

A Nichols Worth

Ministry News From Jamaica, West Indies



Steve, Kevin & Harold with Ms Porter

Friends of Teams respond to Hurricane Dean

First and foremost, a special thank you to all who assisted with prayer and financial help towards those affected by Hurricane Dean. When we made the needs known after the hurricane, we felt like the Apostle Paul when he wrote to the church in Philippi, *It is not that I am looking for a gift. No, I am looking for the profit that accumulates to your account.* (Philippians 4:17) We are confident the Lord will add to your account as you have blessed many. Jamaica's north coast was basically spared from the brunt of Dean. Once again, the Lord radically changed the direction of a hurricane at the last possible second to avoid a devastating blow to the island.

Our area did receive some damage, as mentioned in our last newsletter. Ms Louise Porter's home was crushed by a falling tree. Steve Gillespie, a TEAMS' board member, flew down for a week to help us build a new home for Louise, also known as Ms Momma. He and Harold, along with our dear friend, Kevin Burrell from St Mary, quickly responded to her prayer for shelter. We built a small addition onto her brother's home for her. Ms Porter was quite thankful that her help came from the Lord via TEAMS for Medical Missions. Besides her home, we replaced the roof on the Mavis family home and repaired the roof on a local church with whom we work. To God be the Glory, great things He hath done!



I Think Ms Porter is Grateful

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

As we get ready to battle the heat and decorate the tree and house for Christmas, we want to pass along our Christmas wishes to each of you. It does seem strange to battle the heat as we prepare for the holiday season. We know that not too many of you reading our letter will have this same trouble.

We are so thankful for each of you. It is this special time of year when we realize the importance of the birth of our Savior. As the years pass we seem to be more restricted in saying that it is the birth of the most important Person who ever came to this earth, Jesus Christ. Even if the world doesn't wish to recognize Him, the calendar does (BC - AD). At the beginning of his gospel, Luke tells us that he "carefully investigated" all of the facts from those who were eye-witnesses and wrote them down for most excellent Theophilus. The literal import of the word Theophilus is "friend of God." So Luke has written this story to you, friend of God. We read of the birth of Jesus in Luke 2 and give thanks for what that has meant to the world. One of the greatest things about His birth is that we will spend eternity with Him and with all who simply believe that He was born to die for us. That is the best gift that we will ever receive. Wherever you may be over the holiday season, we trust that the story of His birth, as read in Luke 2, will bring you Joy! We are grateful to God for what each of you mean to our ministry and our lives.

November J-Team

Our last team came the week of November 3rd – 11th. They treated 700 patients and dispersed 1,600 prescriptions. The teaching team shared the gospel with over 2,000 students at eight schools. On Wednesday evening, the team taught at our weekly Bible club. The builders constructed a nice little home for Avery Gordon. We particularly enjoyed building this house as Avery has been on staff for each J-team that has come. During the dedication service, I realized that Avery had never been with us for a house dedication. On that particular Friday she was able to be part of our praise and prayer service and then received the key to her new home. Pray for Avery as she has not yet given her life to the Lord. She has started attending church and we continue to encourage her to trust in the Lord. We pray that she will realize that this gift of a temporary home can easily be replaced with the permanent home we have in Christ.



Avery is 3rd from left; her boys are in front

The New Pavilion has been converted to Santa's Workshop!

Bible club has been quite sporadic lately due to the number of rainy Wednesdays here in Stewart Town. The children don't get discouraged, though, and even if the weather looks questionable, they come out in full force. Teri is telling the Christmas story in sections so that the children can better understand the full story of Jesus' birth. We had 65 children the first Wednesday of December and the pavilion was turned into Santa's workshop. The children all made ornaments for their homes as many probably won't have a tree. The younger ones colored and made pictures to hang in their homes. We are so thankful for the people who support our Bible Club as we will be able to give presents for each child this year. We didn't visualize our children's ministry playing such a major role for us, but it certainly has blossomed into just that. Bible Club has introduced us to many parents in the community and we have seen spiritual growth in the children during these past three years. An added bonus is that whenever anything is going on in the neighborhood (including our dogs getting out) we hear about it through the children. We pray that these children will continue to grow in the Lord and influence those around them as they mature into the future of this country.



How Can You Pray?

With Thanksgiving

- ⇒ *Teams' Board Member, Arlie Campbell's, successful bout with cancer.*
- ⇒ *Joe "Beanie Man" Forrest continued good health, doing well with us, with a promising future*

By Petition

- ⇒ *The Lord will begin to reveal His plan for us regarding furlough this coming fall 2008*
- ⇒ *The General Fund at TEAMS for Medical Missions*
- ⇒ *For upcoming Teams to not only do a good work but to see eternal fruit in their labor*

In His Service,
Harold and Teri