

# TEAM WORK ASSOCIATES

## Newsletter - December 2001

### Chairman's Greeting

Dear Friends and Associates:

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, and praise Him the Almighty, the King of creation.

Not many days after the September 11 terrorist attack on the American people I wrote to many of our friends and brethren in the U.S.A. and other countries of the world expressing our shock and sympathy, and requesting prayer on the nation's behalf.

I am writing once again, but this time to ask that we give thanks in all things.

Did you ever pause and think to give God thanks for what happened? Remember that it was only 3 of the 50 states that were attacked almost at once. What if they had waited a few more years in their wicked and evil planning and attacked all 50 states at once? Think about it.

I commend you to the exhortation of 1 Corinthians 16:13: "Be on your guard, stand firm in faith, be men of courage, be strong and do everything in love."

Let us determine to do the will of God, for according to the author of the poem below:

*The will of God will never take  
you*

Where the grace of God cannot  
keep you,  
Where the arms of God cannot  
support you,  
Where the riches of God cannot  
supply your needs,  
Where the power of God cannot  
endow you.

*The will of God will never take*

*you*

Where the Spirit of God cannot  
work through you,  
Where the wisdom of God  
cannot teach you,  
Where the army of God cannot  
protect you,  
Where the hands of God cannot  
mould you.

*The will of God will never take  
you*

Where the love of God cannot  
enfold you,  
Where the mercies of God  
cannot sustain you,  
Where the peace of God cannot  
calm your fears,  
Where the authority of God  
cannot over-rule for you.

*The will of God will never take  
you*

Where the comfort of God  
cannot dry your tears,  
Where the Word of God cannot  
feed you,  
Where the miracles of God  
cannot be done for you,  
Where the omnipresence of God  
cannot find you.

Everything happens for a purpose.

We may not see the wisdom of it all now, but trust and believe in the Lord that everything is for the best.

– Author Unknown

Yes indeed "everything happens for a purpose and we may not see the wisdom of it all now, but trust and believe in the Lord that everything is for the best."

This, I believe, is one of the reasons why, in 2 Peter 1-3, Peter declares that "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him." We are just a piece of clay (earth) in which God has placed such treasure and "we are pressed on every side but not crushed, perplexed but not in despair, persecuted but not abandoned, struck down but not destroyed" (2 Corinthians 4:8,9). "Therefore we do not lose heart, though outwardly we are wasting away yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day for our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all" (2 Corinthians 4:16,17). So, brothers and sisters, boys and girls, "we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For the what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal" (2 Corinthians 4:18).

## Christmas Greetings



It is Christmas time once again and in Jamaica we are feeling the "Christmas breeze."

All of us in the Team Work family here in Montego Bay, Jamaica extend to you our friends and brethren in the Lord warm greetings through Jesus who came that we may experience his peace and have abundant life.



## Projects

This newsletter will feature just two of the projects in which we are involved at this time, viz. the school and transportation.

Monthly updates will thereafter take advantage of easier and cheaper access through e-mail and the World Wide

Web. Many of our faithful supporters who maintain keen interest in the work do not have this facility and so regular mail will also be sent, though not as frequently.

### Project 1: SCHOOL

Interesting highlights since our last newsletter:

#### **Graduation & Prize-giving**

- at the end of High School (28);
- to High School (9); and
- to the Preparatory level (5).

A wide array of gifts and awards were presented thanks to the generosity of our friends and supporters.

#### **Promotion**

In addition to the Opening and Dedication Ceremony shown on local cable TV, another cable channel has been helping to inform the local community about Team Work School.

A new brochure has been prepared as a result of an offer made by trustee Peter Butt.

#### **Current Enrolment**

There are now 55 students in High School, 60 in Prep., and 32 in Nursery & Kindergarten, a total of 147 students.

A Special Education Department has been started with 20 students in anticipation of the return of Miss Rockell King from Canada to work for 6 months to establish the department.

#### **Enrolment for 2002/2003**

Team Work's focus to educate and

train Christian leaders will receive a new thrust with the provision of scholarships for places at Grades 7 and 9. It is hoped that these scholarships will be financed by special fund-raisers locally and in the U.S.A. and through funds provided by the World Bank specifically for the purpose. (Negotiations are currently ongoing.)

The projection is that enrolment in September should be in the region of 235, which will make the operations viable. Within two years afterwards the target of 400 students should be achieved.

#### **Playfield & Sports**

Fund-raising events continue for a full-size football field and 400 metres athletics track to further enhance the development of sports in the school curriculum.

Our girls football team are now semi-finalists in the Prep. School competition.

#### **Technology in Education**

Mr. and Mrs. Drum, who visited recently with the Mission Discovery work-team from the U.S.A., will be returning for about 4 weeks as of April to work with our teachers in the use of I.C.T. in teaching, and to assist with other areas of the ministry.

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### Project 2: TRANSPORTATION

The ministry of Team Work has been severely hampered by inadequate transportation.

We need two 15-seater Toyota buses which cost approximately J\$1.8m or US\$40,00 each with duty.



A 7-seater vehicle, now in Minnesota, U.S.A. is available for donation to the Ministry.



This would be a tremendous asset to the Ministry but the cost of transportation and duty is prohibitive.

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Please pray for them.

We still envision the establishment of an I.T. Centre and there are exciting possibilities for involvement with "Future Kids."

#### **Opportunities for Involvement**

*Prayer:* For all areas mentioned and for our staff and students and concerning the establishment of a boarding facility.

*Practical help:* Work teams or individuals to lend expertise in practical areas.

*Finance:* Giving to assist in the current shortfall in staff salaries for the remainder of the school year

(J\$340,000 or US\$7,400 monthly).

Also, to provide scholarships of J\$45,000 (approx. US\$1,000) annually per student in the High School.

## **Upcoming Event**

### **Western Jamaica Christian Teaching Conference 2002**

*February 13 – 17*

#### **Speakers:**

Myles Munroe, *International Third World Leaders' Association*

Jerome Edmondson, *Christian Business Leaders International*

Peter Butt, *Cornerstone Ministries*

Peter Morgan, *Caribbean Christ for the Nations*

#### **Special Features:**

Thursday: Pastors' Luncheon

Friday: Trustee Meeting  
Fund-raising Banquet

Please be in prayer for our conference and join us for the occasion.

## **Congratulations**

Hearty congratulations to:

**Owen and Mitzie Harris**

who were married on July 28, and

**Gordon Wales and Julian Mannings**

who will be married on December 15.

## **Guest Facilities**

Casa Torada, former residence of the Oban family, is now a home away from home for individuals and groups.

For bookings contact:

Yvonne Bailey at the Centre 953-3123 or

Mitzie Harris at Casa Torada 953-3485

## **Thanks**

Our special thanks to all of you who supported in so many ways – prayer, finances, building programme, provision of musical instruments, friendship and fellowship.

## **God bless you all**

Have a Happy Christmas and all God's best for the New Year.

Menzie Oban & Team