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### Dates for UPCOMING AJL Trips

**Jamaica: Mobile Mission**  
March 28- April 5, 2015

**Jamaica: VBS/Medica Mission**  
July 4 - July 12, 2015

**Kenya:**  
October 11 - October 23, 2015

**Nigeria:**  
December 11- December 20, 2015

## AJL Extends It's Hands to Union Island, St. Vincent

May 31 - June 7, 2014



The National Association for the Advancement of Union Island People (NAAUP) is pleased to announce the successful completion of its Medical Mission 2014 to Union Island. We must express our gratitude and thanks to the medical group American-Jamaican Link Charitable Foundation Inc.(AJL). This medical team headed by Dr. Clyde Green partnered with the NAAUP medical team to render this much needed service.

This combined team also graciously extended their services to the neighboring island of Mayreau where they served over 150 persons. The medical team included General Practitioners, Podiatrist (Dr. Roger Theodore), Gastroenterologist (Dr. Carley Ebanks), Dentist, (Dr. Candace Alexander), Physician Assistant (Tiffany Satchell) and nurse (Marcia Ebanks). Also, special thanks to Ms. Cheryl Green for all her hard work. We want to also acknowledge and give special thanks to Dr. Candace Alexander from Maryland, Dr. Hutchinson from New York, Registered Nurse, Veron Charles from Toronto, Ontario, and exceptional supporting staff Nicole and Dwight Alexander from Georgia.

Also special thanks and appreciation to the Celena Clouden Hospital Medical staff headed by Dr. Martin, Nursing Supervisor Lorene Jones, and their supporting staff who did an incredible job. This mission could not have been accomplished without the dedicated work and untiring efforts of the NAAUP local chapter in Union Island headed by Mrs. Stephanie Brown and committee members Leroy Thomas, Stafford Coy, Lorene Jones, Dr. Martin, Kay Stewart, Nurse Gailann Williams, Sharon Alexander, Mr. Hutchinson and Ms.Vernette Ollivierre.

A special thanks for those who assisted with food preparation, housing, transportation and other essential services.

We would like to thank the people of Union Island and Mayreau for their overwhelming response and for taking full advantage of these services. Over 500 people received medical and dental services and we have had nothing but positive comments for the services rendered.

Special thanks is due to Delta Alexander (RN) of the NAAUP Inc. of Georgia who master minded this whole project. Her hard work and dedication in putting this entire team together in the continuing spirit of "giving back" was greatly appreciated.

The NAAUP and AJL look forward to repeating this mission in the year of 2015. We take this opportunity to invite all persons who would like to volunteer for this next mission. "Together we aspire, Together we achieve".







The Union Island mission was the first of hopefully many more to come.

On Saturday, May 31, 2014, we boarded a flight from Atlanta to Miami and got a connecting flight to Barbados. The following day we boarded a 25 seater plane to Union Island. The flight to Union Island took about 40 minutes. Since the island is only 3 miles long and 1 mile wide, there is not much of a runway for landing, but we landed without any problem.

Union Islanders are primarily English speakers. There were however, some that spoke French and German.

Upon landing, we were greeted by Mrs. Delta Alexander, RN, the organizer of the mission, her husband Mr. Nick Alexander and other members of NAAUP (National Association for the Advancement of Union Island People).

There was a small gathering/luncheon, whereas introductions were made and entertainment was provided by the children of Mr. & Mrs. Alexander. Afterwards we discussed the mission plans for the week.

In Union there are 2 towns, one is Ashton and the other is Clifton. The first day we actually had providers at both clinics because there was an error in the flyers that were sent out regarding clinic operation.

The providers that worked this mission were Dr. Hutchinson, (retired New York physician, native of Union Island), Dr. Candace Alexander (Dentist and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alexander from Maryland), Dr. Carly Ebanks, Dr. Roger Theodore, Dr. Clyde Green and Tiffany Satchell, PA., Veron Charles, RN (from Canada, native of Union Island) and Marcia Ebanks, RN.

The third day of mission, we took a speed boat over to one of the surrounding islands called Mayreau. Mayreau is 3 miles from Union Island and is only accessible by boat. Mayreau has a population of about 300, with one school that goes to 6th grade. After 6th grade, students must attend school on Union Island.

