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“Fear Not, for I am with you...” Isa. 41.10

Have you been fearful lately?

There are many things in this uncertain world that may cause us to fear. But notice what God says: “Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Josh.1.9

Do you fear concerning the economic turmoil presently seen in this world? “The king’s heart is like a stream of water directed by the Lord; He turns it wherever He pleases.” Prov. 21.1

Do you fear the insecurity you feel due to financial loss? “Trust in your money and down you go! But the godly flourish like leaves in spring.” Prov. 11.28

God wants us to be free of fear. “I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me, freeing me from all my fears.” Psa. 34:4; “The righteous face many troubles, but the Lord rescues them from each and every one.” Psa. 34.19

So then, why do we sometimes struggle with fear? “Fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Only fools despise wisdom and discipline.” Prov. 1.7; “Don’t be impressed with your own wisdom, instead, fear the Lord and turn your back on evil.

Then you will gain renewed health and vitality.” Prov. 3.7; “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will direct your paths.” Prov.3.5, 6”

God wants only for us to ‘fear Him’ but this ‘fear’ means to have reverence and awe of God. After all, Ephesians 2.4-6 expresses how much God loves us when He tells us “...God is so rich in mercy, and He loved us so very much, that even while we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead.” Even more exciting He says in verse 6 “...we are seated with Him in the heavenly realms—all because we are one with Christ Jesus.”

What a wonderful reminder after just celebrating Christ’s resurrection. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

God’s Word tells us that we can be sure of eternal life. “God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.” 1 Jn. 5.11,12

Do you know the risen Son of God and know you have eternal life? If not, decide to receive Christ now.

AMD Fall Deaf Retreat

We invite you to join us for the 2009 Fall Deaf Retreat Oct. 16-18. We will return to the beautiful setting of Twin Pines Camp, Stroudsburg, PA www.twinpines.org.

Our theme: “Hope in the Messiah”. Our speaker will be Pastor Martin Lewis. Complete and mail your registration form and fee no later than July 15.

Registration Form on page 3 and there is a link to it on the home page of our web site.

After receiving your registration and fee, additional information will be sent to you.

Pictured below is the 2008 group at Twin Pines Camp. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and growing in the Lord.





Bob and Denise Daldo

Introducing the Daldos

AMD is pleased to introduce **Bob and Denise Daldo**, the newest members on the AMD Board.

When Bob and Denise attended the AMD Annual Deaf Retreat October 2007 and met Pastor Lewis, they learned that he had heard Bob's name 20 years ago and had always wanted to meet him. Bob had always wanted to go on a mission trip to JCSD. So in a sense, within minutes, both Bob and Pastor Lewis found what they were looking for. Their hearts were immediately knit together.

Bob and Denise have been married for 30 years. Bob is deaf and Denise is hearing. Both work as Dormitory Counselors for the Scranton State School for the Deaf. Denise had worked for 12 years as an Educational Interpreter.

Jen, their daughter, has a Special Ed degree and is mother to 3 children. Their married son, Brent, works as a plant supervisor for Alcoa Aluminum plus attends school fulltime to earn a degree in International Business. He and wife Autumn have two children. She is a fulltime mother and Christian recording artist.

AMD praises God for bringing the Daldos to serve Him by joining the AMD Board. Their love for the deaf and enthusiasm to serve Him is so evident. They've already challenged the Board to reach out to the deaf in new and practical ways.

This first year as Board members, they visited both Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf in Montego Bay and the Deaf Bible Church in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica.

"If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord--and He will repay you!" Prov. 19:17

Missions Teams Visit JCSD

A visiting medical team provided health care for students, staff and many members of the community. They even distributed medication and gifts.

The work team from Faith Evangelical Free Church (Allentown, PA) built a cover for the water tank and resealed the classroom roof.

A team of university students with Mission Discovery recently worked on the Vocational Training Center. They put screening on windows, painted doors and painted some games on the walkways. They also held three Bible Club meetings for the children in the evening.

The school is grateful to God for the teams that show an interest in seeing these projects progress and desire to be a part of the school and its growth.

In June two groups will visit the campus. For their second year, a team from First Baptist Church (Allentown, PA) will share Bible stories and crafts with the children. They also will give devotionals in the public schools and help at Robin's Nest Orphanage. Another group will return to work on the Vocational Training Center.

