



# A Nichols Worth

Ministry News From Jamaica, West Indies

## “We Give Thanks”

*This is my comfort in my affliction: Your promise has given me life – Psalm 119:50.*

*We Give Thanks* is one of the most popular expressions we have grown to appreciate about our dear Jamaican friends. It has been expressed in a deeper meaning after the brush with Hurricane Dean. Of the many people we visited who were affected by Hurricane Dean, they unanimously stated, “We give thanks, as it could have been much worse.” As we stood beside her crumpled board house, Ms Louise Porter pointed to the sky and said, “*Thank you, Lord.*” A tree had fallen on her home and instead of being bitter, she was thankful that the Lord spared her life, as she had not been in her home during the storm. As I talked with her, she was sitting under a tree next to her home taking her medication that she had received from our J-teams clinics. I was touched to see how she was taking her pills while describing what each one was for. We have been ministering to her by our medical team – now we will help her with our building team. What a joy to be a tool for the Lord!



Ms Porter's Beaten Home

Joey was repairing the weakened roof of his church and said he was *thankful* that the Lord protected his home from a tree that fell directly beside it. The Nugent family, in the community of Ecuador, *gave thanks* as their house stood. Ms Mavis was so *thankful* that none of the ten people living in her home were injured as the zinc roof peeled off her roof during the hurricane. At the TEAMS house, we *gave thanks* that we were spared any major damage. We only have to rebuild the shower behind the house. How *thankful* we were that on Friday evening the power came back on after only five days. Praise the Lord – our small generator kept the freezer and refrigerator powered during that time. We were very grateful as the evenings were dark and warm.

## Our August Team

Our August team arrived on the 4th and treated around 650 patients during their five days of clinic, while dispensing well over 1,000 prescriptions to the needy Jamaicans in our area.



Charmaine and Bianca with Ray Shive

The construction team built a new home for Charmaine Archibald and her daughters, Ioka and Bianca, who were living in a chicken coop. They also provided a two-burner cook stove and bunk beds. Pray for us as we continue to visit this family. Charmaine prays to the Lord, but does not consider herself a Christian. Her daughters attended our VBS and love to sing the songs they learned.



The Building Team with Friends

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## VBS Comes To TEAMS House



Dick & Janice/Frog & Butterfly

Our first VBS team arrived from Spruce Head, Maine on July 7th for a busy week of ministry to our Bible Club and others from the community. Our *new* pavilion became the craft station; our rocky back yard became the play field and teaching stations. Each day 90 kids came for Bible stories, games, songs, and crafts. Former J-Teamers, Dick and Janice Lowell, led this team of young adults.



Teri and Ramone



The VBS Team with Beanie

We scheduled VBS in the mornings for the children and a youth meeting each evening for our teens. One afternoon the team drove to Highgate and put on a program for the Swift-Purcell Boys Home. They also taught Sunday School in Ecuador.

Each day as we drove 25 children in the back of the truck from Ecuador to the TEAMS House, we had live music – the children sang all the way down the Mango Valley Road. After the team left, they continue to sing in Sunday School the songs they learned that week. It is so beautiful to hear!



Craft Time in the Pavilion

## In His Time

- ♥ I was wondering how to get the *cement foundation* ready for the August J-Team. Meanwhile, my friend, Ken, was frantically looking for a work project for his VBS team of 25 people from Texas. *Problem Solved!*
- ♥ *Mr Green* just moved into his new home built by the May J-Team. Mr Green watched his old home that was directly behind his new home blow away completely with the winds of Dean.
- ♥ The *Archibald family* moved from a chicken coop to their new home, just two weeks before Hurricane Dean.

## How Can You Help?

- ***Bible Club needs funds*** for lessons and craft materials, birthday and Christmas gifts, field trips, and suppers. If you would like to give to this, please send your donation to TEAMS indicating your interest in this project. You will receive a receipt for tax deductions.

## Thank you for Praying

Words cannot express the comfort we have knowing that many of you stand beside us in prayer. Please continue to pray for some dear friends of ours:

*Arlie Campbell* as he battles cancer, and

*Amanda Rice* as she continues to miraculously recover from a serious brain injury after a car accident

God has once again shifted a serious storm at the last minute to spare our area of Jamaica. No matter what storms we face in life, God has a plan and a purpose for us. We can trust Him to keep us in times of trial. May God continue to bless you until we are privileged to report again of His good doings in Jamaica.

*In His Service,*

*Harold and Teri*