

## **Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; Hebrews 10:23**

### **Giving Thanks!**

Thankful, grateful, blessed and hopeful really does describe these last few months of 2019. We make plans, prepare, travel and it is not until we return home that we can fully appreciate the many ways God has been working things out, answering prayers and begin to look forward to what's next.

### **November J-Team**

This was a great team that God brought from 8 different states to minister together so beautifully. It was the first J-Team for 6 of the team members. The advance team not only sorted and counted out pills to prepare for the clinics but also sorted and packed up food supplies to be delivered to needy ones in our community. Food for the Poor locally supplies some of the food and the rest is purchased in bulk in Ocho Rios. Patrick Marshall (an elder at Maranatha Baptist Church) works together with Omar Vassell and some of the young men in the community to distribute it after the J-Team. It was a great week of ministry at the clinics, the building site and schools and we were thankful for how God used this great team to make it happen. The builders had a great week working with Omar, Dillon, Derron, Deshawn, Miguel and a few others to make a beautiful home for Miss Claudine. Her joy and relief were clearly evident at the home dedication. The men enjoyed a time of sharing and spiritual encouragement with the young men on Tuesday night. Once again we do thank God for the way our J-Teamers and our Jamaican ministry partners work side by side to accomplish great things all week long.

### **BTC Graduation**

The 4th and 5th BTCJ classes combined for graduation on October 23rd. It was a night of celebration. John was honored to bring a charge to the graduates. Alumni and graduates alike were delighted to have Sara and Kali Hentzel come and bring greetings at this special ceremony. They were an encouragement to so many in their short visit and we really do appreciate them making this trip to Jamaica.

### **Schools**

I (Linda) had a great week at the schools. We had a big team this time but no teachers. I enjoyed giving the devotions at the 4 primary schools and story time at the 6 basic schools. Relationships with each of these schools and the children

are deepening with each time I visit. I had a very special moment on Wednesday when I was prompted to present the principal with a new football (soccer ball) and pump after the devotions. A team member had brought several of The Mission Balls for us to distribute to the schools and I usually give gifts or supplies to the school leaders privately. The principal was so grateful and explained to the students that God had brought this equipment for their recess time. She had written requests several times to the school district with no response but He chose to use our mission team to provide for their needs. The builders and some special visitors joined me on Thursday at Ramble Primary and the Fellowship Hall Basic School to hear the devotions and share in some lively time of singing with the kids. It thrilled my heart to hear one of the children at the teachers table mention the teachers that had come in August and remember the lesson they had taught three months before. He is one of the "regulars" that we see at the clinics. I still have room for a teacher or two in **FEBRUARY!!** I would love to answer any questions you might have if God is nudging you to come to Jamaica and work with the children with me!!!!

### **Appreciation Dinner with Church Leaders and Jamaican Ministry Partners**

It was a busy night ( so sorry no pictures to share) but so much fun. We had 34 in all attend and expressed our appreciation for them hosting our clinics and all the preparation and help they provide us every 3 months. It was surprising to realize that some of our regular volunteers at the churches did not know each other. We will have to do this again and continue to build closer relationships between the churches and ministry partners who are so important to our ministry in St Mary Parish.

### **Dr. Rosemary**

Dr. Rosemary Hamilton is a Jamaican physician who lives in St Ann Parish. This is the second time she has come to volunteer at Marantha Baptist Church clinic. She is a delightful believer and huge encouragement to us. Sometimes, we see God use a need that we have to open the door for us to meet and work together with wonderful believers and it was a blessing.

### **Pharmacy Students**

The four pharmacy students from High Point University in August and November were awesome. It was wonderful having students as a part of the advance team, the J-Team and helping wrap things up and return to Pennsylvania. We thank God for this partnership and look forward to 4 more students coming in 2020.

### **Baby Dedication**

This may or may not have been the first baby dedication at TEAMS house, but it sure was a blessing to take part in the baby dedication for Avery's son, Roshawn. Paul Hemmings officiated the ceremony and taught us all a new hymn. Family and local friends came to join in the ceremony.

### **Sometimes God says No!**

Although we were looking forward to bringing training to leaders in our area, God said No. This was not the right time and we had to cancel the workshop with Safe Place Ministry on October 29-30th.

### **Blessed and Hopeful**

We are tremendously blessed to serve the Lord with TEAMS for Medical Missions in the United States and Jamaica. Thank you for partnering with us in this great work. Thank you for your prayers for Linda and her health. The checkups and tests have all come back positively and she continues to follow up with the Lehigh Valley Cancer Center and we are thankful for no reoccurrence of cancer. It was a special treat to have all of our family together for Thanksgiving and to get a picture to share with you. We are excited for Dawson and Kate's engagement in October and a wedding in the future when they can fit it in with his work with the US Army.

2020 will soon be here. We will lead J-Teams in February, May, August and November. We look forward to making new friends, continuing to deepen relationships with wonderful ministry partners both in Jamaica and in the US and are hopeful that we will see God open doors for more fruitful ministry in Jamaica. To finish the year strong and set us up for 2020 on good footing, we are trusting God for \$25,000 above and beyond the normal, projected end-of-the-year giving for the Heartbeat Fund. Please pray with us for this need.









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