

Greetings from Jamaica!

It's amazing how moving one word around can change the whole meaning of a phrase & how the same is true of our perspective. Are we looking for what God is doing around us and joining him? Or, are we doing what we want and asking God to bless it?

We've been back here in Jamaica for over 2 weeks now, and I usually arrive with a plan in my head, or even on paper. It rarely goes how I mapped it out, and this time is not any different. I DO hope that my heart is different, as my prayer now is, "Lord, show me what you are doing already & where we can join you."

THE HOUSE

If you haven't heard, we FINALLY have the new property!!! We are knee deep in the cleaning & renovation process in preparation for our family to move in & the need for overflow housing for a team arriving in less than a week.

Unfortunately, many of the furnishings that came with the house are not usable. Both the main kitchen AND the kitchenette on the second floor need to be ripped out because of termites (chee chees). They even ate through the wood on 2 knives. (see pic). The chee chees also got into the love seat and couch, 6 of the doors, one big closet that had to be completely torn out, and a bunch of shelves and dressers.

There was a leak in one of the upstairs bathrooms, which resulted in taking all the concrete out around the tub and removing the tub to find and fix it....then redoing the concrete, tile and putting the tub back. Eventually, all of the interior and exterior will need to be painted. Putting a new, more secure fence around the property is a priority. We need a new sink, stove, cabinets, handles on the washer, handles on all toilets, and we had to purchase 4 new AC units for the bedrooms. At a later date, we'll purchase 2 additional units for the last 2 bedrooms. And the list goes on.

While there have been some challenges getting the house ready, we remain extremely excited

about how God will use this new property to enhance and expand the ministry as we reach the community. It's already fun having people walk by and chat with us.



THE PEOPLE

Although, we've had some very long, labor intensive days, and there seems to be something "new" popping up often, there is a lot of community around getting everything ready.

*Omar, our foreman, is overseeing all the workers and knew who to call for plumbing, for yard work and tree removal, for the AC units and installation.

*His wife, Jackie, came and helped us clean for a day, and ran errands with us another. We brought her along on the errand day for relationship, but little did we know, that we'd need her knowledge of stores and where things are in Ocho Rios.

*Omar & Jackie's sons, JR & Omarian, are over every day playing with Jase. JR is 12 & has been a big help with whatever random things Jayne needs to be done. Omarian & Jase have made their "home" under the almond tree, where something is usually going on with mud.

*We have a new (to our family) Jamaican friend, Lilly, who is helping us prepare, but will consistently clean the house once we are living there. She previously worked for Randy and Sara Hentzel & hasn't worked since Randy and Harold died six years ago. We are hopeful that we are part of a restoration and healing process for her.

*Chris, who usually works for & with Omar, is, by trade, an electrician, so he has been fixing all the things for us. His daughter, Chrisana, is 10 and came with the boys to play one day.

*Michele, the only member of our May J-team, loves to paint & is tackling both our room and Jase's.

BASKETBALL MINISTRY

One of our main focal points over the last year has been the basketball ministry in the community. The multi-purpose court on the property has often held more young men than it probably should. What started with approximately 6 young men, has now turned into 15-20 attending. It is fun to see the older guys bringing younger boys, keeping them in line, and starting drills before Mike begins. Mike is targeting a few of the older guys he wants to invest in more heavily. Devante is one of those young men. He's shown interest in spiritual things and has shown to be a leader on the court and in life for the younger guys in the community.



PRAYER & PRAISE

Thank you for sticking with us this long...both reading this far into the email & supporting us in what we know God had led us to. Your kindness, love, prayers and support mean the world.

Pray for Mike as he intentionally invests in Devante. As we're not certain about Devante's

relationship with the Lord, pray that Devante's heart would be open to the Gospel. Please pray that we have enough emotional, mental, physical, and spiritual strength to finish this trip well.

Pray that we finish what we need to for a team arriving next week. Praise God for how He has provided for our personal support. While we need an additional \$350/month to be fully supported, we're so grateful for His provision and our faithful prayer and financial partners.

Praise God that the Jamaican Ministry of Health has given us clearance to bring a medical team in August! This will be our first medical team since February of 2020. We're extremely excited but there's many logistical things that need to be completed before August. Pray those things will come together in a timely manner.



Pray that the Lord would provide the additional funds for our personal support & for all the renovations & furnishings.

If you feel led to give, here is the link: <https://www.t4mm.org/donate/>. Choose the *TEAMS Houses Projects* fund to give towards the house renovations or choose the *Mike & Jayne Kauffman* fund to give towards our support.

With full hearts and tired bodies,
Mike, Jayne, & Jase