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Celebrating 30 years of Ministry

We are blessed to announce that our Anniversary Fundraiser was a huge success.

With your help we were able to raise over \$42,000 in donations.

Thank you for your love and continued support of our Ministry.



Physically & Spiritually Touching Lives

Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white for harvest! ~ John 4:35







Buckets of Love for Haiti

Hurricane Matthew Relief Project

The “Buckets of Love for Haiti” project has been a huge success. We have been blessed with multiple volunteer turnouts to fill buckets in our warehouse and have been able to send two containers full of relief supplies. Presently we have a 40’ container sitting in the parking lot that we are in the process of loading for Haiti. This container will have much needed supplies for Camp Mahanaim as well as over 200 “Buckets of Love for Haiti” and 155,000 meals. When this container ships we will have sent over **1,000 relief buckets** and **1 million meals** to Haiti.

The cost for shipping the container from Ocala, FL to Camp Mahanaim is right at \$6,000.00. If you would like to be part of this relief effort, please send your gift marked “Container”.









Harvesting at Home

with the Carreiro Family

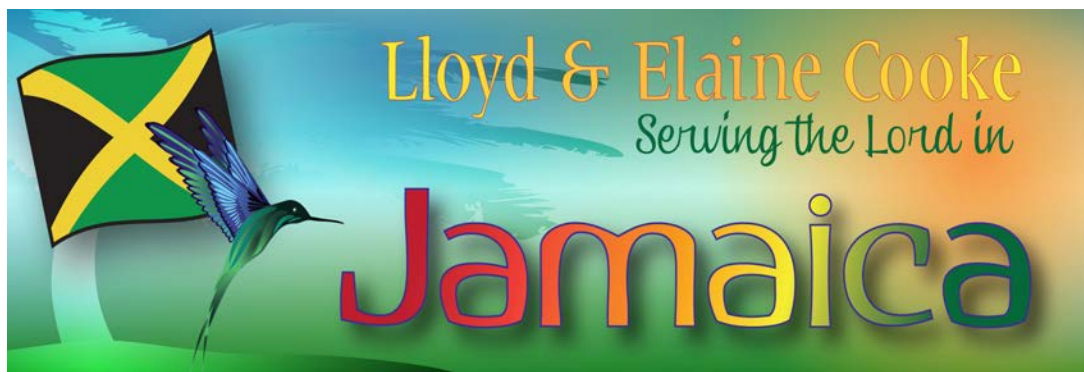


Wow! What an exciting season we have had. God truly had his hand on our community outreach through Christmas 2016. One of our local neighborhoods experienced a Christmas they will never forget. Nine families and fifteen children were abundantly blessed with groceries, toiletries, clothing and toys. We are still in awe! It was amazing to see how quickly our supporting families came together with donations and hands on help. I am excited at the growth and interest that we have witnessed in such a short time. We are full of anticipation, as we pray for Gods blessings in our community for the year ahead.

If you are interested in supporting our local outreach or being a part of hands on volunteering, please contact Harvest International.

Christmas Blessing Baskets





Elaine and I are both north of 70 years old: still young by today's expectations. But we find that much of our ministry activities these days have to do with children, in one form or another. Jamaica has recently seen a spate of sexual and criminal attacks on children, and on women. So, both secular and church groups are focussed on and responding to these attacks. The Church and all of us in ministry need to become more aware of the urgency of reaching our children for Christ while they are still young and receptive.

Our home and yard seems to attract children. But really, it is because of Elaine's heightened awareness of them and their spiritual needs. She has recently requested of her Methodist Circuit minister to release her of preaching duties so that she may concentrate on a plan to start community children classes, and to train local workers from the churches to take these over.

Elaine gathers neighbour children on weekends for reading, spelling and maths assistance. She shares the gospel with them and instructs them in Bible knowledge, as most of them do not attend any church. On Sunday afternoons she has Sunday School with them on our verandah. Discussions are also ongoing with various schools for ministry opportunities. She has invitations for school assemblies, but also seeks to establish in-school Bible Clubs. A local pastor is helping to establish a Scout troop in one of these schools. With the help of Child Evangelism Fellowship she wants to train some of the christian teachers to become Children workers to lead these Bible Clubs.

