

A Vacation With a Purpose

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
As the Father sent me, So I send you."

John 20:21



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"Be Faithful in Small Things Because it is in Them That Your Strength Lies"

~ Mother Teresa

Mission Jamaica (MJ) missionaries have an amazing legacy of service returning year after year to support the MJ programs they love. Mother Teresa understood that even the smallest act could make the biggest difference. We see this every day through Mission Jamaica. Sure, we have big projects. For example, it is no small undertaking to build a house for someone in three days. But it is the number of small things that demonstrate the strength of Mission Jamaica. Taking the time to feed a child, singing songs or painting walls at West Haven. Sitting with a mother as she waits for her child to see a doctor at a mobile medical clinic. Playing a board game with the boys of Clifton Boys Home. The strength of God's love shows through these beautiful interactions and many forge lifetime friendships with fellow missionaries and the Jamaicans we see every year.

But what can you do if you don't go to Jamaica? Missionaries need the strength of those that support teams from back home as well. Whether you have been on a trip in the past and aren't able to go this year or if a trip like this isn't right for you, you have the strength to make a difference.

The Mustard Seed Project

The Mustard Seed Project is a new mission centric funding strategy started by the Foundation of St. Andrew's to provide critical project funds annually so missions thrive.

A generous \$50,000 initial donation was made to start the MJ Mustard Seed fund. After almost 3 decades of ministering to the children of West Haven, the donor couple wanted to take some of their good fortune to provide a sustainable funding stream to support the children of West Haven. Their donation will provide \$2500 every year to support more nutritious meals.



Just as a mustard seed of faith can mushroom over time, by contributing to this initial investment, so too can your donations magnify the impact of MJ on the lives of Jamaicans for decades to come. We will combine gifts of any size to grow this fund. The Foundation invests these moneys and 5% of the donation principal will be distributed to MJ projects each year.



Ways to provide legacy support to the MJ Mustard Seed Fund:

- Small gifts commemorating a baptism, birthday, anniversary, or funeral.
- If you can't go to MJ this year, donate the trip cost.
- Year-end work bonus or stock investment windfall
- Make MJ part of your estate plan by giving x% of your IRA or 401K.

Contributions from all non-designated donations of any size support MJ wherever the need is greatest each year. You can also designate to a specific MJ program with donations of at least \$5,000. Help us create a lasting MJ legacy!

Want to learn more? Contact David Tiede, Executive Director, Foundation of St. Andrews 612-817-0080 or dltiede@msn.com. Or Ronda Sowada 651-762-9139. Be sure to designate your donation as "Mustard Seed".

2017 Project Sneak Peak

Ja'Bode - 7 Sites

- Salt Marsh - 37 yr. old mother of 7 currently living with her 5 children in an 8'x10' home
- Davis Pen - 65 yr. old woman. May include bathroom
- Martha Brae - 50 yr. old mother of 12 & 16 yr. olds



- Zion area - 25 year old woman with 7 & 1 year old girls.
- The Rock - Mother of 17, 14 & 12 yr. old boys. Herbie's cousin
- Bounty Hall - 37 yr. old mother of 9 and 2 yr. olds
- Kingston - 30 yr. old mother of 11 & 5 yr. olds, and 10 month old baby girl.



How You Can Help

With your help, seven families moved into their new homes in 2016. Praise God! If you find that you, or a loved one, can't join us this year but want to make an impact that changes lives, please consider contributing to support the work.

- \$25 ~ will buy two sheets of zinc roofing.
- \$50 ~ will buy 2 banana trees for a JaBode family.
- \$75 ~ will buy breakfast for kids in Kingston
- \$100 ~ will buy 100 cement blocks for a home
- \$900 ~ will buy 150 chicks and their feed to maturity
- \$3500 ~ will buy materials for a small home

Mail donations for these or general funds to:

Mission Jamaica c/o St. Andrews Church,
900 Stillwater Rd, Mahtomedi, MN 55115
(designate as MJ donation)

Credit card by phone: 651-762-9112



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West Haven

Exciting things happening at West Haven! In addition to always favorite time with kids, there are always projects to do! Highlights include:

- Rebuild old sick bay for Physical Therapy room
- Rebuild old PT room for new school room
- Repair entrance and pour concrete for driveway
- Build pantry for the kitchen

Clifton Boys Home

Four teams will be serving at Clifton Boys Home and working on multiple projects including:

- Block a window to tile
- Cut wall for shower plumbing repair
- Roof leak repair
- Render walls on storage room
- Re-zinc roof outside kitchen
- Tile veranda on new staff quarters
- Build landing for new staff bathroom
- Tile staff bedroom and bathroom
- Replace bad siding on kitchen
- Rebuild and paint bed frames

Calaloo Mews - Kingston

- Continued work on kitchen
- Paint grill around eating area
- Re-zinc eating area roof and add rafters
- Repair classroom ceilings.

Earth Angel- Kingston

- Prepare and serve food
- Build a counter for the shop

Hope Valley - Kingston

- Paint and touch-up painting
- Replace and paint fascia board near auditorium
- Cement floor of guard shack.

Medical

This season we will have five medical teams bringing love and care to the people of Jamaica.

Kingston: Led by Dr. Rutka

MoBay: Four mobile clinics going to St. Johns,/ Copse area, Burnt Savanna community Barrett Town, Falmouth, Flankers and staff at Holiday Inn

- Dr. Burgdorf
- Dr. Brandt
- Dr. Nemic & Dr. Halverson (two teams)

Dental

We are blessed to have a dental team joining us this year from Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City!