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I think almost everyone knows Acts 20:35 which states, "...it is more blessed to **give** than to **receive**." Well, since God says it in His Word, it must be true; but, did you ever think that if that is true, there must always be a **receiver**.

This fact really hit me when I found myself on the "receiving end" after having double knee replacement surgery this past May. Living alone and recuperating from double knee surgery presents a problem for the one who is temporarily "incapacitated". I needed help! So many of us love to give – it makes us feel good; we're "more blessed" because we're giving – that's what Acts 20:35 says – right? Sometimes it's so hard to receive. We're proud of our independence; we don't want to feel that we're taking advantage of someone; we don't want to be considered a "charity case"; it's embarrassing to ask for help – it's just not "cool". But – **what if we want to give but there is no one willing to receive?** Did you ever consider, that if we don't allow ourselves to "receive", how can others receive the blessing of using the "gift of giving" that God desires of us to use for His Glory.

Yes, I felt unworthy of being on the "other side", as a "receiver", but when I realized that my friends and my church family were also receiving – they were receiving the blessing of God because of their sacrificial giving and obedience to God – it humbled me to know that God was using both of us for *He was supplying my every need according to His riches.* (Philippians 4:19) **Receiver or Giver – both receive God's blessing.**

Needed: Staff Quarters

Imagine yourself in a bedroom with two single beds, two small chest of drawers; no tables, no chairs, no closet and you share the bathroom and shower with all the deaf and handicapped girls in the school. The room is located in the hallway just outside the student dormitory for the deaf children with whom you teach, play, discipline and live with 24 hours a day – 5 days a week.

This is a scenario which I would find claustrophobic and stressful – wouldn't you? This is the actual environment in which the teachers live during the entire school year at Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf. That is why a Short-Term Mission Team from Allentown has suggested a five-year plan for building Staff Quarter Units on the hill above the school campus – a place where the teachers who live on campus would find privacy, a place to plan, have their own bathroom facility and a place they could call their own along with a beautiful view.

Another church has caught the vision for the need of better facilities for the staff and has offered a \$4,000 Matching Gift Offer to encourage others to "catch the vision" for this great need.



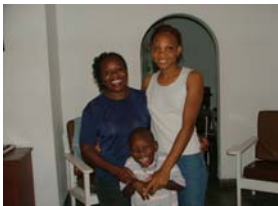
We hope that you “catch the vision” to help this plan to become a reality in order to provide a healthy environment for the staff of JCSD. This would be a great encouragement to the staff; to provide them with a private, quiet place in which to plan their daily lessons, and find rest from the stresses of the school day.

Write check payable to “AMD” and designate it to STQR-MG on the memo line and mail. Thank you!

Help us complete the Staff Quarters

Card Shower for Marcia Reid

Soon, hopefully, early August, Obrien Brown “OB” will officially be Marcia Reid’s son. We are not sure exactly what date that will happen but we thought it would be nice to prepare by having a “new baby” card shower for her. Even though “OB” is 7 years old, he is Marcia’s “baby”. These cards would be a wonderful encouragement to them. Just mail them to AMD, “OB”, P O Box 3090, Allentown, PA 18106. AMD will mail them to Jamaica when we officially hear that the adoption proceedings have been finalized. What a day that will be at Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf! I think we’ll hear screams of JOY all the way here in the US.



Picture of Marcia Reid, “OB” and former teacher, Oreta Jarrett.

Silent Auction goes on E-Bay

AMD and Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf want to thank all who participated in our first Silent Auction. With a total income of

\$3,400 AMD will be able to use a portion of that to purchase a DVD Projector and JCSD will have funds to use for several projects on campus such as a much needed renovation of the Pre-School Classroom and the continuation of placing a security fence around the perimeter of the school property. Thank you for your wonderful support and participation!

Coming soon, you will have an opportunity to obtain items on our E-Bay Silent Auction for the benefit of Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf. Check E-Bay in the month of August for items under the title of “Jamaica Deaf School”. Items will include quality framed pictures for your house, beanie babies, several wooden products and a reverse osmosis home water purification system. For more information, e-mail AMD at info@amdjmd.org

AMD Annual Fall Retreat

It’s time, once again, for AMD’s Fall Deaf Retreat at Blue Mountain Christian Retreat Center in New Ringgold, PA, October 19-21. What a beautiful setting God has given us to “get away from the world” for a weekend and just “enjoy Him.” Registration per person will be \$25 due by September 15; the remaining cost of \$70 may be paid at the Retreat.



