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CHAIRMAN'S GREETING

Dear Friends & Associates:

Greetings once again from your co-labourers in the team here in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

We report that indeed our God reigns in the affairs of his people and we understand Philippians 1:6 a little more, and remain confident that He who has begun a good work in us will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. The challenges have been great, but we rejoice in the fact that we are able to use what is in our hands according to the example from the Word of God in Exodus 4:2. Like Moses, we are often hesitant and make excuses concerning our ability to accomplish the task we are set. When God became stern with Moses and asked "What is that in your hand?" he realized that he already had in hand what he was to use to declare before principalities and powers that Jehovah God is indeed the true and only God who delivers from bondage.

As we here at Team Work endeavor to use what we have so that the power of our God can be made manifest in and amongst His people, we encourage you to do the same, especially on behalf of our children and youth, many of whom are desperately in need of God's help and deliverance.

TEAM MEMBERS & SHORT-TERM MISSIONARIES

We acknowledge with gratitude the many groups and individuals we have had so far this year.

They too have used what is in their hands to encourage us, enhance our efforts and make new inroads, not only in the different aspects of the ministry of Team Work, but in our nation Jamaica.

January - April Rockell King & Debra Fraser, short term missionaries from Canada. Rockell worked in the Special Education department at school & Debra worked with the church office.

January 11-12 Dr. Richard Montgomery from Reynolda Presbyterian Church, North Carolina came with a reduced team and for a shorter period this time, but was able to see to the medical needs of some of our children.

January 19-29 Rev. Alan & Wanda Skroch blessed us with the ministry of the Word, as well as with equipment and supplies for the school, church and Centre kitchen.

February 2 Ann Davies, a regular visitor to Montego Bay and to Team Work, came again this year bringing much needed school supplies. Thanks to you Ann and to your family and colleagues.

February 13-15 Project Increase ministered to several individuals and institutions in Jamaica and the team led by Ernie and Mardel Goldenman helped to paint and do general cleaning during their visit.

March 17-24 Jim and Marion Harris came with a team of 24 others from Prince Edward Island, Canada. No member of the team had ever been to Jamaica before, but were introduced to

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the ministry of Team Work by John Todd, the only person known to have travelled to every country in the world. The team left behind a legacy of excellence, both in spiritual and material things. The testimony of the youth in the team was a special inspiration to many.

March 22-29 The Master's Men are no strangers to Jamaica. Groups have been coming to us since 1978 under the leadership of the late Jack Hamilton. Fifteen men came with tools, expertise and zeal to work on the staff house. They demonstrated the meaning and value of Team Work, and were truly witnesses for the Lord to those who passed by and watched them doing a good work with the joy of the Lord on their faces.

April 5-20 Beth Woodgate came again this year, but this time with a group of students from the St. John's Theological College in Nottingham England. They ministered in our children's camp and in sessions with our youth and women, took services in several Anglican churches and shared in schools and children's homes.

Please make contact with us if you would like to come with a team to work on the various ongoing projects of the ministry and the outreach ministry of the church.

TEAM WORK TRUST

In our last newsletter, we mentioned the launching of our Trust Fund. Trustees have decided that funds will be used essentially to provide scholarships for needy students with good potential for leadership and academic excellence. Contributions are to be made payable to Team Work Trust, and may be sent by mail to P.O. Box 131, Montego Bay, or deposited to Scotia Bank Account # 2948-10 for Jamaican funds or Account # 102175513 for U.S. funds. Persons who lodge directly to the bank accounts are asked to inform us for acknowledgement.

Credit card tax-deductible donations may also be made through Project Increase at !! HYPERLINK "<http://www.givetocharity.com>" ¶www.givetocharity.com†

TEAM WORK SCHOOL

We are very encouraged by the event of the opening and dedication of the school buildings, organized by the School Board and staff. The school received much needed publicity in a very positive way, and we look forward to being able to cater for more of the nations children during the next school year.

We ask for special prayer as we prepare proposals for the setting up of an Information Technology Centre as a community project and a Special Education Unit to be better able to cater for children with special needs. Any contribution you our readers may be able to make with ideas, expertise, hardware, finances or in any other way, will be gratefully received.

Our staff needs for next year include teachers for the Kindergarten and Prep, Physics, Chemistry, Art and Physical Education, Guidance & Counseling and Special Education.

The completion and fencing of our football field and track remains an urgent need.

TEAM WORK CHURCH

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We promised you a special update in this issue of our newsletter, and Rev. Ikiebe Sedi writes as follows:

Team Work Church is a missions church and a house of prayer for the nations. It embraces the vision for Team Work Associates and the focus on children and youth. A recently held 10 week period of training for children worker from Team Work and other churches culminated with graduation on June 2. In addition to Sunday morning the ministry of praise and worship finds expression in Hearts of Worship a time of praise, worship and ministry held every 3rd Saturday from 6 9p.m.

