

***This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24***

People's eyes often light up when they find out that we live in Jamaica for part of the year. "JAMAICA?!" The picture in their minds is us sitting on the beach, sipping a pina colada on vacation. We have to explain that even though the weather is beautiful and we can see the Caribbean Sea from most rooms in our house, the needs, both physical and spiritual, are overwhelming. On this last trip, I (Jayne) found that I had started to miss all the beauty of God's creation around me. Even though it IS the day the Lord has made, no matter where we are, we are human and are tempted to look at all the things that aren't beautiful or aren't happening. I would sit on our veranda in the morning, forcing myself to notice the sea, the foliage, and all the beauty around me. It sounds crazy, I know. However, may this be our reminder, regardless of WHERE we are geographically or what the weather is like or what's going on in our family, that the Lord DID make today. He gave it to us as a gift and may we use that gift to share THE greatest gift of all time—his Son, Jesus Christ.



### **Our family is growing...**

We're excited to announce that Baby Girl Kauffman should be arriving around mid March. Jase is extremely excited to have a baby sister

and we are also SO grateful for this gift. That being said, this has been a very rough pregnancy for Jayne. *Please pray for her strength, energy, health and general feelings of well being as we head into these last 14 weeks.*



### **Life in Jamaica...**

We arrived back in Jamaica on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>. A few days later, a work team from our sending church arrived. They were a tremendous help, painting most of the interior of the house, doing some odd projects, sewing curtains, and doing some landscaping. It was an encouragement to get to know much of the team better and an encouragement to see them work in their giftings.

At the same time, our 2 Jamaican ministry staff members, Nickalous Walsh and Kezia Jones, began Teams Faith Academy. On Wednesdays, 9-11 year olds come for an activity, Bible lesson, and snack. The same happens for 12-16 year olds on Thursdays and 6-8 year olds on Friday. The programs run even when we aren't on the island. While we are there, we are very involved and when we are back in the States, we oversee Nick and Kezi. We are excited to see Nick and Kezi use their gifts to deepen relationships in the Huddersfield community.

We continue to teach basketball and have devotional time a few times a week. While we typically have 10-15 on any given night, we are focusing on a core group of about 6-8 young men to build into on a deeper level.

Omar, our foreman and go-to guy for everything, had expressed interest in being disciplined on this trip. Mike and John now meet with him over WhatsApp once a week while we are home and, in person, while we are back in Jamaica. It is going well and an encouraging time for the three of them. Omar has been a huge blessing to the ministry and also to us, as a family. He also does a lot of mentoring on the work sites and in the community. We are excited to see him pursue spiritual growth. *Please keep him and his family in your prayers.*



### **Support update...**

We are so grateful to our faithful prayer and financial partners! We've been so blessed by the people God has brought alongside us in this journey. Due to the addition to our family and the increase in cost of living, TEAMS has increased our monthly support need. We have a current need of **\$490/month**. If the Lord is leading you to increase your monthly support, give a one time gift or start supporting our ministry monthly, go to [www.t4mm.org/donate](http://www.t4mm.org/donate).

### **Please pray for...**

- For Nick and Kezia as they lead the weekly programs. For wisdom as we oversee them.
- For Mike and John as they disciple Omar and for Omar as he seeks to grow spiritually.
- That the Lord would provide additional prayer and financial partners needed for our ministry with T4MM.

Merry Christmas! May you know the Lord and his presence in a deeper way in this holiday season. We are so grateful for you.

Love,

Mike, Jayne, Jase and Baby Girl