Our Theme: “*Spiritual Growth – A Shield from False Doctrine*”; *Stop, Look, Listen/Truth vs. Lies* Special Guests: Tom and Marilyn Zapach,

Jay Hess, ex-Jehovah’s Witnesses, plus our own Martin Lewis. Hope to see you October 19–21; we had a total of 37 last year – can we beat that? You’ll love it!



News from JCSD

3 STUDENTS GRADUATE



Anthony Haughton, a wonderful young man, not only needs a job but also needs a “family”. He has been living in a government-run Children’s Home all his life and now must leave because he is 18 and has graduated from school. As of now, Anthony has no place to live. The school has tried to find a family to accept him into their household but has not found anyone. Please pray earnestly for Anthony and his future.

Keveno Kerr, a hearing young man with a learning disability and speech delay. He is a gentle young man and ready and willing to work hard. He has a family who is supportive but needs to feel a degree of independence and is of value to society. Please pray for Keveno.



Shannetta Daley is not only deaf but is also legally blind. She is small for her age but

her heart and smile are larger than life. She is an encourager; always upbeat; never lets her disabilities get her down and gives 110% in everything she tries. She *never* gives up. Pray that the Lord will provide something very special for Shannetta that will give her a feeling of worth and accomplishment.

STAFF ILLNESS AND LOSS



Teacher, Christene Pinnock, a Level 3 teacher at JCSD has

been recently diagnosed with a brain tumor which is resting on her optic nerve causing her to become legally blind. The most recent news regarding Christene is that the doctors have been able to shrink the tumor to the point that some of her sight has returned. She is home and is able to walk but will be unable to return to JCSD this coming school year. Christene needs your prayer.

Oreta Jarrett, a former teacher at JCSD (pictured with Marcia Reid and “OB” on page 2) left her school position to further her education, was married and moved to Kingston. Oreta was pregnant for several months and has recently lost that baby. We grieve with her and her husband for this great loss and ask that you pray for comfort and healing from the God of all comfort.

NEW DEAF CHILDREN ENROLL AT JCSD



Miguel Pyke (11) came to JCSD in April. He does not know how to spell his name or even how to write. He did

attend a school before he came to JCSD but has not gone to school for

several years before he came to JCSD.

He does have some behavioral problems but the staff is working with him to improve this problem. His attention span is limited. He was born with a hole in his heart and has had heart surgery at 9 months old to correct the problem. He lives with his grandmother; has three brothers and four sisters. His birthday is December 5, 1995.

Kevin Campbell (no picture available until September) has enrolled at JCSD for the coming school year. Kevin is 8 years of age; his birthday is August 2. He lives with his mother. More information will be available concerning Kevin when he arrives for his first day of school in September.

Both these students need sponsors who will support them through finances, prayer and encouraging cards and letters.

TWO STUDENTS LEAVE JCSD

Andre Witter and JaJa Edwards have left JCSD as of this past school year. Andre will be attending a school for the deaf closer to his home; JaJa has been a very sick little boy with an increase in seizures and severe retardation. The administration felt that JaJa needed more help than the school was qualified or able to give. The parents and staff cried together as they made the decision to seek for further help for JaJa. Please pray for these two boys as they each start a new chapter in their life and will experience a change in their environment with new challenges.

You can pray that the teachers and students mentioned above will receive the promise of God as truth for their lives as stated in Jeremiah 29:11.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Christmas Ideas

Why not teach your children, your Sunday School class, your youth group, your church or organization the **JOY OF GIVING**.

Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf has many needs. . .

Why not follow the example of a church in South Toms River, NJ? **Grace Gospel Church** decided to decorate a Christmas Tree with paper ornaments with a name of one gift or need listed on the back next to the student’s picture and name. They asked their members to donate the amount of money (up to no more than \$25 each) which would enable the school to purchase that item in Jamaica. This method eliminates the duty charges, the need to hand carrying items to Jamaica and provides help for the Jamaican economy as well as providing the students with things they need or just receive a nice gift item OR . . . raise funds to help with one of the following JCSD special needs

- ✚ a 15-passenger Van
- ✚ Staff Quarters completion
- ✚ daily school supplies
- ✚ Security fencing around school property
OR . . .
- ✚ sponsor one child at \$30 mo.
OR. . .
- ✚ bring a Short-Term Mission Team to Jamaica

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give. . . for God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9:7

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