



# A Nichols Worth

## Ministry News from Jamaica, West Indies

### Summer 2007

### “Our God is SO BIG”

Teri has been teaching her Bible class a children’s song: “Our God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there’s nothing my God cannot do.” We can all appreciate the words of that song, but it became very clear to us once in the last few months that there is nothing our God cannot do. As many of you know, we have had a few health problems recently. In early May I woke up at 3 am to what felt like a severe chest cold. It puzzled me because I had felt fine when I went to bed. What I quickly learned, after I began itching uncontrollably from the waist down, was that I was having an allergic reaction. I have allergies to bee stings and now I can include centipedes. I was having trouble breathing and I was itching all the way down to the bottom of my feet. As I was marching around the bedroom to ease the itching on the bottom of my feet, Teri quickly made a few phone calls but could not reach anyone. I took an injection from an epi pen and Teri put me in the tub with some anti itch lotion. As I was sitting in the tub I immediately sensed that Teri was praying for me. Teri said that after making numerous calls with no success, she realized, “Lord, you are enough,” and began praying. It was at that point, I felt relief. Within moments our dear friend, Dr. Gene Miller, who is also chairman of the TEAMS board, called us and walked us through what to take for my breathing. (Praise God we are a medical mission and keep some medicines on location). Once again we can testify that, “My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there’s nothing my God cannot do!”



The Skidz team teaching the children how to sing our God is so BIG!!

### A Job Well Done!

I am often humbled when I visit people in our community who live in conditions that would bring most to tears. Quite often I discover these conditions because of a concerned neighbor who is living in quite poor conditions himself, but is being a good neighbor. I learned about Mr. Green from a concerned neighbor in a community where we work. This man had lived under the care of a pastor and his wife for over 30 years, but when the pastor died, his wife moved to the US. For several years, Mr. Green was living behind the church property in a deteriorating tin shanty.



Mr. Green in his former home

The church was unable to help him with a new home but he was allowed to live out his life on the church property. It is such a blessing to know that often, when I discover people living in these conditions, J-Team help is on the way. Our May team arrived and after 3 1/2 days Mr. Green had a new home. Praise be to God! (All those reading from Randolph, NY will enjoy the color scheme of the house. Go Cards!!)



The May J-team builders pose with Mr. Green in front of his new home.

## We've Moved!

Well, kind of. The Bible Club has grown out of our downstairs living room. The May J-Team helped construct a pavilion behind TEAMS House that will now be the venue for weekly Bible Club where Teri continues to share and teach using the Betty Lukens' flannelgraph series. She started in Genesis and has the children's attention each week as they learn of God and His great works. We are holding steady now at nearly 50 children each week.

It is truly a ministry that is appreciated by the children and parents of the neighborhood. We were encouraged last week at our Friday youth group. One of the young boys said that his mother made him come. It was a testimony of a mother wanting her child to be exposed to the goodness of our Savior. Each week Teri spends many hours preparing for these children. We pray that God will make this investment in these children multiply ten-fold as they grow into young adults.

About 95% of these children come from single mother homes. The pavilion will be a huge blessing as things had become very tight when we had 45-50 children packed in the downstairs living room. A special thank you to all who have made this possible.



## "Beanie Man"

Thirteen-year-old Joe "Beanie Man" Forrest came to our gate shortly after we moved here. He has continued to be a part of our lives and many J-Teamers have grown to know and love Joe.

Sadly, Joe has been diagnosed with HIV. He is one of five children of a mother who also has HIV. Unfortunately, she continues to have children she is unable to care for. Joe came to our gate one morning very sick and we took him to the local hospital where we met a very nice doctor who knew of his mother. He was hesitant to begin any HIV medication as he knew Joe's mother would not follow through. With Joe's mother in agreement, he moved in with us nearly three months ago and began his medication.

Joe's mother prayed the sinner's prayer with Teri and we continue to lift her up. Joe has responded to medication and the doctor says that he is doing well. Pray for Joe's physical needs but also his spiritual growth. He knows the Lord and any J-Teamer will tell you that his smile removes any doubt that he suffers from anything but a happy heart.



"The first step in the acquisition of wisdom is silence, the second listening, the third memory, the fourth practice, the fifth teaching others."

**Solomon Ibn Gabriol**

## How Can You Pray?

- **With Thanksgiving** – 25 attended our first pastors conference in February.
- **With Thanksgiving** – J-Teams have seen over 1400 patients so far this year while filling over 3200 prescriptions free to the needy people of St Mary. They have built two homes, an addition to a school, and numerous relief projects for the needy.
- **With Anticipation** – Our first VBS team will be here July 7-15 for continued outreach in our neighborhood.

Love,

*Harold and Teri*

