



## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020 Newsletter

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What a year this has been. Sandra and I just celebrated our 54th wedding anniversary. Last year at this time all of you were concerned with my health. I was scheduled to have my second "Open Heart Surgery" and it got canceled until June of 2020. All of you know that God intervened and moved on the heart of one of the top Heart Surgeon in the United States to come to Ocala and perform my surgery. It has been six months and I am doing well. Then we got the news that Sandra needed a Biopsy due to some bleeding. But God answered all of your prayers. Her doctor called to tell her that everything is NORMAL and she does not need the procedure. Thank you Jesus!



I wish I could say the same for Harvest. As you know the ministry has taken a huge financial hit over the last six months. None of us have received a salary in the last four months. Pam and Cassie have found other jobs but continue to serve Harvest. Pam works from home and comes in on Friday to pick up receipts and documents, Cassie comes in on Tuesdays for several hours and tries to catchup on weekends. Ethel comes in two days a week and does all the deposits and mail outs. I am in and out of the office everyday trying to keep everything going. I am grateful to the Lord for such a dedicated staff that continues to volunteer. I am glad this year is almost over.

The GOOD NEWS is that in light of all that has happened we have still managed to keep providing support for all of our missionaries on the field. Not one of our missionaries has come home or is planning to come home. Praise the Lord!



Speaking of missionaries, I want to remind you to keep Alan May in your prayers. This will be Alan's first Christmas without Pam. I can't imagine how painful that is. The light at the end of the tunnel is that Alan knows, without a shadow of a doubt, that Pam is with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are all praying for you Alan.

In closing this letter Sandra and I want to wish all of you a very happy and safe New Years celebration and a better year (2021) than the one we have just been through.

*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*

# Lloyd & Elaine Cook

## Serving the Lord in Jamaica



### DO NOT FEAR, THERE IS BETTER ON BEFORE!

Christmas is upon us, as we face with you all the FEAR that seems to envelope our world. But the first Christmas occurred in a somewhat similar situation, and God's answer to the darkness that overshadowed Israel (the Northern Kingdom) at that time was the sending of His Son, Jesus 'the Light of the world'.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." (Isa. 9:2) "...that was the true Light which gives light to every man... coming into the world." (John 1:9+)

As believers in Christ we can face unknown eventualities because we have His promise "I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you." So, we will not bow to fear!

#### **COVID-19 in JAMAICA**

The Covid-19 news from Jamaica is not much better, in terms of averages, than that coming to us from the USA and from Europe. With a national population of just under three million citizens we presently our national numbers says that we have had nearly 12, 000 infections, with 3010 active cases, 279 deaths, 112 in hospitals with 9 being in critical condition.

Like you we watch the evening news with hesitation, and often wonder why the media seems to be always hyping the numbers. Fortunately, we have had no other family members here in Jamaica or 'abroad' coming down positive with the virus, praise God! Elaine remarked that, as we sit down listening to the news "with uncertainty and gloom, the Lord brought to my mind the lines from Charles Wesley's hymn "Light and Life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings." The Christian's Christmas hope is good all the year long.

**LLOYD** finds himself bogged down with writing exams for the two Colleges at which he has taught courses this year: Regent College of the Caribbean, and Caribbean Graduate School of Theology. He has been teaching a course on Evangelism, while at the Graduate School he has been teaching Caribbean Church History. Both have been taught on-Line, rather than the usual face to face. I haven't talked to any teacher who does not prefer face-to face teaching where he can see and interact with his students on a personal basis. There is a certain amount of physical demands and stress which is brought about doing the teaching using the technological services. Lloyd is not competent with technology, but has gotten it done non-the-less. He finds it very stressful. Elaine thinks it is time that he should 'slow down' and perhaps give up some of the things he tries to get done, given his advancing years. He faces his 79th year, and should be now relaxing more. But he feels he should pass on to younger prospective leaders much of what God has enabled him to learn during more than sixty (60) years of Christian service. Please pray with us as we face these challenges.

**ELAINE** asks that you pray with her for wisdom and guidance as she is praying to start a Sunday School, or Good News Club in a near by community. "This is a big 'yard' with extended families and many children. They would be taught in the 'open air.' We would put up a few stakes and cover them with a piece of tarpaulin. Seats would be pieces of board resting on building blocks. She is hoping to find an assistant from one of the nearby community churches, so they can learn child-evangelism methods and utilize these in other Child evangelism efforts as there are so many local children who do not attend a Sunday School or other religious participation. She would like to begin this outreach early in the New Year. Pray!

