

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!

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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!

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I recently met a man in his 40s facing a life-and-death challenge. His Hungarian visa is a few weeks away from expiring, and returning to his home country means severe persecution or death. This is only because his family name is associated with the Baha'i religion. He has no belief system but has been persecuted throughout his life because of his family name. His countenance was crestfallen and hopeless; he couldn't even maintain eye contact.

My friend Randall, who arranged our meeting, told me how afraid he was to be forced to return and face all that again. I wish I could say this isn't common, but our whole world is becoming more and more challenged by displaced and endangered people.

Before we began discussing his story, I asked him if he would mind me praying a Christian prayer asking God for Wisdom, Favor, and Peace, along with true Joy to return to his life. He said, "Who wouldn't want that? Yes, thank you."

All I know is that God and His word are the authority that we have in Christ, and wherever a Christian goes, the Kingdom of God has arrived. As we abide in Him and trust in His faithfulness, mountains move. The prayer created a difference in the atmosphere, but no facts had changed.

My friend started sharing the very hard things that are the reality he lives every day. After five or so minutes, his phone rang, and we encouraged him to take it if he needed to.

It was his immigration attorney. He told him that the Hungarian government had not approved any visas for non-full-time university students in over a year. He has hundreds of clients in his situation - but having said that, He had just received an electronic notification that his Visa was approved!

My friend kept saying, The prayer! The prayer! We were at Scruton restaurant, and we became a little loud and excited! Once again, we prayed and gave God the thanksgiving and praise for the deliverance from real danger. I love this part...over the next five minutes, his countenance was completely changed, ten years younger eyes alive, and the Joy was all over us all.

I've seen this kind of answered prayer time after time, especially when there is a desperate situation. We will continue to get together with our friend, and soon, very naturally, he will fully enter the Kingdom of God.

It didn't occur to me at the time, that was the culminating event of an incredibly effective first week back on station at our other home in Budapest.

We send our love and blessings to our friends and ask you to pray for Operation Joseph.



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Hurricane Melissa was one of the most powerful Atlantic hurricanes on record and the strongest ever to strike Jamaica. The storm made landfall on October 28, 2025, near New Hope in Westmoreland, Jamaica, with sustained winds of 185 miles per hour and a central pressure of 892 mb.

We recently received an email from our missionaries, Lloyd and Elaine Cooke. By God's grace, they safely weathered the storm. Communication was difficult for a time, as they were without internet service until just recently. They are deeply thankful for your prayers and support during this challenging period.

Please continue to keep them and the people of Jamaica in your prayers as recovery efforts move forward.

