



## A Vacation With a Purpose

"My children we should love people not only with words and talk but by our actions and time caring."

1 John 3:18

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"My tears also the children's went up before God and he sent you to rescue me.." ~Shelia McDonald

### Ja'Bode Teams with Community to Dry Tears

Mission Jam Team  
Jamaica Abode

Sis & Madam

Greetings to the mission Jamaica Team and Friends, I am Shelia McDonald who was a victim of a fire, that left me with out) nothing, only what was on my back, my tears also the children's went up before God. And he sent you to my rescue (me) by providing a roof over my head, Thanks and God Bless you Richly I say thanks also to Miss Mary Grant who gave me the spot to put the house, also thanks to the Friends & Family of the Community, who Helped my mission Friends ~~obediently~~ obediently to build me this cover over my head, my tears was a language only God understand, Praise His holy name, my praise shall be of thee in the Great Congregation. Thanks again in anticipation and may the Angels of God cover you all under their wing safe from all Harm or Danger.

I am Shelia McDonald saying I wish you Gods Richest Blessings



Cement bucket brigade for Shelia's house foundation



Shelia by her new house

### Director's Report : Jeff Peterson



One of the best parts to my job is witnessing God moments like with our Ja'Bode group and Shelia. Though not in our plans on arrival, everyone from local Jamaicans to the mission team chipped in to build new shelter for her family of five kids after a fire destroyed her home. Everywhere we serve in Jamaica the reactions from both Jamaicans and mission participants are the same - - no one leaves untouched! We sent 270 servant leaders to Jamaica this mission season. Our ministry had direct impact on the lives of almost 1500 students. We provided loving care for about 100 orphans with special needs. Our medical teams provided care to about 750 people, many for whom it is their only chance for medical attention. Ja'Bode teams helped with construction on two new homes. We shipped a food container that provided over 270,000 meals. I want to personally thank all those who came to Jamaica and all those others who helped provide critical support! God has greater plans for us in 2012. Come join us! **Irie Mon!**

### Want to help?

- \$25 will buy two sheets of Zinc roofing.
- \$50 will buy 2 banana trees for a Ja'Bode family.
- \$75 will buy breakfast for kids before school in Kingston.
- \$100 will buy 100 cement blocks for a home or 1 year of medicine for a diabetic
- \$500 will buy 150 chicks and their feed to maturity
- \$2500 will buy material for a small home
- \$5000 will buy material for a community bathroom / shower

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# Mission Season In Review

**Westhaven** teams once again provided compassionate care to the kids while making progress on cottage 5 and a new office for Miss Grant. Denny and Barb Kiel loved the perspective of having their granddaughter, Bailey, along for the first time. Betty Houck recalled the kids hugs being warmer than the sun!



**St John's Medical** teams included first timers from Zion Lutheran. Doctors saw over 600 patients. Cindy Senarighi notes a highlight this year was VBS for the kids waiting on their parents. For a second year teams held a clinic at the hotel for staff.



Everywhere there is always time for outreach and arm reach to the kids!

**Hope Valley Experimental School** Fresh paint for classrooms and repairs to lighting spruced up the inside while a new covered walkway made open air space more accessible. Jamaican lunches each day were a treat!

**Clifton Boy's Home** Connie Luebke reports that a new chicken coop will provide food and income to the boys. The group completed work on the foundation for a dormitory.

**Ja'Bode** Teams also worked on a new house for Horace and Debbie Clark. By season's end they had left their termite infested house for their new home.

**Garland Hall** Once again a hotbed of activity with renovation to many of the class rooms. The teams created a goat house for sustainable food production. The highlight for most was a Sunday trip to the beach for worship, swimming, games, and a picnic!



**Calallo Mews Basic** Teams expanded the roof over the kitchen area, built a hand wash sink and poured three slabs of concrete to help with mud problems. The group started a staff bathroom completing basic construction and a donation will finish the job this summer.



## Message From the MJ Board

Your MJ Board is made up of representatives from 8 Mission Jamaica partner churches. Our purpose is to provide strategic direction to ensure MJ remains a channel for sharing God's love through service to the people of Jamaica as well as from them to us. A key objective is to promote sustainable growth and financial support. MJ needs 400 missionaries as well as the normal funding budgeted by St. Andrew's to support an exec director and admin assistant. This past year 270 missionaries participated and despite help from partner churches, we ended the year with a \$20,000 operating budget shortfall. St Andrews had to make the difficult decision to eliminate one admin position for the present time. As always, our goal is to provide high quality, meaningful mission trips for you and your friends. You can help with prayer support and by asking your church to include MJ in its benevolence budget each year. Most importantly, you can help by inviting additional family and friends to join one of our mission trips in 2012!

We welcome any feedback regarding our new newsletter or what will become an expanded website presence at [http://www.saintandrews.org/mission\\_jamaica.aspx](http://www.saintandrews.org/mission_jamaica.aspx). Send your comments to [rbhenry2@comcast.net](mailto:rbhenry2@comcast.net) or [jeffp@saintandrews.org](mailto:jeffp@saintandrews.org) or call at (651) 762-9112. Thanks!

## 2012 Tentative Schedule

Jan 4-11	WH, Clifton (CB)
Jan 7-14	WH
Jan 14-21	Medical, WH, JaBode
Jan 21-28	Kingston (K)
Jan 28-Feb 4	WH, Ja'Bode (JB)
Feb 1-8	Garland Hall
Feb 4-11	St. John's, WH
Feb 11-18	St. John's
Feb 18-25	SJ ?, JB, WH
Feb 25-Mar 3	TBD
Mar 3-10	TBD
Mar 10-17	WH, JB ?, K
Mar 17-24	WH, CB
Mar 23-31	WH, CB