Other events:

Sunday 10a.m. Discipleship Training

Sunday 11a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday 9 noon; 7p.m. Prayer & Fasting

Thursday 7p.m. Mens, Womens, House group & congregational meetings

Friday 7p.m. Youth & childrens ministry.

A special fast and prayer time to Watch and Pray has been called for Friday June 15 to Sunday June 17.

For the past six months the focus has been on changed needs with discipleship training and teaching on the Beatitudes. There is also special emphasis on the training and positioning of leaders.

During the next year the focus will be on the setting up of the cell group structure and the mapping out of the locality for the launch of an evangelical outreach program.

Continue to pray with us for the building of Gods church against which the gates of hell cannot prevail. Please remember the following needs specifically.

Church secretary

Keyboard player

Bus (youth work severely hampered by lack of transportation)

Additional facilities for childrens church and hospitality.

TEAM WORK CENTRE

Seasons of Change Yvonne Bailey

What season are you in?

I dare to ask this as I look at the many changes taking place around me. Over the past few months as I observe the changes taking place in my own life and in the life of the ministry I realise

that everything is truly for a season.

Several members of our staff have moved on and as I reflect on their leaving I realise that they came, they served and hopefully have learned the lessons they came to learn.

There leaving was a sad moment for us but upon reflection I realise that God used the opportunity to right size us and prevent us from having to carry out an otherwise painful exercise.

If we are not vigilant we will miss the lesson. Change is a good thing it prevents stagnation and complacency. So let us not be anxious about the changes

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going on in and around us but trust that he who began a good work will bring it to completion

WESTERN JAMAICA CHRISTIAN TEACHING CONFERENCE 2001

We praise God that we can report another successful staging of WJCTC. Cleveland Parker and the planning team express thanks to all those who helped in many ways, so that the mandate to teach the Word of God from this location could be realized through adult, youth and childrens conferences, running concurrently.

The theme this year was Let Truth and Righteousness Prevail and for the youth Jus Truth Fi Di Youth.

Speakers for the adult conference reminded, encouraged and challenged participants as follows:

Peter Butt

1 Cor. 6:9 The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Isaiah 54:2 Stakes must be deeper before tents are enlarged.

Matthew 17:4-6 We need a greater intensity of the holiness of God to experience the move of God that some now witness.

Sam Vassel

John 8:31 & 32 If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.

John 16:13 When he the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.

1 Cor. 2:12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given to us.

Myles Munroe

Truth is original information, the word of the Creator, the restoration of principles by which something is to function.

John 8:44 The devil was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his nature language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 17:17 Jesus prayed, Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Ps. 119:1 & 2 Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.

Eph. 3:20 Nothing in the world is as important as the glory of God.

Righteousness is right positioning. Man is to function in Eden, in the presence of God.

Prov. 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

Noel Woodroffe

1 Cor. 10 Examples to teach us what we should not do.

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Numbers 11 Get rid of mixed multitude all those elements that have no relationship with the purposes of God

Numbers 33:16-49 We should never camp, but always follow God to be established in current truth.

We look forward to WJCTC 2002, and ask for your prayerful support as the planning begins.

MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

Donations of materials and supplies are already being secured in various points in the U.S. During July, I expect to travel to New Jersey for the packing of a container there for shipment to Florida for final loading. Those with items to donate may contact: Chuck Smith at Collingswood United Methodist Church at !! HYPERLINK "mailto:Njsmiths@aol.com" ¶Njsmiths@aol.com^l, Skip Fuller at 856-858-2159 or Monica Oban at !! HYPERLINK "mailto:aihtna@aol.com" ¶aihtna@aol.com^l or 954-748-2133

Please pray for help with the physical task and also for support during this time.

BUS

The ministry is desperately in need of a bus for the various areas of ministry. The youth have already started to collect funds and after a long wait to get the old Ford Econoline back on the road, it seems that the best option, now that it has a new engine is to sell as is, and put the proceeds towards the purchase of a Toyota 15-seater, which now sells for JA\$1,769,231.00.

Please be in prayer with us concerning this.

In closing, and specially on behalf of Team Work Trust, I wish to convey special thanks to our dedicated and hard-working staff and all the other members of the Team who make your input in Kingdom building through the ministry of Team Work.

Do visit our website !! HYPERLINK "http://www.teamworkassociates.org" ¶www.teamworkassociates.org^l and pray with us as we seek to touch the entire earth with the simple message of hope through love as demonstrated by Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

May God bless you richly and cause you to know His abiding presence and peace in these troubled times, as we work together till He comes.

Sincerely,

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CHAIRMAN