**Health** - Neither Lloyd nor Elaine have any persistent health issues. We praise God for this. Yes, we do face increasing and annoying pains here and there. But no chronic diseases, thank God. Elaine is concerned that Lloyd seems to lose his memory and become confused about issues more than normal. A recent occurrence was while we were playing our favorite board game Scrabble, on a Friday evening.

In addition to the Prostate and Hi-cholesterol blood tests Lloyd does regularly, he recently did an EKG and a brain scan. All his tests have been positive. His Prostate test was very good, but this was expected since he had surgery for this six months ago and is off all medication for this. Only the Brain scan he has not gotten the results on, as he has not yet been back to his doctor to whom the results were sent. But, he is under some pressure as he has to do on-line grading of a test his Regent College students did on the 15th. There are also Term Papers that accompany this Exam.

Elaine also did another medical stress-test recently at the Heart Institute. She does take high blood pressure tablets, but often skips them.

Lloyd recently preached at his assembly on the matter of The Darkness of December and the Light God Shines Upon Us! He addressed the conditions in Israel that Isaiah addressed in Chapters 7-9 where he told of the coming of Immanuel, God with us, to lighten their darkness. The One who would have “the government will be upon His shoulder, And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom.” (Isaiah 9:6-7a). Lloyd emphasized how that time in Israel was not much different that our time of fear and seeming darkness as we deal with the Covid-19 pandemic that faces us. But Israel’s FEAR and darkness gave way to FAITH, as ours should, because God always gives us faith, as well as the PROMISE. As the Hebrew boys, (Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego and Daniel) were to find out, when they refused to Bow to Nebuchadnezzar’s image because of fear, they needed to believe that Better is On Before. As a former Jamaican Political Party leader’s election slogan expressed the same thought Better must Come! For us, for you and for our world “Better is On Before/ Better Must Come.” This is our prayer for you: keep your eyes on Jesus, not on the present uncertainty and paralyzing Fear. Because, God says that “Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee.” (Isa. 26: 3) KEEP YOUR MIND ON GOD!

We thank our gracious God for your many years of concern for us and your prayers for us and our ministries. May the JOY of Christmas be your constant companion and comfort into the New Year.

# *The Good Samaritan Sponsorship Project with Dick & Barb Johnson*

## Serving the Lord in Uganda



A letter from Patrick Amooti.

A blessed Sunday to you dear Dad and Mum in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Hope you are all doing well. I have been a bit sick with asthma but am now improving and the rest of the family is doing well.

Dad this is what I needed to share with you for guidance and support.

Here I work so so hard and earn so little to support both myself and the family. I now need to start a dairy cattle project on Zero grazing of about four heads in support of the family income. This concern requires a total of \$6000 to cover both the purchase of two dairy cattle, a grass chopping machine and construction of a place to house those animal. Dad, here one can not survive on government salary alone. It's not enough because the cost of living is so high. One needs to do other projects to supplement his or her income.

Dad am again grateful to you for your special love and care to us. I remember the socks you gave us and advised me to pull up, I also remember when you told me to open my mouth and talk though some times it's not easy Dad. But now am glad that Dad and Mum's hand we completed our house and completed my degree course. Am so grateful and humbled. Thank you and thank you very much may our good and perfect God bless you.

Dad and Mum let me wish you best as we wait to hear from you. A blessed and lovely week to from your beloved son Patrick.



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## Serving the Lord in Zimbabwe

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“Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress...the people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given...” ~ Isaiah 9: 1, 2, 6

In our recent re-reading of Genesis 1, we were again struck by the appearance of light at the Lord’s command (v. 3), and how this set into motion six days of action by the Lord which reversed the prevailing formlessness, emptiness and darkness, and brought into being the Creation. The emptiness was now filled by form and what remained of the darkness was exactly what the Lord wanted for His own purposes and the benefit of His Creation. It also seemed to us that “darkness” is a frequently used word in the Bible, as is “light”. But in John’s Gospel, we are assured (Jn. 1:5) that the light has been and still is shining. The darkness has not overcome it despite its best efforts. The Light has always and will always triumph.

We found a lesson here for us – that no matter how deep and persistent the darkness we may be facing, Jesus the Light is the Father’s provision for us; through Him, we do not give up but remain steadfast in faith and thereby have hope. Although the darkness may linger for a while, it cannot overcome the Light!

