



# Lloyd & Elaine Cooke

## Serving the Lord in Jamaica

April 2024

Greetings friends and family,

Its been sometime since we communicated with you! We are still very much her with you still. Much is going on personally and in our world, but God is still in control! There is much concern about what is going on in Israel: We stand with Israel! As God also stands with Israel. "The God Who keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

*Healthwise:* We are more conscious of our ageing, and of its impact on us each day. Lloyd will have his 82nd birthday on May 27th. Our daughters Arlene and Gail plan to be with us here in Jamaica. Pray for their travel: Arlene comes from Abu Dhabi, and Gail from Raleigh, North Carolina.

Elaine's younger sister and two nieces visited with us a few weeks ago, for a funeral. We enjoyed their visit and the large bottle of protein powder that they brought for Lloyd. Elaine's health is also good, all things considered: her Cardiologist wants here to keep her blood-pressure lower than it is, but she feels that the strength of the medication triggers occasional heart fibrillation. We trust this will not suggest the need for a pacemaker. This has been mentioned as a remote, we hope, possibility. Do keep us in your prayers on this regard.

In terms of ministry we do less than usual: beyond leading services at our church, and occasional preaching. This Sunday, both of us had preaching responsibilities. The local children flood our premises often, and Elaine wants to have evangelism classes with them. This morning half-a dozen of them were to go to Church with her. She prepared breakfast for them, but they failed to show.

Much of our witnessing now is to individuals who stop by to chat or to ask us to help with food or other issues. The Lord provides enough for us to help others. Often this opens up avenues for counsel on spiritual matters.

Pray with us for Elaine's nephew, who is more like a son since he has been with us for the last over 20 years. He is trained as a Chef, and has served on Cruise ships. He is presently in Florida ( West Palm Beach) as a part of a new program with the government and the U.S where Jamaican Chefs are offered postings in overseas hotels. Pray for his growth in spiritual things, that he may be a testimony for the Lord.

Pray also that Elaine may soon be able to get back into the local schools to continue the health and spiritual talks that she and the doctors conduct. The hearts of the children are open, but there have been occasions of crime in our schools.

Yours sincerely in Christ's love!

*Lloyd & Elaine*

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