Best Job in the World

Carlene Ulrich is one of many people who serve the Lord through AMD.

Carlene has many challenges in her life. She is unable to leave her house without help. She has a breathing disorder and lives in a daily battle with pain. Just now she is recovering from a broken femur bone in her leg due to a fall. Yet she keeps singing all day long, "We've got a great, big, wonderful God!"

Carlene is our Bible Correspondence Course Coordinator. She insists her job is the best job in the world.

Even though Carlene doesn't have much opportunity to use sign language, she finds her greatest joy in sharing God's word with the deaf through this correspondence ministry. She's convinced that all people need to put the Lord Jesus first in their lives – which means studying God's Word.

Even though Carlene has many challenges in her own life, she knows that what she is doing with BCC can and will change lives and bring them closer to God Who loves them and died for them.

Her "students" agree with her and have written telling her:

Alice: "I study the Bible every day and always learn something new. Thank you for "Life in Christ" lessons. I was so much enjoying them. Jesus is awesome."

Patricia: "I thank God every day, because God is so good to me. Jesus loves me so much also you all. I am forgiven sins every day and free, PTL. Jesus is a worthy and perfect priest."

Sara: "I thank God for you to help me understand these lessons more clearly."

Elroy: "The Bible lessons are very important and I have learned a lot from them."

Dennis: "I am still learning to listen. Pastor taught me and made me feel good. God is good to all people. We obey the God. I learned a lot with Bible lessons."

Judith: "We just wait for the coming of Jesus and don't fall into Satan's trap..."

It is Carlene's joy to help deaf people study God's Word and love the Lord Jesus.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, we will send you Bible Lessons FREE.

Write to AMD, c/o Carlene Ulrich, 2428 Grandview Ave., Mt. Penn, PA 19606

More information on the Bible Correspondence Courses can be found on the AMD web site at: www.AMDJMD.org/amd/ministries/courses.html

AMD ANNUAL FALL DEAF RETREAT

OCTOBER 16-18, 2009

THEME: HOPE IN THE MESSIAH

Please send
registration
ON TIME
Thank you!

Registration Form & Non refundable Registration Fee Mail by July 15

Register now to reserve your spot to join us at this beautiful setting in Stroudsburg, PA.

Cost for singles and couples attending the conference are provided on the Retreat Fee Chart. Place a check beside the option that best describes your stay at the retreat and circle either the single or couple dollar amount. The amount in the column **Registration Due Jul 15** is the **non-refundable payment** to be included when you mail this registration. The amount in the column **Remainder Due Sep 18** is your **final payment** for the retreat cost.

Questions? Contact Nancy. Fax: 610 395-8187

E-mail: nancy@amdjmd.org

More information will be provided to you on receipt of your registration and payment. **Make checks payable to AMD.**

Mail the completed registration form (below) and your nonrefundable fee for each person registering.

Mail by: July 15, 2009

To: AMD

P.O. Box 3090, Allentown, PA 18106



Twin Pines Retreat Center

3000 Twin Pine Rd. Stroudsburg, PA 18360

www.twinpines.org

*Mail Remainder
by September 18*

RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly

Title _____ **First Name** _____ **Last Name** _____

Spouse (if attending): **First Name** _____ **Lodging:** single male single female couple

Mailing address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

Phone /TTY/VP# _____ **E-mail Address:** _____

	Retreat Fee Chart	SINGLE			COUPLE		
		Individual TOTALS	Registration Due Jul 15	Remainder Due Sep 18	Couple TOTALS	Registration Due Jul 15	Remainder Due Sept 18
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fri/Sat overnight: 5 Meals: Sat -BLS Sun-BL	\$128	\$38	\$90	\$256	\$76	\$180
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sat overnight including Sun: 4 Meals: Sat-LS Sun -BL	\$99	\$30	\$69	\$198	\$60	\$138
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday only: 2 Meals: BL	\$39	\$15	\$24	\$78	\$30	\$48
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday only: 2 Meals: BL	\$39	\$15	\$24	\$78	\$30	\$48





O'Brian, Marcia and Matthew Reid

Pastor Delroy Campbell



Dian Thompson

"Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker, but those who help the poor honor Him." (NLT) Prov. 14:31

"Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as day." Isa. 58:10

JCSD Administrative News

It is with congratulations that we announce the appointment of **Miss Sophia (Marcia) Reid** as new School Administrator/Plant Manager of Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf.