On day four, we went back to the main island and saw patients. During the four days, 500 people received medical

and dental services. In addition, spiritual tracks and treats were provided for men, women and children.

On the fifth day, which was a day of relaxation, we went sailing to the beautiful island of Tobago Cays. On our journey to the Cays, we saw the surrounding islands of Mayreau, Palm Island and Petit St. Vincent. The ocean water was calm and clear, just perfect for the avid scuba diver and snorkeler. Once on the Cays, we had a bountiful lunch fit for kings and queens. After enjoying lunch, some of us enjoyed the water and afterwards sailed back to Union Island.

This mission could not have been possible without God leading and guiding Mrs. Alexander, giving her the mind to give back to her people. Of course Mr. Nick Alexander and their three children (Dr. Alexander, Nicole and Dwight) who were very, very supportive, the members of NAAUP, Mr. Jean-Marc Saily (donated his sail boat), Mrs. Stephanie Brown, and Ms. Lorene Jones (Nurse Supervisor), the nursing staff, the food staff and other volunteers.

To the people of Union, we say thank you for allowing us to help make a difference in the lives of your people. Thank you too for your kindness, your generosity, and taking care of that which the Lord has blessed you with. -Cheryl Green







# Vacation Bible School JULY, 2014

The girls enjoying their YWOG cards



JUMPING for JOY



**2014 Graduates - GIRLS:** Angel Bruce, Djanay Banton, Mikaila Gardner, Nikaila Gardner (*Head Girl*); **BOYS:** Lennox Bayes, Antoney Davis, Nathaniel Gordon, Nathan Gordon (*Head Boy*), Deshaw Stewart, & Cleon Wallace



Malcom holds class

## New Bethel Preparatory School 2014 Graduation

July 8th marked the culmination of the educational experience for the 10 young graduates of New Bethel Preparatory School. Families and friends gathered from far and near to celebrate their accomplishments. Under the leadership of Principal Joy Finikin, they marched with pride and dignity as the music played. When the program began, the current students sang and participated with former students. What a wonderful foundation these students obtained while at New Bethel. Success is a given for these young students. Congratulation!



Graduation Gifts



Justin & Lamar enjoying the beach



# AJL MISSION TEAM REFLECTIONS

## Sasha Curry

*Jamaica, July '14*

As a first time missionary, I must say that I truly enjoyed the experience. As a public health educator, I thought I was going to teach and be done. However, I learned so much from the people I encountered, from the children, to the other missionaries. It was an eye opening and humbling experience. I am excited to return with AJL in March, 2015.



## Malcom Williams

*Jamaica, July '14*

This was my second mission trip as a AJL family member. I was accepted in the organization in December of 2013 and went on my first mission trip on March 29th, 2014. I never thought I would meet so many wonderful people. The people I met felt more like family than people I just did business with. I love the joy that comes when you're around the right group of people.

On July 5th I went on my second mission with the AJL organization and felt at peace of mind. I did not want that feeling to go away!!!

It is true about what they say about Jamaica, "Jamaica is a one love country". Every time I visit I am always feeling the love from the community. I can now say Jamaica is my favorite destination to travel. I wanted to stay FOREVER in Jamaica. I had such a blast to where I started feeling depressed nearing my last days and didn't want to leave. The thought of bettering a place because of my appearance got me feeling I have a purpose here on Earth. I am blessed to have experienced things outside of my normal life and seeing new things. I always said traveling is considered Vitamin A, because it is good for the eyes to see all the beautiful people, scenery and cultural that is included!!! I cannot wait to do more missions trips with the AJL family.



## Dr. Nicole Jasper

*Jamaica, July '14*

I just want everyone to know that Justin and I had an absolutely wonderful time.

Justin said he loved his time in Jamaica and he already told me he wants to go back next year. He had a wonderful time working with the children in VBS and spending time cleaning up the beach in Black River. For me it was such a blessing to help my people. Everyone was so gracious and polite and grateful. I can't wait to come back myself. Dr. & Mrs. Green have done an amazing job organizing the trip and ensuring that it is a memorable experience for everyone involved. Thank you for all you do!