This year has been a most dark, difficult, and uncertain one for most and, although we Christians do not know when or how this global pandemic will end, we certainly know that God is, and Jesus Christ is still Light and forever will be. So, may we celebrate Him this Christmas more deeply, more meaningfully and more passionately than ever before.

Our deep appreciation to all of you who have been such an encouragement to us and our fellow missionaries. This year has also been a rather hectic one for us and so we look forward to some rest – both physical and spiritual – over the holidays in preparation for resuming our schedule in 2021. May you also find your Rest in Him alone.



# Alan & Pam May

Serving the Lord in Kenya



The children and caregivers of the GFE Children's Home have had a tough time lately, as have I, because they have been mourning the passing of their Mama Mzungu, my beloved Pam. It was a big blow to them to hear of her death. The children already experienced the loss of their Bishop Ben Bahati a few years ago, and now Mama Mzungu. Both Ben and Pam were parent figures to them. So, since most of the children have lost their natural parents, it is particularly painful to now lose another 'parent' in their lives. Their church, Spiritual Life Centre, held a beautiful memorial service to remember and to honor Pam, and many of the children participated in the service. Please pray for them as they continue to grieve, and please continue to pray for me as I likewise grieve.

***"The Lord is near the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18***

In addition to grieving, the kids and caregivers have been challenged by a bizarre school year. Like schools in the U.S., the schools in Kenya closed abruptly in March due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Then, during the summer, the government announced the school year would be 'canceled,' meaning the students would have to start the current grade over with the new school year in January. Lastly, in October, the government of Kenya announced some students would immediately return to school...grades 4, 8, and 12. The partial reopening of schools has been an odd thing for sure, but it apparently was a reaction to the very unpopular decision to cancel the school year. Students in grades 8 and 12 are considered "candidates," who had to take national exams. The performance of the 8th graders determines who gets invited to attend high school. Lower performing students will not make it to high school. Likewise, the 12th graders prepared for national exams to determine if they would qualify to attend university. The students' results are ranked, so though many students would not likely do well on the exams after 7 months of school closure, the students who rank higher than others will get invitations to high schools or universities. Pray for these students as they still await results of their national exams, and please pray for all the other students who hopefully will return to school in January.

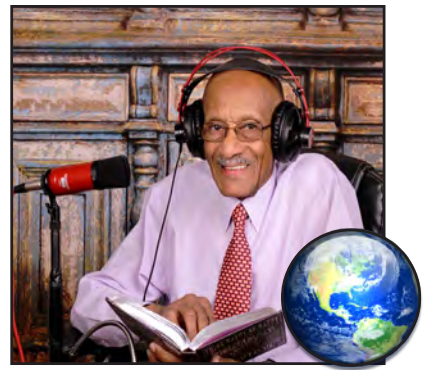
This has been a pretty good year for the GFE Home to expand and maximize their gardens, tilapia ponds, chicken house, and fruit trees. Please pray for the agricultural projects to provide more and more towards sustainability.

Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support for the kids in Kenya. Unsurprisingly, 2020 has also been a challenging year for financial stability. The cost of food, utilities, and everything else has gone up as the giving of support has fallen off. Please pray for Jehovah Jireh to provide everything the children need to survive and thrive.



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I know that each you reading this letter fit into one or all of these categories by which I have addressed you. To each of you, I extend my gratitude for your loving kindness, your fellowship in life and ministry during 2020.

There is no need for me to remind you of the horrors of the year through which we have passed, so I won't. The news media, the text messages and the "WhatsApps" have already sent you enough dark clouds and smoke and even some fire as well.

If Jeremiah were alive today, he would probably say to the Church (you and me) what he said to the nation of Israel 3,000 years ago: *"But if you will not listen, my soul will weep in secret for your pride; my eyes will weep bitterly and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock has been taken captive."* (Jeremiah 13:17)

The words used in both the Hebrew and the Greek (Septuagint) for "taken captive" in Jeremiah's narrative, bear the same message as the English word, "kidnapped." I ask myself whether that is not also true of the Lord's Church today. Think about it!

May the miracle of the arrival of His Majesty, King Jesus, thrill us all over again. May the glorious power of His resurrection inspire us as we go beyond the cradle to the cross. May the certainty of His return capture our hearts with joyous anticipation and Spirit-driven urgency.