The goal to upgrade JCSD's educational status with the government of Jamaica required an increased time commitment. It was therefore recommended that Miss Reid step into the school's role as Administrator. This allows for more effective focus on meeting government standards and regulations for the school's campus facilities, staff requirements, curriculum, fundraising efforts and student population.

This marks Miss Reid's 25th year of service with Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf. We praise God for her sacrificial love and care for the deaf children of Jamaica.

God has chosen to bless her with two deaf children of her own through adoption (O'Brian Brown Reid) and fostering (Matthew Grant). The adoption process has begun for Matthew.

Our thanks to **Pastor Delroy Campbell** for his faithful service as JCSD

Administrator the past eight years (2000 - 2008). He continues to serve as Board Chairman of Jamaica Ministries to the Deaf and his wife Jeannette also serves on the Board.

Pastor Delroy's contribution to the school is significant. He draws building plans, finds transportation for medical emergencies, sees to work team needs, organizes Jamaican churches to help with campus clean-up and small maintenance jobs.

His wife, Jeannette, is a Guidance Counselor in the Montego Bay Public School System retiring this year.

Congratulations are also extended to **Mrs. Dian Thompson** who was promoted to School Principal. She was previously Head of Academics serving on JCSD staff since 1997.

Mrs. Thompson holds a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Western Carolina University and has faithfully worked to increase the effectiveness of the academic curriculum of the school. Her husband, Richard Thompson, is a public school teacher. They have a son, J'den, and live on campus year round.

Two Projects Need Funding

New Bus & 2008 AMD Fundraisers

There is an increasing need for reliable and safe transportation for the children. Recently \$1,200 had to be spent to repair the current van.

At present, the cost of a new 15-passenger school bus including licensing, registration and insurance is estimated at \$42,000. Miss Reid is looking into all possibilities to lower this cost through working with local dealers.

AMD's 2008 fundraisers were for this need adding a total of almost \$11,000 toward the JCSC Bus Fund. The fundraisers were:

Yard Sale – August 2008

A total of \$3,800.93 plus a special donation of \$2,200 toward the bus

Silent Auction – November 2008

A total of \$7,013.69

The JCSD Bus Fund currently has \$34,000. An additional \$8,000 is needed.

We praise God for His faithfulness and gracious provision and for the generosity of so many people. Local businesses, churches, and many, many people who helped to make these two events successful.

We ask that you pray for this need. If God prompts you to give toward this project, write on the memo line - "bus fund".

Cover for Drainage Pit

Finances are needed for a cover for the draining pit that was dug for the Staff Apartment. A total of \$1,650 is needed for material and labor costs.

We are looking for 50 people to donate \$33.00 each to make this possible. Write in the memo line - "pit cover."

Checks should be made payable to "AMD" and send to:

AMD
P. O. Box 3090, Allentown, PA 18106.

Student Changes at JCSD

This year the following new students have come to JCSD. Please consider becoming a sponsor for these children.

Karla Cox will turn 3 in July. She is an only child and lives with both parents. Although she has been at JCSD for only one full term, she has shown great promise in what she has already learned. She has started to use signs. Karla is in our pre-school class and the youngest child at JCSD.

Jaleel Earle will be 4 in July. He is the youngest in his family with five brothers and four sisters. He had heart surgery as a young child. He has greater loss in his left ear but we'll know more after his hearing test. Jaleel currently lives with his father because his mother is presently overseas. He is in the pre-school class. He is a jovial, loving boy and will fit in well with the other students here at JCSD.

Sukanya Gordon is 4 years old. She is the youngest of four siblings, and lives with both parents. Sukanya's mother has very severe diabetes, is not doing well and is losing her sight. She tries her best to send Sukanya to school each week. Sukanya is doing well in our pre-school class. She is a helpful little girl.

Jahnel Headley is 4 years old and lives with her mother. Her father is involved in her life. She has four siblings. Jahnel was placed in our pre-school class and is adjusting well.

Courtney Remikie is 8 years old, the oldest child in his family. He, his mother and his two siblings live with extended family as his father is deceased. Courtney is a loving and smart child. He is doing well although he is a little shy, but he will communicate. Courtney is in the pre-primary class.

