this ministry.

#### NADINE & DONOVAN BENT



Donovan's wife Nadine had to have a mastectomy and is currently healing. She has regular checkups and at some point, she will resume treatment of chemotherapy or radiation. Please keep her and Donovan and their family in your prayers. They make bi-weekly trips to Montego Bay for her checkups. While Nadine was in the hospital after the mastectomy, Donovan and some of the Christians were on their way to visit her when another driver came around a curve and hit Donovan's van. There were no major injuries, thankfully, but the van has been out of service, waiting for insurance and police reports. Finally that is now resolved, and it was determined the

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other driver was at fault, so the other insurance company will reimburse Donovan for all repairs. He has had to rent a car for the last many weeks to be able to get back and forth to Montego Bay. Donovan felt like “Job” for awhile, but he says God is working out evil for good.

### MINERAL HEIGHTS

**Roger writes:** “I want to wish you and all the people that have supported us over the years a prosperous new year. I must say many thanks for the support and prayers that really help us in our ministry. We continue to have Sunday night service, Wednesday night Bible Study and prayer meetings and Friday night youth fellowship. Most of our young people are in college studying at this time, but we have quite a number of young guys attending our youth fellowship. Recently we have had 3 persons



baptized, 2 received the right hand of fellowship and we still have quite a number of visitors that worship with us almost every Sunday. One young man (son of the church sister who cooks in the school) got married in December and another young couple in the church got engaged and will be getting married in August.



Sharon and I are now building a house of our own on a piece of land got through the national housing trust (a government institution we pay housing trust taxes to), we have got a loan from them to build on the land. We are not finished as yet but the money has run out. We seek your prayers as we work towards its completion and we would appreciate if there is any kind brethren there who would help us with a one time contribution towards this. The cost of the building materials continue to go up, so the quicker we get to finish it the better it will be for us. We will have to start paying back the loan for this house in February for me, and May for Sharon. The school continues to do well and some of the children and their parents worship with us. We are now registering new students for September 2009. However, we only have space for 3 year olds.”



*(Note: The church needs more space, so when Roger and Sharon move from the upstairs they will have room for more classes, etc.- ed)*

### MACCA TREE AND MAY PEN



Brother Ronnie also writes: “the work of the ministry is going on OK. During November, two persons recommitted their walk with the Lord and December we had two persons making the decision to make Jesus Christ their Lord and master. It was on Sunday morning of this week that one of them received her baptism and the other person who was already baptized and had backslidden, recommitted her life to the Lord. The work at May Pen is still going on. This year we will be focusing on Evangelism. We, the ministers, have met and planned ways to implement

this program. The Churches of Christ have been zoned, for example Macca Tree, Braeton, Spanish Town, Luidas Vale and Linstead Churches of Christ will work as partners in one zone. We have had one week of fasting and prayer seeking the Lord’s empowerment in this venue. We will be having another meeting to finalize plans then we’ll hit the road. I thank you very much for your financial and prayer support over the past year.”

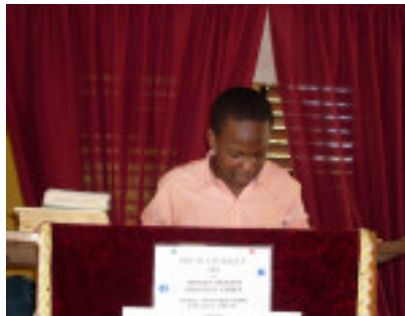
### MOCHO

Mervin reports that construction continues (as funds allow) on the Sunday School addition and the bathrooms in the back. Daughter Keino, as of this writing, is having a lot of pain from the sickle cell anemia. and was going to the hospital for help for relief from pain. Keep her and the

hospital for family in your prayers.



Mocho Addition



Young man reading Scripture



Some of Mocho Congregation