

TEAM WORK ASSOCIATES

Newsletter - August 2004

Chairman's Greeting



Dear Friends and Partners in Kingdom Building:

Greetings!

Please permit me to use Paul's letter to the Philippians as a base to express my deepest thanks and appreciation to all of you, Jamaicans and those from other nations, as "I thank my God every time I remember you". Through the many and varied activities in evangelism, prayer and fasting, fellowship, ministry of the Word, teaching and training, hospitality, outreach, building, repairs and maintenance, garnering of materials and supplies, sharing and serving, we can see from where and to where God has taken us and give him praise and thanks.

Menzie Oban

Teamwork Church

The Church continues to grow with J.D. & Susan Isbell (photograph) now serving as Pastor's Assistants. Membership has been formalized and leaders are undergoing training. Plans are being made for a Praise & Worship seminar in December and evangelistic outreach into the surrounding communities in March.



Susan & J.D. Isbell

Finance & Development

The ministry has experienced severe challenges in the area of finances over the past few years, but near the close of the 2003/2004 business year, we give God special praise and thanks for a much improved situation.

Whereas giving from some sources has increased, there has been decline in others, but as the ministry and God's people have set out to sow at his direction, we have been able to reap. God has indeed made ways where there seemed to be no ways. For example, we were able to host four large groups that provided additional income.

Increased school enrolment also played an important part.

Please continue to give and to pray for God's provision for our needs.

The Finance & Development Committee has identified and prioritised the following projects for which proposals for financial assistance are being written:

- Retrofitting of school's computer lab
- Completion of playfield
- Remodelling and refurbishing of administrative offices
- Addition of children's and hospitality area to the church building

- Completion of camp facility
 - Extension of dining area
- Please share with us your advice and any direction you may be able to offer and pray for favour and for God's direction and provision.

Transportation

The new Ford 15 seater bus and pick-up truck, which were donated to the ministry, are now serving the ministry well. Praise be to God for his provision.

Company re-organization & succession planning

We are pleased that Dr. George Alexander should soon be able to resume responsibilities as a trustee and look forward to his involvement in the Education Committee with his expertise in educational planning and evaluation.

Rev. Desmond Smith has taken over as Chairmen of the Finance & Development Committee so that Mr. Milton Maye, our Accounts Consultant, may devote more time to the accounting tasks.

Mrs. Shona Heron, who took over from Rev. Desmond Smith as Chair of the Personnel Committee, is now completing a Personnel Audit for the ministry. On the basis of this audit decision concerning positioning, succession, and staffing will be made at the September 15 Board meeting. Please be in prayer concerning this.

School

We are almost at the start of another academic year and use this opportunity to thank you for your support to enable us to look back at a successful year.

We have been encouraged by the team spirit of our staff members and ask that you continue to pray for our staff needs for the coming year.

We are still in need of a special educator, and teachers for Spanish, Science, Mathematics and History.

We have been able to make plans to begin an honours track at Grades 9 and 10 and the students are already very excited about what they expect to accomplish.

One of our students, Antoinette England writes:



Teamwork School gives students good Christian development. Our population has been increasing dramatically and we have been participating in several activities through which Teamwork has gained much recognition. We have performed well in the JCDC festival competition and placed fourth in the Independent Schools athletic competition. One of my classmates was champion girl for the entire athletic competition and another was crowned Junior Farm Queen. Teamwork School may not be perfect but we are "striving to perfection". We look forward to next school year and to even greater achievements. I express special thanks to all those who support our school and especially to those who sponsor students and provide scholarships.

School Cont'd

Last year 63 students were placed by the Ministry of Education on the ROSE II programme, and though there were many challenges, lives have been transformed.

Please continue to pray for our students through the stages of the education process and beyond. (Photo- graduation July 2004)



Outreach Activities

Our outreach activities included the hosting of several missions, ministry and youth teams from Jamaica and overseas.

Special mention is made of two teams from Missions Discovery, a small team led by Pastors Allan & Wanda Skroch, Liberty Church Youth Group from Illinois, Ridge to Reef Environmental Camp with over 100 campers from the Great River and Rio Grande watershed areas, Here I am Send Me Missions Team from Philadelphia, and Sonlight Gospel Ministries with over 100 participants from various countries.

Overseas Activities

Pastor Menzie, Winsome & Sarah will leave for England on August 18 to attend a family wedding and expect to return on August 30.

Pastor Menzie & Winsome will be participating in a Teamwork banquet in Clarksboro, New Jersey on October 16. Pastor Menzie will also share at a missions conference in Collingswood on October 24 and will be available to share with our brethren and supporters in the US from October 13 to November 9. Other members of Teamwork Trust from Jamaica are planning to accompany Pastor Oban for short periods during his time in The US. Contact with regard to the itinerary may be made with Mr. Chuck Smith.

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Prayer

Please join us as we pray for those that were affected by the recent Hurricane Charlie and for special covering against any other hurricane or storm expected this season.