

# *Lloyd & Elaine Cook*

## Serving the Lord in Jamaica



We are retired missionaries, but God is not finished with us yet, though we often are tempted to think that way. The Scripture is filled with promises that, as long as we are still alive here, God has a purpose for us to fulfil. He tells us that, until He calls us home, we should "Occupy until I come!" We are still his instruments to bring others into his kingdom and to disciple them to go out and "win others also" in order to take them to heaven when they go. We are still robbing Satan's kingdom and transferring them "into the kingdom of God's dear Son." In Psalm 92:14, we read that "They shall still bear fruit in old-age: they shall be fresh and flourishing."

While Lloyd had his 83rd birthday in late May (and Elaine is still a number of years behind him), we both have 'flourishing' hair. In our personal devotions, both of us have just read through the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, and into the Epistles (Asia and the Middle Eastern countries. In Jamaica, we have a number of fellow Jamaicans and other Caribbean people who are continuing that work of God throughout countries in Africa and Asia. We help to financially support some of them and maintain a special monthly 'Missionary Prayer Meeting.' The beat of our hearts is to see the fulfilment of Matt. 24:14 This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Elaine has contributed the following: "May, (celebrated in Jamaica as 'Child Month' afforded us the privilege of going into schools for devotions and to address the children on spiritual matters. Many did publicly receive Christ into their hearts. She was pleased to note that many stated that they had already received Christ. She also led devotions in three Basic (Kindergarten) schools as well."

Lloyd has completed his part in helping to write the centenary histories of two different Jamaican denominations. Both are awaiting publication, as neither had made adequate plans for financing the publications. He has ceased regular lectures in the two Colleges that he was involved with until the Covid pandemic brought about changes to these Colleges: he prefers face-to-face lecturing.

Our 'homestead' is still an attraction to children and other community visitors as our fruit trees still attracts. We have had and shared with them 'star-apples', Otaheiti Apples, Naesberries and presently breadfruits (a common starch used for cooking dinners). Many opportunities are afforded us to share Christ with the visitors.



Certain utility problems have cost us substantial repairs over recent months. But has also allowed us to lead two of our technicians to faith in Christ. You who support us by your prayers and financial support have played a part in these evangelistic opportunities. We praise God for your help!

***Praise God with us for the following:***

- Every witnessing opportunity that we have taken
- People that Elaine has prayed for, as she has often utilized the local 'Route Taxis' as she travels to churches and schools for preaching Christ
- For a Bible Study that Elaine helps out with at her church, she takes the opportunity to seek prayers and support for Israel. God is not done with Israel, nor has the Church replaced Israel
- A number of faithful Christian servants who are now facing health difficulties in their old age

***Pray with us:***

- That our faith fail not; and that the anti-Christian/non-Christian attitudes and events of these days will not take faith from the earth
- For a couple of Elaine's grand-nephews: young men we are helping to disciple
- For the nation of Haiti, our near neighbor, where many Jamaicans have done decades of missionary work. We believe that God will raise up Christian Haitians to help their country recover from the rule of gangs, and lead a government where Voodoo will lose its hold on the people
- An upcoming national election here in Jamaica, due before the end of September, will not allow crime and disorder to find a way to overcome our country

May your love for us and your prayers continue to uphold us, and we will also keep you in our prayers! May the blessings of the Lord be your constant portion!