Many community children are unable to attend school all five days a week, because of transportations and lunch costs. We try to help some of these. Elaine has arranged for her church to assist about a dozen or more late teen students of the government's Foundation for Life-Long Learning. They come weekly for a session of instruction in social, educational and other life skills. She and other ladies of her church also help some of these with financial support. A few have shown response to spiritual matters.

Another effort to influence our children through the schools is the Wait-and -Win abstinence program. Schools are still open to this intervention, but it is difficult to find helpers to share with the classes of children she has to address. Please pray for all of these activities to win our Jamaican children, and so help to change their future paths.

Praise Notes: We give praise to God for the many great mercies and blessings He gives.

- For continuing good health that Elaine and I experience. All areas of any concern are presently under control, Thank God.
- For faithful prayer and financial supporters like you who sacrifice to keep us in this place of service to Jesus and the gospel;
- For the 16 students enrolled in Lloyd's Children's Ministries Certificate Course at the College. The students come from nine (9) different denominations, and meet for three hours each Thursday evening.
- That our children and their spouses are walking with the Lord, and that our two grandchildren are doing well in school and in sporting activities.

Prayer Points. Help us pray for the following situations and ministry efforts:

- Elaine's recently did an electrocardiogram monitoring due to a problem of occasional palpitations and irregular fluctuating heartbeats. She thinks it may have been triggered by a particular high blood pressure medication she was on. She feels great most of the time, and is keeping off most medications, choosing to focus on various natural remedies;
- For helpers who will be able to aid Elaine in the Child Evangelism and Wait-and-Win abstinence programs she is involved in in the schools;
- For the special Lenten Meditation meetings in the various local churches, led by the Mandeville Ministers Association, that they would impact many for good;
- Plans by Elaine to start neighborhood children's Bible Clubs, and to train others to eventually take them over.

Harvest Time: Elaine comments that "It's harvest time in many of our Methodist churches, and the rainbow of colours seen in the fruits, vegetables and ground provisions bring joy to our hearts. But the greater joy we experienced at two of our churches was the harvest of souls. Our afternoon Sunday School on our verandah/porch continues to the delight of the children attending.

Thanks for your constant friendship, prayers and financial support. Continue to uphold us before our Heavenly Father. Your reward in heaven will be great.







Dick & Barb Johnson

Serving the Lord in Uganda

The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project





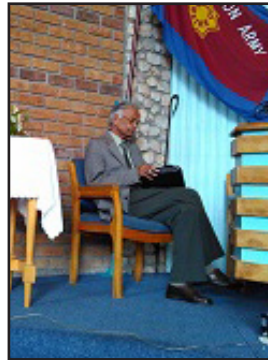
“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” Gal 6:9

As you may be aware, for almost nine years, we have been working here in Zimbabwe in a Discipleship Ministry with a focus on Missions. Our ministry is inter-denominational and we work mainly with indigenous churches in cities, towns, villages, rural areas - wherever the Lord creates an opening.

Through Pastors' fraternals we are able to engage with groups of local pastors and leaders from different denominations at a time. Additionally, we meet with a number of individuals on a one-on-one, lead home bible studies and help to mentor young missionaries leaving for the mission field. Dhan also has preaching engagements in Harare and Gweru and serves on the Board of OM Zimbabwe.

Our ministry requires a lot of road travel, lots of preparation for our trips and some hospitality. Since we do not have an office, we meet with individuals at our home, coffee shops or available Church premises.

Even the shortest trips can be challenging and so it can be very discouraging when we travel for several miles over bad roads only to wait for an hour or more for people to arrive for a class. As the saying goes, “there is no hurry in Africa”.



A little frustrated about this and a few other related struggles, we began to seek the Lord as to whether we should continue with one of our groups. We had been meeting for the past 15 months and wondered about their level of commitment. Since we had not received a definite answer, we kept going. And God kept encouraging our hearts and giving us reason to return.

At the end of last Saturday's class, the senior Pastor stood up and gave a testimony of how beneficial our group meetings were to him and his ministry. He also encouraged others to faithfully attend. He said he had just returned from neighboring Malawi, where he had preached using what he had learned from our times together and two Moslems came to know Christ.

