

TEAM WORK ASSOCIATES CHRISTIAN CENTER AND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2005

Dear Friends & Brethren

We are still in the midst of the hurricane season and our sympathies go out to our brethren in the US who have suffered from the effects of Katrina, Ophelia and Rita. We here in Jamaica thank God for His comfort, provision and help in the storms we have faced and pray that you too will experience His hand of mercy and grace in time of need. The God of grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To Him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

(1 Peter 5:10-11)

This is a brief update to thank you for your prayers and support in many ways and to keep you abreast of what is taking place in the ministry of Teamwork. Changes are taking place on every hand and keeping abreast is a great challenge but we are assured that our God is able and his grace is sufficient.

TEAMWORK USA

Our brother Chuck Smith is no longer resident in New Jersey but will continue to send out newsletters from his base in Washington. Pray especially for those who carry on the ministry of support from New Jersey and for the team led by Barbara Chew that will be visiting us early next year.

TEAMWORK CHURCH

It has finally been agreed that Cleveland Parker will take over some of the pastoral responsibilities for Teamwork Church. Initially he will serve as Assistant Pastor and has already been functioning in that capacity but the official inauguration service is to take place on October 30, 2005. All those who are able to come are invited to join us. We ask for your special prayers for Cleveland and his family and for the entire church family as we embark on a season of consolidation and growth.

TEAMWORK SCHOOL

This school year started with an excellent staff training seminar and a full complement of teachers for which we thank God and thank you for your prayers in this regard. We are still in need of a school nurse and someone to assist in the special education department. Current enrollment has risen to 262 but we are still short of our target of 350. The Ministry of Education sent another 23 students on the ROSE II programme but 14 of the previous group have dropped out largely because of lack of financial help.

Sadly, some other students have not been able to return because their parents are not able to afford the fees .

Please let us know if you or any persons or organizations you know are able to help with sponsorship of needy students or help with our student welfare fund.

Our income generating projects in Agricultural Science and Food Preparation have now been established and we express very special thanks to Fellowship of Companies for Christ International (FCCI) for assistance with funds to restart our chicken project after Hurricane Ivan.

Our school represents a real mission field and we are grateful for the privileged we have of seeing transformation take place before our very eyes. Thank you again for your support and prayers. Continue to pray for us.

Sincerely,

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In January, 2006 a group from several churches in New Jersey will go to Jamaica. Below is a letter from Barbara Chew, one of the trip's leaders.

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”” Isaiah 6:8

Dear Friends,

Once again we are embarking on an awesome venture for the Lord. January 12th through the 19th of 2006 will see our group on the shores of Jamaica. Last year's team remembers especially the orphanage for brain damaged children tucked way up in the mountains. There were very few dry eyes after holding and feeding many of those children. Our agenda again includes this orphanage as well as some others on the island.

This trip will also involve construction and maintenance work done for Teamwork Associates Christian Centre where we will be residing. Our team will buy materials to fill some of those needs, and help with the work.

We will also have an opportunity to witness to the people in the city streets of Montego Bay. Our team will include a balloon ministry which draws the people. Last year the Gospel was shared with many who were attracted by the balloons.

You may be asking how can I help? The cost for each team member is \$1000. This amount covers all the trip's expenses and provides funds for the various projects and ministries the team will do in Jamaica. Will you prayerfully consider assisting with these expenses? Once every team member's \$1,000 is covered, all "excess" funds will be added to the ministries and projects funds. Your donation will allow us to go forward and say **“Here am I. Send me!”**

In His service,

Barbara Chew

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We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. **“...how you measure it to others, it shall be measured to you.”** Luke 6:38