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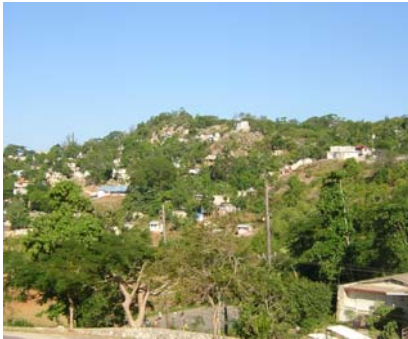
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JANUARY MEMORY VERSE

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. ~ Proverbs 3:6

CCA REGISTRATION

Registration for Preschool to Jr. High for CCA and CBC families will take place during the week of Monday, January 24th to Friday, January 28th – with the advantage of registering one week before open registration. Open registration / open house will be held from February 1st. to February 4th. Tell a friend! If you know a family that is interested in our school, please have them call the school office for more info and/or to set up a time to visit.



MISSION REPORT

By: Jason
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The country of
Jamaica is
very
contradictory
place.



If you go into certain areas of the country, there seems to be tremendous wealth and commerce, but if you travel one mile in the other direction, you will more than likely find yourself in a poverty stricken area. This was one of the most interesting things my dad and I found during our missions trip to Jamaica. We got to see the other side of Jamaica that people rarely ever get to see in depth.

At the end of November, my father and I attended a short term missions trip to Jamaica sponsored by Christian Chiropractors Association. Besides my father and I, we had a team of seven other individuals who were chosen to attend this missions trip. In attendance were three doctors, two retired child evangelists, one doctor in training, and one other doctor's son. Our purpose for this trip was to spread the word of God throughout Jamaica using chiropractic as a tool. Through the week I noticed that this worked very effectively, as everyone who was treated by a doctor was also witnessed to and was either given a wordless book or a tract to take with them.

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For the most part, our primary outreach was to children and the youth of Jamaica. During the week we attended three elementary schools, one high school, and one college, as well as three other churches. The places where we saw the most people and where the most busy was definitely the schools. The average elementary school had about 500 kids in it, and although the doctors did not get to see everyone in the schools, due to time constraints, most were seen. It was determined at the end of the week that approximately 1,800 had been treated with chiropractic and also witnessed to during the week.

Going into the schools and dealing with the children was definitely one of the most amazing experiences I had all week. First of all, the children in Jamaica behave very differently than the children in the United States do. I actually had a hard time getting used to all of these people calling me sir. Really though, the children in Jamaica were by far some of the most respectful and open children I have ever seen. It was amazing for me to be explaining the wordless book to them, and just see in their eyes that they are really listening and thirsty for this knowledge. Even if in some cases it was just out of the respect that they were raised in, I thought that it was absolutely amazing to see as many as 10 kids at a time captivated by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Doing the Short term missions trip in Jamaica was a great growing opportunity for me, although sometimes it takes a little longer to actually start the application process than it sometimes should. One of the most important things that I learned in Jamaica was the true importance of witnessing to people. Although sometimes people have already “heard it all,” sometimes it just needs to be repeated enough times to sink in. So that even though not everyone I dealt with while we were in the schools accepted Christ, a seed was planted that one day later may grow. Another aspect of witnessing which I had never thought about before, but should be something I need to focus on, is making sure my actions match my words. I heard a lot that week, sometimes you are the only Bible people see, so I hope that you are making a positive impression rather than a negative one. It made me think that it is very easy to do that when you are on a mission trip in a foreign land, but the places where it really counts, like at work or on the road or at home, are what really matter. Another lesson that I picked up on from being in a nation where the standard of living is substantially less than here, is that I really need to appreciate what I have here, because I could have it a whole lot worse. Approximately 25% of Jamaica’s revenues come from tourism, so you can imagine it must be a rather large industry, but once you leave the tourist areas it is a different world. People live in serious poverty. It seemed that most of the actual residents of Jamaica usually lived in small shacks on the sides of the road that resembled the Hoovervilles of the great depression era. Electricity and running water seemed standard, but a lot of cooking was done on fire pits in the front yard, and windows and doors seemed to be optional. Overall I must say it made me really appreciate the simple things, like glass windows. Lastly, and probably the most important lesson that I learned in Jamaica, is that anyone can be a missionary,

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anywhere. You don't even have to leave your hometown to reach out to someone who might have never heard the gospel before. You might not even have to reach out past your circle of friends or co-workers. To put it into simple terms, Life is a missions field, and when we do as we are supposed to do, we are always being a missionary, because people are always watching.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Sunday January 23, 2005 is *Fellowship Sunday*. All are encouraged to invite a family to your home for dinner and then meet back at the church at 4:00PM for an evening of fun and fellowship. You will just need to bring a game and a dessert. Don't miss this opportunity to get to know others in the church. There will not be an evening service on that day.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Our annual business meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, January 26th, at 7:00PM. At 5:30 there will be a covered dish dinner in the fellowship hall. ALL members are encouraged to attend.

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