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"Magnify Thy Name"

53 people attended this years **Super Fall Retreat** October 24 in Sinking Spring, PA.

Wonderful testimonies of God's goodness were given. Bob Daldo shared how God miraculously allowed them to sell their home in 1 day making it possible for them to relocate closer to where they work. Steffie Tallenger testified of how God reunited and is also restoring a 30 year broken relationship between her sister and her Mom. Martin Lewis shared about his hip problem and how God continues to give him the strength to do the work the Lord sets before him each day.

Worship songs were presented by Art and Steffie Tallenger. Mike O'Leary taught from John 1:29 "Jesus the Lamb of God", the difference between Cain and Abel's sacrifice and ended by reminding us that Jesus is the Son of the "Living" God. Bob and Denise Daldo then performed a skit to demonstrate the love of God through the death of His Son on the Cross offering us forgiveness, love, and eternal life.

A new family recently moved here from Las Vegas. We welcome Pastor Kevin Scott and his family who attended the retreat. Pastor Scott shared his personal testimony and enthusiasm to serve the deaf locally.

June Offenderlein shared about and offered AMD's Bible Correspondence Course to our guests. Denise Daldo shared about AMD's Beanie Baby Project. Mike O'Leary then led us in prayer before enjoying a covered dish meal brought by all who attended.

Martin Lewis brought us back to the presence of God by sharing insight from Psalm 34:1-16 and showing us how we can magnify the Lord practically in our lives.

Bob and Denise Daldo wrapped up the day by playing the game show, "a Minute to Win It" with the guests incorporating practical understanding of God's word in our day to day lives. A beautiful floral arrangement created by June was awarded to the winner.

We are so excited about our retreats and sure hope to see you all at our next one in the Spring!



JCSD Graduation - June 24, 2010

Update & prayer requests for the graduates:

Derval – helps his mom in a little country roadside shop. Attends church even if his mom does not go.

Troy – has not found a job. Mrs. Marcia Bennett (JCSD cook) has taken him into her family due to his dysfunctional family.

Nordia – helps in her parents in a little hardware store. A strong Christian home life with both parents. She has severe scoliosis.

Semajh – We have had no news about Semajh. Please pray for him. Pray that his family will treat him with love and respect. Semajh is autistic.

Bible Correspondence Courses

Offered by AMD free of charge to both Deaf and hard of hearing, these Christ-centered courses provide participants the opportunity to gain better understanding of God and His word.

For more information see the link on the AMD web site home page:
AmericanDeaf.org

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
Isaiah 43:2

Rev. C. Martin Lewis and Nancy Gery, AMD Chairman & Treasurer, respectively, attended the Jamaica Christian School for the Deaf graduation held at Mt. Alvernia High School Auditorium in Montego Bay.

Graduates from the High School Level Program were: Derval Smith, Troy Stephenson, Nordia Hibbert and Semajh Miller. Students promoted from the Primary Level to the High School Level were: Nicoya Baugh, Monique Bird, Nickay Colquhoun, Shawna-Kay Harris, Trecell Morally and Owayne Stewart.

Theme: "Facing the Future" with PRIDE:
P-erseverance
R-esilience
I-ntegrity
D-etermination and
E-ndurance

The poem titled "I CAN" (at left) was read by Semajh. Students performed through signing the song "Something Inside So Strong" and a special dance performance for which they had won second place in a National Competition involving both hearing and deaf children.

Semajh read this poem written by Mrs. Dian Thompson, Principal at graduation.

I CAN

I have a dream And I know I can make it
I have powerful winds beneath my wings
My parents, my teachers, my guardians, my friends

I have a dream I believe I can fly
Why? Because you care I can achieve
Because you love me I am the world's greatest
There is none like me I am special

I can make it I can and I will I have a dream

My dream will never die
Why? Because I believe in
Somebody bigger than you and I

Miss Tashi Bent who is deaf was Keynote Speaker. She is daughter of Mrs. Pauline Bent (from our Deaf Bible Church in St. Elizabeth) and the niece of Jasmine Edwards (on the working staff at JCSD).



The graduates left to right:
Troy, Nordia, Derval, Semajh.

September Flood Crisis

School had resumed with all the children and staff on campus. Days of regular showers, then a flood watch followed on Sunday Sept 26 with flash flood warnings. That same day as the torrential rain began the seriousness of the situation quickly escalated.

Wednesday became the worst day as the rains continued, surrounding JCSD with water leaving them marooned like an island within an island with roads flooded and washing away.

