

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



SEPTEMBER 2015

RAISING AWARENESS, RAISING FUNDS

Together we can make a difference

As missionaries, we are blessed to be able to spend our short term mission experiences in Jamaica providing love, support, supplies and a little elbow grease to do what we can to impact the lives of our friends there. What we sometimes forget is that there is a team of teachers, staff and community that are there year round committed to the work as well. We are excited to share with you Teacher Faye's reflection on an event this summer that demonstrates what a commitment the staff of West Haven and CDF International have to the young people and building community.

2015 Culture Day at West Haven

Solomon declared in Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish". It was with this in mind, we the teachers of Children's Defense Fund International (C.D.F.) School at West Haven crafted the West Haven Children's Home first Culture Day Event. The event was held on the grounds on July 30th, 2015 and showcased Jamaican Cuisine.

This event was fruitful in its effort to raise funds for the home. One of the aims of the culture day was to sensitize the people about the home, and to get the community and other persons from the Parish of Hanover and Child Developmental Agency (CDA) involved.

We had delicious foods such as: Jerk Chicken, Jerk Pork, Jerk Rabbit, Ackee and Saltfish, Mackerel rundown, Escovish Fish, Shrimp Soup, Bammy, Festival, Roast yam, Roast Breadfruit etc. Juices and a variety of pastries were on sale. Music was provided by a community member Mr. Kammy free of cost. We also had a craft area displaying the students' school work and items they made. Our friend Rafael was in charge of this area.



The Culture Day event was well attended by persons from the community, The Wanna bees, Fair Haven visitors, and persons from CDA. The students had a wonderful day dancing and partaking of the dishes prepared. For lunch they had jerk chicken and rolls with juice.

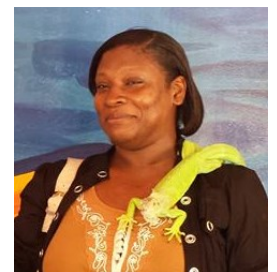
We would like to sincerely thank our sponsors: Mission Jamaica from Minnesota U.S.A., Alliance One, from Freeport and Tayney Ltd. Montego Bay, for their support in cash and in kind, towards the venture.

Thanks also to all the members of staff and members from the community who worked hard and supported in kind to make this event a success. Proceeds from the event will be used to buy diapers

We look forward to another productive culture day 2016. To God Be the glory great things he has done.

To see more pictures from the event, visit our website at www.missionjamaica.org

Mail donations to: or Credit card by phone:
Mission Jamaica c/o St. Andrews Church, 651-762-9112
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Fayona Boothe (Teacher)

Support a Child at West Haven

This program is designed to provide additional funds for West Haven's orphans. Due to lack of adequate funding from the government, West Haven relies on outside funds to meet the ongoing needs. Your monthly contributions help provide supplemental food (milk and sardines) as well as clothing, educational and recreational opportunities, and medical and dental



Peta Gay

care for a special child in need. 100% of these contributions go to the children's care and are sent down every three months directly to West Haven. Sponsorship amounts for each child will be accepted for as low as \$10 per

month. We ask that you agree to a minimum of a one-year commitment.

Payment options:

- Checks can be made out to St. Andrew's **noting Mission Jamaica Children's Sponsorship in the memo line** and can be sent directly to the Mission Jamaica office.
- Monthly auto-draft available.
- Want to create a true legacy for the children? Contribute to a new endowment fund started by passionate MJ couple. It gives permanent monthly support to the children of West Haven.



Frankie

Contact Jeff for more information on any of these opportunities.

** Shout out to Park Avenue Church in Des Moines that uses collections from Adult Sunday School once a month to contribute to Support A Child!*

How You Can Help

With your help, five families moved into their new homes in 2015. Praise God! Interest in building homes and the needs for the people of Jamaica continues to grow. 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 building supplies.

- \$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
- \$500 ~ will buy 100 chicks and their feed to maturity
- \$4000 ~ will buy materials for a small home

Holiday Inn Sunspree

Mission Jamaica's new home base

Many of you have already heard the news....Mission Jamaica will be changing hotels this year to the Holiday Inn, Montego Bay.



We have enjoyed Sunset Beach Resort but with the new management company we discovered issues with aligning the air/hotel package deals we secure through our agent for the size of our group.

The Holiday Inn looks to be a great location with lots of the amenities we know and love!

For example, here are some of the food options we have to look forward to!

The Barefoot Bar and Grill

Pool and beach side, serving Lunch

Portside Buffet Restaurant

Next to the main Pool serving

Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

Main hotel restaurant. Buffet style dining.

Sea Breeze Restaurant

By the Beach serving Dinner

De Lobby Bar

A variety of tropical cocktails are available and our staff is ready to serve

Mission Jamaica Website & Social Media

A great way to raise awareness about Mission Jamaica and your fundraising events is to take it to Social Media and our MJ Website! Have a fund raising event coming up? Tag MJ in your facebook posts and we will help share it out as well. Send the date and information to Jeff and we can also add it to the website calendar of events.



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