

Lloyd & Elaine Cook

Serving the Lord in Jamaica



For you, our US Friends, this is the time of winter, and the news as we watch it is a time of snow, rain, floods, and tornadoes. We wish you were here with us. One day, Earth's day will end, and our Father will take us to be with him in his Father's home. Often these days we long for that time to come. However, as long as the Lord keeps us here, it is to fulfill his purpose that we be his witnesses. And doesn't the world need witnesses for ours!

Our home is full of flowers and fruits at this time: the yellow-flowered Pouii, the red leaves of the poinsettia, and a pink/purple flowering tree that I cannot remember its name of right now. Children are often in our 'yard.' Sometime ago, we asked them why they love our outdoors. Their answer was "because it's so pretty!" We trust that spiritually, we are just as beautiful flowers for Him. Your prayers and gifts for us are seen as beautiful flowers to the Lord.

Certain fruits (star-apples, Naesberries, and Jamaican apples are also a source of satisfaction as well as attraction to our little friends and adult neighbors. Bless God, we often get an opportunity to share the loving call of our heavenly father and his Son with them. Praise the Lord with us for this!

PRAY for:

- The young children that Elaine gets to teach to read and write (better than they now do).
- A neighbor's son who came by one day to ask for our prayers as he went to seek a certain employment. He got it.
- Several young women whom Elaine once met with often: most of them are now mothers, unmarried single mothers.
- Former Bible College students of Lloyd's who often see him somewhere and say Hi. They are active as pastors, Child-evangelism teachers, and Christian spouses. Most are serving their Lord in various places and ways. You have contributed to their knowledge and usefulness in God's service.
- Pray for two nephews of Elaine who are Chefs and have served on International Cruise ships.
- For many of Elaine's nieces who often call her for spiritual advice and guidance. May they each grow strong in their faith and become great witnesses for him in their locations!
- We sincerely thank each of you who keep us serving even in our advanced years;
- For Lloyd as he awaits the result of a wart that his doctor removed and submitted for analysis
- For a recent national police report of a significant reduction in crimes, particularly murders.
- For the upcoming national elections, which are due within the next six months. The 'silly season' has already begun. We trust that it will pass with little crime and violence.
- For several mechanics at a garage for whom Elaine is much in prayer.
- For our continued good health until the Lord calls us home.

May you continue to rejoice in the HOPE you share in God's love!