*"Look, I tell you, open your eyes and observe that the fields are ready for harvesting now!"*  
(John 4:35-ISV).

Bountiful blessings for the New Year.

Again, thanks for your prayers and financial help in ministry.

# *Faith Foundations International* *with Ray B. Nelson* Serving the Lord in India



Greetings in Jesus name.

Thank you very much for your precious prayers and supports for our ministry in India.

We are doing fine by His grace and through your precious prayers. I believe in the Lord that every thing is well with you and your precious family. I am so thankful to the Lord for keeping all of us safe during these days. I like to bring to your information about what the Lord is doing here.

Last week of the last month and the first week of this month we were warned about three cyclones in a row are going to hit the southern states of India. Prior to these cyclones another cyclone Niver badly hit these states. People were very much concerned about these cyclones. One day I was teaching the Word and said about the authority of Jesus in the heaven and on earth. He delegated His authority to His Disciples. As His Disciples if we understand the principle of authority we will see the Word works. Jesus said to His Disciples if they have faith of a mustered seed and tell to the malberry tree be uprooted and planted in the sea, it will obey. I told the congregation that name the cyclone and command with the delegated authority to be weakened in the ocean. Praise God we did not have a single drop of rain. Praise God.

I taught the congregation for Corona virus. This virus and invisible enemy God commanded the enemy to go the the desert areas. Based on the scripture we commanded the virus to go. Praise God the cases in our area very much decreased.

Yesterday I heard about a strange dicease in an area called Eluru. This place one hundred kilometres away from us. All of a sudden people become epileptic and fell on ground. No one knows why this is happening. A team from Delhi will be investigating on this. The Lord inspired me to pray. Last night I along with Bible school students bind the enemy behind the situation and loose the Spirit and Life in that area. Praise God.

I like to bring to your kind information about a widow I know for a long time. Her name is Adi Lakshmi. She is from a fisherman caste. This is considered as high caste. When she was still young her husband died and left her with four children. In our society it difficult for a widow to be married again and she stayed single for a long time. Later she married a man from another caste which is lower to her caste. Due to this her children and her relatives abandoned her. So she lived with her second husband for some time. After he died his children sent her away from the house. Now she is homeless.

As we are celebrating the Greatest Gift ever given to humanity Jesus, think about bless others a gift. I like to bless this widow construction of house. The budget for this tin roof house will 700.00 USD. If would like to help you can send your blessing to Harvest International, Inc., PO Box 6690, Ocala, FL 34478 and notate "India House". ~ Sharath





# Camp Mahanaim with The Wray Family Rod, Debbie & Katie

## Serving the Lord in Haiti



May you have a very blessed New Year's this year! Thank you for your faithful prayers, encouragement and support. We have appreciated it more than ever this year, and most of all, we are thankful for God's faithfulness unto us.

We've been very blessed to have a few visitors this Fall, including Duane and Ruth from Michigan who shared Thanksgiving with us.

This week we have Steve and Jeff and Steve with us for the week and they are repairing vehicles, and doing numerous projects around the camp which we really appreciate.



Katie does a great job of leading the Sunday school kids in singing every Sunday morning, and she also looks after the technical / computer duties, which is a great help to us.

We spend time in the evenings packaging rice into heat sealed bags. This process not only keeps the bugs out of the rice, but makes it simpler to distribute the smaller packages of rice (rather than large sacks).

Rod continues to use the sawmill. Here he is cutting a mango tree into 2 X10 boards which will be used to make bed frames.



Katie is doing great with her pottery. She is getting ready to glaze these creations.



Volleyball continues at Camp Mahanaim and we have about 20 teams made up of children and youth from our village that play every week. The kids love it when we have granola bars to distribute.

We would appreciate your prayers as we are planning a Christmas camp for these young volleyball players. We have invited Joseph, Stanley and Berlin from the Sunday school to come and be the speakers / evangelists, and we are asking you to pray that God will use us all to really reach these young people with the Gospel. (The camp will be next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Lord willing and there are about 70 young boys in this volleyball group).

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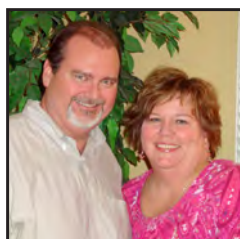
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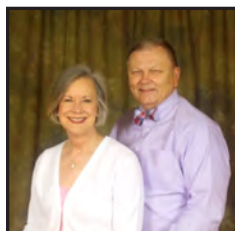
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