We were sad that three of our older students did not return this year: Andre Thompson, Kevin Wedgbury, Caswell Johnson. They will be great missed. Pray that the Lord will protect and guide the lives of each one.

Caswell's father did not allow him to return. He did not see the necessity of sending him to school and he refuses to transport him. This is so sad as even with brain damage, Caswell was learning socialization skills and some sign language words to enable him to communicate.



Karla, 2



Jaleel, 3



Sukanya, 4



Jahnel, 4



Courtney, 8

JCSD Partners and Student Sponsors

In 1999 AMD initiated a fund raising campaign for the operating expenses of JCSD through a student sponsorship program. People were asked to sponsor a child with a financial donation and correspond with that child. Over the past 10 years this sponsorship program has done much to provide financially for the school and provide messages to students that people care for them.

At this time we are making a change to this program.

Previously a Sponsor was a person who gave money and corresponded with the student. We would like to have several Sponsors for each student. The designation of Sponsor is now separate from a monetary commitment. This will also help clarify that money given does not go to the support of an individual student but rather benefits all the students. There will now be two ways to be involved.

A JCSD Partner is someone who gives money. A Student Sponsor is someone who communicates with and prays for a student.

JCSD (the school itself) needs financial support on a regular basis. We are trusting God for people, JCSD Partners, who will make a financial commitment to support the school consistently, preferably monthly.

These finances cover the costs related to the education and care of the students and the day to day operating expenses of the school.

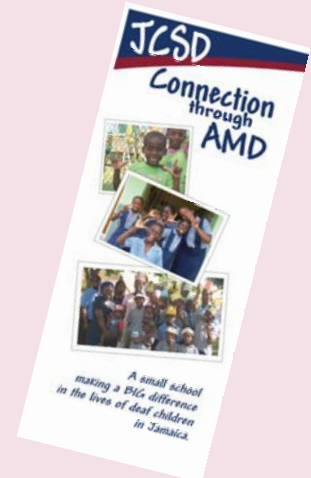
Student Sponsors can choose to sponsor one or more student. This commitment involves prayer and communication through letters and/or cards. A photo and bio sketch of your student(s) will be sent to you.

We ask anyone presently involved under the original Sponsorship Program to please continue praying for and corresponding with your student(s). As a current financial supporter of JCSD, we will add your name as a JCSD Partner as well. You will now have a "Partner/Sponsor" relationship with the JCSD ministry.

Enclosed is a copy of the new JCSD brochure titled *JCSD Connection Thru AMD* with current pictures of the students. It also describes the new Partner & Sponsor roles and a form is included to notify us of your commitment to the school and students. An information sheet by the same title is available on our web site.

We are grateful for your financial support of the school and care for the students. We covet your prayers for this small school making a big difference in the lives of deaf children in Jamaica.

"We are trusting God for people, JCSD Partners, who will make a financial commitment to support the school consistently"



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****Sign up
to sponsor
new students**

Ways I would like to help AMD.

Use this form to communicate with our office.

Name		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
**E-mail Address	Phone / TTY/VP#	

Address change: Fill out your new address on the lines above and send entire page which includes your former address on the label.

I would like to help AMD in ministering to deaf people to be used as designated below:

\$ _____ AMD General Fund (including Bible Correspondence Courses Materials)

\$ _____ Deaf Bible Church Fund

\$ _____ JCSD Partners General Fund

\$ _____ Ministry of Marcia Reid

\$ _____ JCSD Bus Purchase Fund

\$ _____ JCSD Special Needs (most needed)

\$ _____ **TOTAL** Donation

PAYMENT METHOD

Send an e-mail receipt

Paying by CHECK Make payable to AMD.

- I will **regularly** send a check each month / quarter / year in the amount of \$ _____. Enclosed is my first check.
- This is a **one time** gift in the amount of \$ _____.

Paying by CREDIT CARD

- Make this a **regular** donation to be billed to my credit card each month / quarter for \$ _____ distributed as indicated until further notification.

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- **Sign me up to receive JCSD E-NEWS
- Send me one copy of the JCSD DVD.
- Send me ____ (#) JCSD Brochures.
- I would like to sponsor JCSD student(s).

Circle One: Visa / Master Card / Discover	
Card #	Expiration Date
Signature of Credit Card Holder	

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