

# *Lloyd & Elaine Cook*

## Serving the Lord in Jamaica



September 11th (9/11) 25th Anniversary has come and gone. It did bring vivid memories to us. We had just returned to Jamaica from the USA less than a year earlier and were integrating ourselves with the Jamaican churches and ministries. Elaine had been made Children and Youth director for her church and became involved with the schools in an moral and spiritual outreach "Wait-& Win".

Today we are watching what's happening among the nations and how we are all affected and Christianity worldwide and what it indicates about the future of the gospel. But we are unphased as we know how it all ends: we are on the winning side. We believe you join with us in our confidence that our God is in control and we want to get as many as possible to join us when we finally enter our Father's home to give him praise forever! We thank you all for your support and prayers: we couldn't do it without you!

Recovery: Jamaica is fairly far ahead "Building back Better" a year after being heavily damaged by hurricane Melissa, a category 5 super-destroyer storm. But our government is happy with the future as local economic statistics from two government sources show "the economy... is recovering faster than projected and is 'fighting back' " But he is fearful that events in the Middle East hold fears for Jamaica, so he is hoping for an early resolution of the troubles there. We know that world events are in God's hands, not in kings or government's. So, we are at peace!

Family: Both of us have had some problems with non-fitting dentures which affect our eating; we have also had similar vision problems. Elaine has had to get better fitting lenses; Lloyd was given a prescription for eye drops only.

Two of Lloyd's brothers are fighting cancer recovery and chemotherapy-therapy; his older sister also faces breast cancer recovery. Do pray with us for their spiritual as well as their physical health and recovery. We have also recently lost a male cousin with whom we grew up. Our God is still a 'good' God! Hallelujah.

### **Prayers & Praises:**

God has been good to us, despite our advanced years. We are both 'Octogenarians';

- Elaine's nephew who has grown up with us is now a chef and is part of a Jamaican/ USA program where he spends long periods in American hotels; he is about to leave again soon. We will miss him much. Pray that he will soon find a wife who knows the Lord and they will follow the Lord together!
- Elaine still has a great desire to reach boys for the Lord. One spent a half week with us this past week.
- Lloyd's church had a crusade for souls recently. Lloyd was involved with the counselling and follow-up with the few who responded.
- Lloyd's legs are still feeling the results of old age. He sometimes uses a cane when he does his daily walks around the community.
- We thank you for your prayers and financial support over the years. We pray for the Lord's presence with each of you, and for his obvious provisions of your and your family's needs as you serve him.