It was a poignant reminder to us to be faithful and trust the Lord to bring in the Harvest. What is the inconvenience of a one or two-hour wait compared with the joy of knowing that two previously lost souls have embraced Christ as their Savior?

Please pray for these two baby Christians that God would give them the grace and strength to withstand the pressure from their communities. When a Moslem comes to know Christ, he truly places his life and livelihood on the line.

Please also pray that the members of the group would be encouraged through this testimony and that the Father would give them a growing desire to know Him.



"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 19:14

Pam and I are studying *A Praying Life* by Paul E. Miller, and we are reminded that the Lord says we should come to Him as little children...messy, needy, without pretense, and just as we are. The children of the Haven and Fresh Start homes beautifully model for us how to do just that. Whenever we visit them in Kenya, the children openly, vibrantly worship God with praise, thanksgiving, adoration, and their prayers of supplication are persistent. They conclude their prayers with "In Jesus name we pray and believe." I have always liked the way they add "and believe" because it is a verbal reminder that our prayers are to be offered in faith.

The school year in Kenya coincides with the calendar year, so the kids are in the first term of the new school year. Six of thirteen recent eighth grade graduates have entered high school, so we now have thirty-eight students in high school. One student, Collins Indangasi, received a full academic scholarship for high school. 7 of 13 eighth grade graduates are pursuing vocational technical training. Mary Mercy and Babra are high school graduates who have recently begun internships. Please pray for all the students that the Lord may grant them suc-cess in their academic and vocational pursuits.

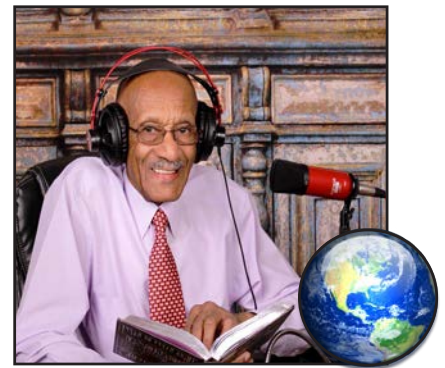


We thank the Lord for Collins' scholarship, school fees for the other students, and other blessings including, but certainly not limited to the following:

- A milk cow recently gave birth to a calf, so in addition to the new calf the milk cow is abundantly producing milk.
- The sale of a sugarcane harvest provided the money needed to convert a shipping container into an office for the children's home. The container is the same container that Pam and I used to ship our belongings and donated items for the Haven when we moved to Kenya in 2005. Until recently, it was used as a storage unit for home. We thank God for the provision and for the ingenuity to repurpose the container.



A mission team is preparing to visit the kids and their caregivers in July. It looks like we will have a large group of sixteen people...some old friends who have visited multiple times and some new friends. Please pray for all involved as we plan to partner with our Kenyan friends to minister to neighbors in the village of Jua Kali and to children in the Kamkunji slum. Pray, too, for our friend Karen who plans to visit the children with her niece Rachel in April. Mum Karen, as the children call her, has visited them several times before, so there is much excitement about this visit, too.



Two Thousand and Seventeen! Even attempting to say those words can be a challenge. Challenge or not, here it is and we are grateful as we continue to acknowledge God's goodness.

Beverley and I continue to be witnesses to God's miracle working power in the lives of both of us. His choice to enable, heal and sustain us on this journey of faith has been nothing short of spectacular. To God be the glory!

We wish to thank you for your prayers as my health took a challenging turn on the morning of Feb.20. After getting up from bed and feeling faint, I collapsed back into bed, and then came the urge to go to the bathroom which I barely made. Then began the scary sight of blood which continued until the ambulance came and whisked me off to the local hospital. The hemorrhage continued all week, while they gave me transfusions and ran tests, all of which proved inconclusive. By the end of the week, the bleeding slowed and eventually stopped. Back at home, I began the process of therapy as I work to regain strength.

Many moments of blessing and witness came my way in hospital. The most satisfying of these was when a friend who came to visit, told me of his experience at the hospital's reception desk. When he asked for me by name, the receptionist paused and asked him: "Would that be the same Audley McLean I listen to on radio every morning?" Thank you for being a blessing to that lady and the many others who we do not know about. Our Heavenly Father sees.