## Evangelist Clara Washington

*Jamaica, July '14*

Praise the Lord! It's hard to find the right words to share. This year was filled with hard work, but always an awesome experience as I saw the greater manifestation of God's glory. We had nearly 100 students but one student who was about 10 years old kept acting up in his class. After being sent inside to the adult class, I had a chance to ask him what was wrong. He began to explain that he didn't like Americans. I had a chance to explain the difference between good and bad and by the end of VBS he obtained an award and was playing with his classmates and loving on his teacher.

This year I witnessed a young man from off the street and the bus driver come into the revival and experience the deliverance power of God. They even shared with me what God had done for them. It caused me to have a deeper hunger and to fast and pray for wisdom on how to win souls and make disciples for Jesus.



## Evangelist Linda Stevens

*Jamaica, July '14*

Praise the Lord! This is my 9th year of participating in AJL mission trip to Jamaica. I am just as excited as I was the very first year that I participated. Every year I've experienced renewed energy and my heart is joyful in fulfilling a dream. The joy stems from the fact of being a part of a mission team and doing what the Lord has commissioned us to do.

The theme of this year's VBS was "God's World, My Responsibility, Connect God's Way in God's World." We had a total of four classes and every class could have been divided into another class. The classes were not only filled with the Word, but daily arts & crafts activities, treats and at the end of the week, certificates & gift bags.

The noon service provided an opportunity for the classes to share what they had learned with the clinic staff and patients waiting to be seen in the clinic.

I always take something home from my interaction with the children. If only I could get the words and body motions for "Father Abraham" to be coordinated.

The theme for this year's revival/campaign was, "It's Running Time", Hebrew 12:1-2. The services are always lively with singing and dancing while the evangelist were given opportunities to minister.

Again the cuisine was delicious and I do enjoy our traditional stops as we travel to St. Elizabeth. I can almost taste the jerk chicken, fish and bami. Awesome!

Thanks be unto God for AJL and for what He is doing and has done as He continues to allow AJL to be a blessing to others.



## Tiffany Satchell -

Union Mission, June '14

Humbling!! If I had to describe my trip to Union Island in one word, that would be it. There are times when you lose focus in life on what's important and get stuck into a routine. This mission trip really opened my eyes and helped me regain focus on what's important. From flying on a TINY plane to sailing the rough seas of the Caribbean, God used many ways to help me build my trust in Him. God also spoke to me via the many beautiful people I met both in Union Island and Mayreau. They were so appreciative to have "foreign doctors" come and help them. Despite having to wait hours in the sun, everyone left with a smile and 'Thank You.' Some even returned with gifts such as fruits, sea moss, rock salt, and other items. The children performed songs and dance while the elders taught us about the history during the evening. Never once did we need or want for anything, despite being on such a small island. I felt like family after one day on the island. The people left such an impression on my heart. It was such an amazing experience. While I was there to help them, they also ministered and helped me. I look forward to returning to my extended family in



St. Vincent next year.

## Marquisha Jennings

Jamaica, July '14

I thoroughly enjoyed my missions trip to Jamaica this year. This was my 2nd missions trip and my 1st visit to the island. One of my most memorable moments during the trip were my students from Vacation Bible School. As a preschool teacher, I had to come up with creative ways to teach a large amount of small children. But as Ms. Linda would say, you just "go with the flow". So I introduced the students to PAINTING! Can you imagine 20+ children, under the age of 5, painting? But it was so much fun! We made a tree mural using the kids hands. I also enjoyed teaching them an American Lively Chorus that my students back home sing during devotions. I know they would be tickled to see other children singing their song from a different country. This trip was one of the most humbling experiences of my life, and I pray

that God will introduce me to more opportunities to spread The Word of God to people all over the world. I am so glad that I met great people through the American-Jamaican Link Charitable Foundation and I hope that we will do more missions trips together, soon.

## Sherri Butler,

Jamaica, July '14

I have visited Jamaica several times before, but this was the first time I came to serve. The people of the land are so loving and welcoming that it really feels like a home away from home. I loved the food, I loved the scenery, but most importantly I loved sharing the light of Christ as I was assigned to teach VBS during the day and preach a revival message at night. The Greens are such a respected family within the Black River community that they affect change on everything their anointed hands touch. I hope to return some day, but in the meantime, I will give assistance from a distance.





# AJL's July 2014 Medical/Mission Team/Jamaica



## New faces on the AJL team



(left to right) Marquisha Jennings, Sherri Butler, Tevin Green, Justin Jasper, Malcolm Williams, Ayala Gray, & Sasha Curry (front).

