



A Vacation With a Purpose

"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.."

1 John 20:21

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Thank You! Thank You!

Angie Simms' letter is but one example of the many thanks we get from Jamaicans. On behalf of the Mission Jamaica (MJ) board of directors, we also want to extend heartfelt thanks to the many MJ missionaries who joined us in 2013. MJ had a great season of service on many levels. We want to thank as well the many supporters at participating congregations who have given such great financial and spiritual backing to all our MJ missionaries.

Faith and fellowship between MJ missionaries and Jamaicans are contagious. Perhaps in keeping with the MJ logo, when you bring sunshine into the lives of others the Son shines on you as well. Thanks for your wonderful service!
Terri Revell, MJ Board Chair

Greetings and Thanks from Calallo Mews

My name is Angela Gordon Simms a Principal/teacher Justice of the Peace and a humanitarian from Kingston Jamaica.

I have been in partnership with Mission Jamaica for the past 15 years reaching out to the poor and depressed people in our society.

Mission Jamaica has been touching lives of people in Jamaica that the government doesn't even know exist.

I have come across many, many mission teams over the years but Mission Jamaica is the most reliable, trustworthy and committed mission team I have known in my entire life.

Mission Jamaica has become a household name in many parishes in Jamaica. They cater for the holistic development of human beings by providing shelter, medical assistance and food for numerous Jamaicans.

I operate an outreach ministry which provide breakfast for 160 university school children and needy families and also an Early Childhood Centre in one of the poorest community in Kingston Jamaica.

Mission Jamaica is one our most outstanding supporter. They assist us more than our government.

We can say our lives have been touched by an Angel through Mission Jamaica
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Directors Report: MJ Season Review



Wow! What a year! In a mission season filled with many highlights, one stands out —Cottage 5 at Westhaven Children's Home is open! **Hallelujah!** , Cottage 5 is open. Eight years after a generous gift from a Lord of Life missionary and tireless work from countless volunteers, the big girls moved into their new home. Almost 400 missionaries chose to vacation with a purpose in 2013. Many renewed friendships with unbounded love to the children at the Westhaven, Clifton and Garland Hall homes. We had an outstanding year with J'Bode, completing five new homes for families living in desperate conditions. Medical teams gave much needed medical care to 1500 Jamaicans who have no or limited access to healthcare. The stories of service and faith I hear at dinner each night, like those on page 2, are a true joy. **My thanks as well!!!**

God's Blessings, Jeff Peterson

How does Mission Jamaica touch you?

An outstanding characteristic of Mission Jamaica is that many volunteers come back year after year. We asked why. We include a sampling of responses below but some common themes emerge: faith, joy, and friendships. In an environment with kids where communication may be difficult or impossible, we are struck by the power of compassionate touch. Share your reasons with us at jeffp@saintandrews.org!

Westhaven (WH) Children's Home



Off to the races



Cottage 5 ready for move in

"Let everybody know that something good is happening here today." Sports Day turned out to be one of the most memorable experiences we have ever witnessed at Westhaven. Not caring which team won, the kids cheered nonstop, jumped for joy, and clapped for everyone.

Mary Lynn and Madelyn



"A girl held my hand all the way to Faith chapel and then again all the way home. I found out the girl's name was Myrna, same as my Mom who died in 2011 (who I miss deeply). I felt like God let me hold her hand again!" **Deb B.**



Grandma Gert & adopted grandchild Moonie are inseparable. At 85, Gert proves there is no age limit to becoming God's agent as she inspired a couple on the plane to MoBay to come visit the kids at Westhaven.

I return every year to Westhaven because of the joy the Lord fills my heart with as I learn from the children of Westhaven. They teach me so much about His unconditional love. Truly they are the example we follow in the footsteps of Jesus, Loving People **JOYFULLY.** **Jodi A**

Clifton Boys Home



Saving the goats one kid at a time! The protective fence is done. We had a goat round-up contest. The goat farm is an important and sustaining part of Clifton. **Carolyn W**



J'Bode Projects



Old and new on the hill



J'Bode Homeowner Barbeth made lunch for volunteers

I come back because of the great people. The best aspects of Jamaicans: cheerfulness and faith. Best memories: bucket brigades! **Mary B**

"One of the best experiences for me was getting away from the usual tourist destinations and heading in to see the real soul of the island." **Luke S**

Delzie helps pick homeowners that have genuine need, generous hearts and no place else to go for safe shelter. Nazy is great to work with. Perfect dynamic duo - love to see them every year! **Roger H**

Medical Clinics



"EZ Bake Oven" Clinic



St. John's Pharmacy

Zion Lutheran of Buffalo, MN has gathered donations from the Buffalo Hospital and Allina through Mission Matters. About a million dollars in medical equipment and expenses will go to a MoBay hospital and the West Haven orphanage.

Garland Hall Beach Day



Adding a pump for the solar water heater and painting were useful, but seeing the joy on the kids faces on our trip to Cornwall Beach made the trip! It is good for the soul! **Bruce H**

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