Your prayers and financial investment in the lives of people wherever our programs are heard are investments in heaven's enterprise. Jesus said those investments are beyond the reach of swindlers. Just today, I read of a "pastor" in Florida who was sentenced to seven and a half years in prison for creating a two million dollar Ponzi scheme which wiped out several people's retirement funds. My wife and I were at one time, victims of such a scheme. When you make a gift to the Bible Speaks, you can request a report on exactly what happens to your partnership money. Again, I thank you. Do continue to pray for the entire Harvest International family.

We share with you some pictures of our celebration of twenty three years of marriage and my 85th Birthday-both occasions having been the same day.

Bev and I continue to be witnesses to God's miracle of continued earthly presence. God grant us all the faith, patience and diligence to redeem each day.



Audley and Beverley



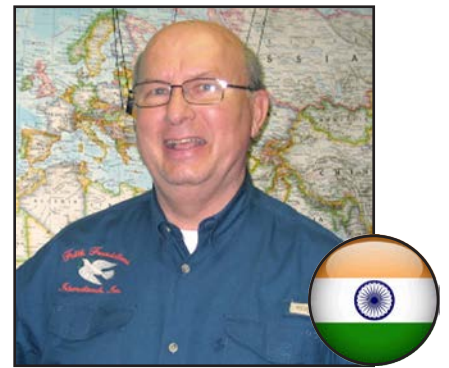
Jeri, Gail, Danny & Sandra



Kevin & Nadine Bland



Pauline, Audley & Beverley



What a wonderful time I've had in India this year. A group of five Missionaries from Atmore, Alabama recently spent two weeks visiting with us. We were quite busy while they were here. We visited the home church of Shanthi's father at the blind school where we were able to minister in power and anointing. We also had an open meeting for them in our own church as well as a three day seminar to the Pastors. It was a marvelous time of ministry for all of us.



While in India I have been blessed to be able to attend Sharath's family friend, Ravi's, wedding. Sharath's oldest son, Joshua, is his best friend and held quite a bash for him. There were about 1,700 people in attendance. The wedding was the splashiest wedding we've had here. Everything was first class. There were two large screens with the wedding posted on them and it was an incredible sight. I was honored to be able to kiss the bride.

Sharath, Shanthi and I took a plane to Kerala, almost 800 miles away. Kerala is the tourist hotspot on the southwest side of India. When our plane landed we took a taxi for three hours south before reaching our destination. The next day we took 20 people and rented a houseboat all day. It was a great time on the water and we all had a blast.



The next day we headed north three hours back to Kochi where our plane landed and drove around Kochi with Dr. Stephen. While we were out we planned a visit to the beach. It was beautiful. The next day we headed back to Razole. We had to catch a plane to Madras and then another plane to Hyderabad and then a ten hour bus trip home.

I will be wrapping up my India trip and returning home real soon. I've had a lot of great experiences this year and am excited to tell you about them.





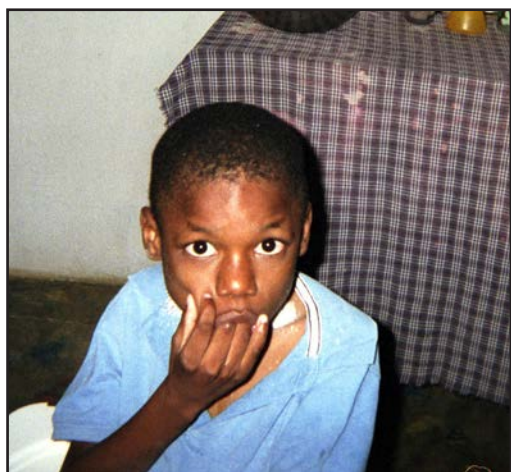
Tom & Ginger Schmidt
with JoHanna, Joshua & Jeremy

Serving the Lord
in Haiti



Tom is currently in Haiti visiting the children at Shiloh Children's Home. Recently the opportunity to move the home to a new location has arisen. Early this month the children were moved to a new home where they will now have running water and electricity. This will allow for them to receive better care for their special needs.

