

JAMAICAN EVANGELISM NEWSLETTER

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Successful Trip

Our trip to the island March 18 - April 7 with our son Steve, Dan and Joanna Smith and Cassandra



Steve, Ed & Sharon at Discovery Bay

Geringswald was very profitable and encouraging. The churches there are growing in spite of



Our Team

difficulties - the economy there is suffering the same as here. The profitable bauxite mines are closing and will leave 900 people without work. For the past 3 months we have been unable to send the men their full salaries, but we are all "hanging in there" so to speak and praying that situations will improve.



Dan Smith with Students

The first week we were in Mandeville, Dan Smith taught the book of Ezekiel to several students, Sandy Geringswald taught English, and in the evenings Ed presented "Noah's Ark" using power point. We had a wonderfully encouraging meeting with Mandeville's leadership group and they are planning to give partial support to Donovan Bent beginning in a month or so. Tithing has not been taught on the island in our churches since some old-time preachers felt tithing was not for the Christian age. So this thinking has to be overcome, but our preachers are teaching it now. It will take some time to change the thinking regarding this, but also some of the smaller churches do not have much money because of the economy and high rate of unemployment.



Sharing a meal with students

Nadeen Bent has finished her chemotherapy treatments and is now traveling to Montego Bay for 5 weeks of radiation. They are hoping this will take care of the cancer. She and Donovan are in good spirits in spite of their difficulties. Donovan's vehicle has been repaired and we are hoping to find some kind of financing here so that his vehicle can be paid off sooner. The church in Mandeville is growing and has a good spirit.

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Donovan & Nadine Bent & Family



Roger Scott

The second week we spent in Mineral Hts. with Roger and Sharon Scott. Their congregation is also growing. Many of the youth who were converted in earlier years are now getting married in the church and are faithful to the Lord. They continue to reach out to youth and on youth night we had about 35 participating in the craft time, for which Dan, Joanna and Sharon brought projects for them. Their youth choir won a first place award at a youth gathering. Sharon Scott is principal of the basic school of 180 students and is also attending required government classes in the evenings, so she and Roger are very busy. Sunday through

Wednesday evenings Ed presented "Noah's Ark" at Mineral Hts. also. The attendance was small, but we left materials so that they could continue the study with those who could not attend. Dan preached on Sunday and brought a short lesson to the basic school during their chapel time, and Joanna taught a ladies' class one evening, while Dan taught the men.



Craft Time at Youth Night

The Mocho congregation with Mervin Ward as minister, is slowly progressing on their addition, as time and money allows. We are so thankful that Mervin now has a vehicle. His brother who was working at the bauxite mines was layed off, so he has given his small car to Mervin who will take over the payments. These payments are small and will actually be less than what he has been paying per month to rent a vehicle each weekend to go to Mocho.



Mervin & Vena Ward

**Progress
of Sunday
School
Addition**



While in Mandeville, Ed celebrated his 70th Birthday with a surprise party, and a surprise visit by Keino Ward to sing a special “Happy Birthday” song. It was a very touching time. Keino deals each day with the sickle cell anemia. Her father is a great nurse.



Keino Ward



Ed Werner
celebrating
70 years



Dan Smith, “Ronnie” Craig, Ed Werner

The third Sunday on the island we attended services at the Macca Tree church where Randal Craig is minister, enjoying good fellowship with the Christians there. They have enlarged their auditorium and are working on a classroom addition and a kitchen. We have more to share but have run out of room for this newsletter.

Current needs: We must increase our monthly income in order to continue to support these four worthy preachers: Donovan Bent, Roger Scott, Mervin Ward and Randal Craig. Please prayerfully consider what you or your congregation could do to help us. We appreciate our new supporters and some of our regular ones who have given even more. Any amount will help. We are working on a promotional DVD which we plan to have ready soon.