Food supplies had dwindled so Marcia Reid and Mary Ricketts left in the school bus to get the much needed supplies. On the trip back as they neared the school, surging water made the road impassable. Students and staff met them to transport the food to the school. While doing this, Marcia was almost washed away by the force of the water except for God's grace and the heroic efforts of

Richard Thompson (the principal's husband). Thank the Lord for His mercy.

The crisis lasted for over 8 days--food low, funds gone, electricity out, and finally the kitchen generator broke down. Children in bed by 6:30 pm with staff watching until they fell asleep.

Then God....stopped the rain and provided finances through many sources. Food was purchased and transported to the school by Pastor Delroy Campbell, JMD President.

We praise and thank GOD for His watchful care of the JCSD children and staff. We praise and thank God for HIS continued provision through YOU who give and pray out of a heart of love for HIM and for JCSD. YOUR generous donations at this time of need were much appreciated. Thank you and may God bless you.

New Students at JCSD

The beginning of this school year brought the new students whose pictures and bios you see below. Each need sponsors. Being a Student Sponsor involves an investment of time in prayer and correspondence with the students to show them that someone cares. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Student Sponsor. Contact us by phone or e-mail to let us know which student(s) you'd like to sponsor.



Delano

Delano lives with his father and has two siblings. His mother is abroad but plays a role in his life. He is adjusting well to residential and school life.

Kindergarten

Ajani as an only child, his mother is very protective and concerned about him. He is also loved by his family. He has some residual hearing and is able to voice some words. He is a fast learner.

Kindergarten



Ajani



Amanda

Amanda lives with both her parents and two siblings who love her very much (she is the oldest child). Since enrolling, she has made improvements in her reading ability. Her parents are very proud of her.

Primary Dept.

Trishana lives with her mother, the oldest of three siblings. She is conforming and loves to talk. Economic situation is dismal as her mother seeks to be the breadwinner by farming.

High School



Trishana

Sasha-gaye lives with her grandmother, who cares about her very much and travelled with her on a number of occasions just to get her into school. Her father is in her life, her mother not really. She is adjusting to residential and school life quite well.

Primary Dept.



Sasha-gaye

Suzie is one of many siblings. She was taken in and is cared for by a lady who observed her on the road not going to school. She is doing well. She lives miles away from school, so will go home on some mid-term breaks and major holidays. She seems to be a budding cosmetologist.

Primary Dept.



Suzie

Reminder to Student Sponsors

If you are already a Student Sponsor, please remember to write to your student. Place your card or note in an envelope with your student's name on it. Then place it in a second envelope and mail directly to:

Miss Sophia Reid,
Att: Student Name
White Sands P.O.
Montego Bay, St. James
Jamaica, W.I.

*Command them to do good,
to be rich in good deeds,
and to be generous
and willing to share.*

1 Timothy 6:18

JCSD NEEDS

Short-Term Teams needed for projects:

- Remesh windows (screens)
- Screen doors made/remade
- General painting
- Electrical repairs
- Ceiling fans in staff cottage
- Repair kitchen/dining roof
- Repair/restructure plumbing

Monthly Budget

Increase JCSD General Fund

Special Needs

School Items

- 12 classroom computers (power surge during storm destroyed all)
 - classroom chairs and desks
 - dining room tables & chairs
- #### Building needs
- complete roof on the second staff cottage
 - floor tile for dormitories, kitchen & kitchen store room
 - kitchen generator (to replace the one that "died" in flood) (need approx. \$2,500)

Electronic Giving

Now you can make Electronic Donations on our web site. This provides a simple, convenient, and secure way to make a donation to AMD. It can be used for one time donation or to notify AMD of your desire to make a recurring donation. Visa, MasterCard or Discover Card are accepted and utilize a significantly reduced processing fee.

You indicate your preference as to how you want your donation distributed. Our web site has descriptions of each designated area which include: *AMD General Fund includes Bible Correspondence Course; Deaf Bible Church in Jamaica; JCSD: Partners General Fund, Ministry of Marcia Reid Fund, Special Needs.*

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- \$ _____ AMD General Fund (including Bible Correspondence Courses Materials)
- \$ _____ Deaf Bible Church Fund
- \$ _____ **JCSD Partners General Fund**
- \$ _____ Ministry of Marcia Reid
- \$ _____ JCSD Special Needs (most needed)
- \$ _____ **TOTAL** Donation

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- I will support the ministries of AMD as designated at left making a donation in the amount of \$ _____ for (mark the appropriate box)
- just this one time monthly quarterly annually

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