Provisions are always in short supply at Shiloh Children's Home. All three of the boys require diapers and go through many a day. We also use a large number of cleaning supplies such as wipes, powder, ointments and much more. I encourage you to prayerfully consider supporting Shiloh Children's Home on a monthly basis. Your generous donations will go a long way in helping us to continue to care for these special children.



Jason



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Austin & Kaelee Truelove
with Sabashtian, Katianna, Majolie & Mirette

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Introducing Harvest's Newest Missionaries The Truelove Family

Austin Truelove was born and raised in Haiti to missionary parents. In 2006, he traveled to the United States for higher education and obtained a Bachelors of Art in Business Administration in 2011 from College Of The Ozarks. His passion for small business in underdeveloped countries became a focal point during his studies. Before and during his college career, he started three businesses and co-founded a community radio station in his home village of Sentrain, Haiti. He has returned annually for short visits.

Kaelee was born and raised in Missouri. A missionary legacy had long been established in her family tree with Grandmother serving for 60 years, as of 2016. Like Austin, Kaelee felt called to overseas missions at an early age. She also went to College Of The Ozarks where she studied Philosophy & Religion, earning a Bachelors of Art in 2009. During her college career, she traveled to Mexico and Tanzania seeking God's calling for her life. Little did she know that things were about to change for better or worse very quickly.

In January of 2009, weeks after her Tanzania trip, Kaelee met Austin and invited him to dinner at her family's home. Two weeks later, Austin knew she was the one. On December 19th, 2009, Kaelee and Austin were united in marriage. Fast forward seven years, they have been blessed with four beautiful children: Sabashtian (6), Katianna (4), Majolie (2), and Mirette (>1). Kaelee and Austin share a great desire to serve God by serving others. In the fall of 2016, Harvest International, Inc. welcomed Kaelee and Austin into the Harvest family. Harvest's motto "Physically and Spiritually Touching Lives" directly corresponds with the Truelove's mission which comes from Matthew chapters 25 & 28. Their purpose is five-fold: "Feed the Hungry; Clothe the Naked; Shelter the Homeless; Care for the Sick; and Share Christ's Love & Hope."

We encourage you to continually lift the Truelove Family up to the Father in prayer. Pray that they would be sensitive to the Spirit and His guidance. We also ask that you prayerfully consider supporting the Truelove Family with your finances and resources. May God's enduring love be with you always.

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*Rod & Debbie Wray
with Katie*

Serving the Lord in Haiti



We have had a busy, but great start to 2017. We have been amazed by the way you have responded since hurricane Matthew hit Haiti. Thank you so much! It's been a privilege for us to distribute more than 600 buckets of love.



As well as giving buckets and food to many people, we have been able to build a complete new wall along the Laquille river to protect Camp Mahanaim. The wall is 8 feet high and 3 feet thick at the base with baskets of rocks under it.

We have also been doing weddings. When the dresses are washed and the sun isn't shining, we hang the dresses in our house to dry.



We did medical clinics last week with the Missouri medical team and they saw about 2800 people in one week. We also hosted our first camp back at Camp Mahanaim since the hurricane. It was a soccer camp.

Katie turned 14 on Feb 5th. It is hard to believe that we have been in Haiti 14 years. Many of the young girls who have grown up in our Sunday School have now had babies and Deb takes special care of them all.



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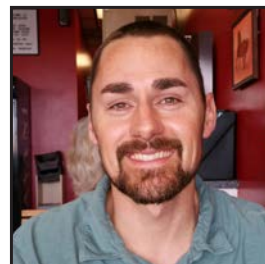
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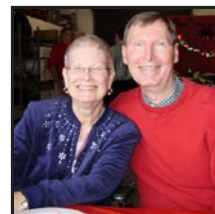
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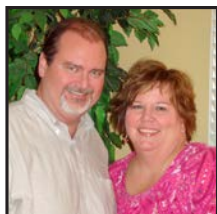
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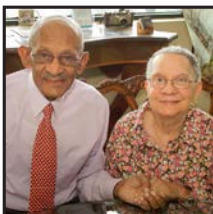
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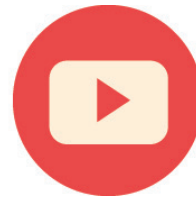
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