## Health Class with the youth



Ms. Nellie prepares lunch for the team.

## Marquisha Jennings - Showing off the children's artwork





## Clinic, July 2014

AJL continues to work diligently to minister to the communities in which they serve. The founder's heart has always been to fulfill the divine call to minister to the total man. 3 John 2 (NIV) says "...I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well."



Triage



Health Class



Pharmacy

### AJL VISION STATEMENT

American-Jamaican Link Charitable Foundation will strive to empower poor rural communities to become more healthy and self-reliant. Through education, medical, spiritual and social services; we will help to train health-care aides, teacher's assistants, office technologists, clergies and sponsor capital projects. Our train-the-trainer approach will reflect our commitment for each community to be a part of its own destiny. Our caring Doctors, Counselors, Educators, and friends will be committed to fighting poverty and social injustice. We will benefit from our cultural diversity, and encourage effective servant-leaders to make the global community a healthier, wiser, more compassionate place to be.

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## **Excerpts from the Diary of a Missed Mission -**

**7/05/14-** I awakened for morning devotional before 6:00am and immediately my thoughts were on the team headed to Jamaica. Oh how I longed to be with them and to see the children faces. I sent Linda a message that I was praying for their safe travel and that I missed them. All throughout the day I kept a mental check on where I thought they were on the journey to St. Elizabeth as I continued to lift them in prayer. It is in this circumstance, I realized that my heart is firmly engaged and knitted to this God directed cause and purpose.

**07/06/14-** I wondered what was on the breakfast menu, what was the Sunday School message. If Mother Green (Dr. Green mother) preached that morning. I wondered if Petrina (one of my VBS student) was longing for me as much and I was for her. As the day went by, I'd noticed the time and ponder in my heart about the teams activities and I asked God to bless them the more.

**07/07/14-** It was the first day of VBS and I hoped they'd have a great attendance and that I had sent enough supplies for my little ones. I prayed for the team that they would work together in unity and not allow strife or division to rise up, that the campaign would be a success and souls saved & delivered.

**07/08/14-** Today I again longed to be with the team. From the time I thought of them while I was getting ready for work, I wondered if they were strolling the beach or in quiet meditation before they began the day. Maybe sitting down to breakfast. Having porridge, mango & coffee.

On the ride from work I received the call. Hurray for Linda Stevens!! She felt my need and called to give me a report. The graduation went well, the graduates received their backpacks and the YWOG loved the group photo they received.

For me, the simple pleasure of making a person feel that they matter is a desire in me, since childhood that I have felt the need to extend the same love and care that was given to me. Through AJL I've realized that dream many times, over the last 6 years.

I smiled during the entire time of my conversation with Linda. Thank you Linda for taking the time to heal my longing. Now as I go into my home to prepare dinner, I know that my Jamaican family are well. Thank you Lord!

**07/09/14-** As I began another day, my thoughts turn to the team members. I pray for their strength, peace & unity as they minister to the community and one another. Today, I'm no longer anxious as I reflect on what may be happening there. My soul is at peace as I prepare to journey to Hickory to surprise Ginny.

**07/10/14-** It's Thursday, the last day of VBS and I said a special prayer for team leaders, Dr. Clyde Green & Mrs. Cheryl Green that God would continue to bless and strengthen their lives. Prayer for the team for their faithfulness to the mission and to one another and that there be no lack in their lives.

Today the children will receive their tokens for participating in VBS and I hope they enjoyed them. I know the team is weary right now but I know the Lord is pleased with them for their sacrificial service.

Oh how I've missed being a part of the team and seeing the children but I know God is up to something big with AJL and I'm glad I'm a part of it.

**07/11/14-** It's the last day in St. Elizabeth and my prayers go out for Mother Green, Ms. Joy & Papa Green, the pillars of New Zion Bethel. The team had their final fellowship with the community and I do hope the outing to the beach was fun for all. I know the team is ready for some relaxation.

**07/12/14-** I thought of the team resting at the resort and I asked God to watch over them as they prepared for their journey home on Sunday. I've missed them this entire week but I had the awesome opportunity of being an intercessor for them and now I realize that I was with them in spirit if not in person. Thank you God for allowing me to be apart of AJL, a ministry that effect lives for the better. - **Brenda Phelps**

