



# American-Jamaican Link

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## 2010 Campaign, Vacation Bible School & Clinic!

Brenda Phelps  
To God be the Glory!!!

The 2010 American Jamaican Link Foundation has it's largest group of workers to the island for the annual medical/missionary trip on July 3rd thru 11th. The Campaign/Revival theme was "WAKE UP". The spiritual journey began Sunday, July 4 with Overseer Clyde Green preaching the opening message at New Bethel Zion Church. The temperature was hot but the presence of God was even hotter as we rejoiced in his presence. Each night we heard the message of "Wake UP" brought in various ways but it spoke to each of us at our point of need. The heartbeat of AJL has always been the word "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:19-20

Vacation Bible School started bright an early Monday morning This year's Vacation Bible School boasted a record numbers of participants from ages 4 to 84. The theme for this year was, "God's Forever Family, Come On In". Romans 12:4-8 *"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts according to the grace give us..."* The teachers were Linda Stevens (adults), Eva Oneal



(teenagers), Carrie Mack (youth) & Brenda Phelps (primary). Classes were held Monday thru Thursday and a fun-filled cookout at the beach for the teenagers and games & activities for the youth at the church on Friday. It was blast!

This year marked my second trip to Jamaica I was anxious to see my Jamaican babies once again. They are my reason for return and I was again greeted with their bright smiles and the never ending courtesy of the tropical sun. Each day the students arrived with renewed enthusiasm and anxious to begin their daily assignments.



**Back row:** (left to right) Dr. Clyde Green, Tevin Green, Dr. James Beverly, Carrie Mack, Dr. Clarie Willie, Jocelyn Blander & Brenda Phelps. **Middle row:** Daphne Patterson, Eva O'Neal, Linda Stevens, Delayna Willie, Antonelle Melbourne & Cheryl Green. **Sign holders:** Ken Patterson, Caelen Willie & Keith Green. Those not pictured: Wilphemia Vincent, Rose Brooks, Ta-Tanysha David & Ayanna Brooks

On Thursday afternoon the students were presented their VBS Attendance Certificates along with personal gifts bags that were donated by the friends and supporters of the American-Jamaican Link Foundation.

As always on every trip to Jamaica, Dr. Clyde Green along with wife, Cheryl and the medical staff dutifully takes care of the health needs of the community. The medical clinic is open from 9:00am to 3:00pm or until the last patient was seen. With a steady flow of patients, Dr. Clarie Willie, Dr. James Beverly, Nurse Practitioner Daphne Patterson, nurses, Wilphemia Vincent, Ken Patterson along with & Sis. Pauline Finikin, Ayana Brooks, Ta-Tanysha David took care in assisting patients before they saw the doctors. The majority of the patients depend on the clinic as their primary source of medical care during Dr. Green's annual visits.

Some of the team's comments on their experiences in Jamaica are included in the following page. Enjoy!



## AJL REFLECTIONS



Awesome, marvelous in my eyes, heart touching are the words that come to mind to describe my experience. This was my 5th missionary trip to Jamaica and every year I look forward to going with renewed enthusiasm. I feel as if I am visiting my family because I have grown very fond of all the familiar

faces that I see every year. I find myself asking Ms. Joy concerning the whereabouts of those who I haven't seen during the visit.

I was happy this year because we had more help with the Vacation Bible School than usual and were able to start an Adult VBS Class with the adults that waited to be seen in the clinic. To my delight, I had the honor and pleasure of facilitating that class. I was especially touched when a visiting pastor who was waiting to be seen in the clinic decided to share some words of encouragement to some of the older teenagers and young adults, which came my way from the overflow from the other class. His words were the confirmation of my prayers that someone would inspire and mentor those young adults.

As I look over the pictures from VBS, especially those taken during devotional, I am amazed at the number of children in attendance. In my opinion it was the largest turnout since it started. It was truly a blessing to serve and receive the heartfelt kindness that was extended to us.

Even when the attentiveness seemed to be lacking from some of the students, when it came time for the 12 noon service and review, they proved that they were actually listening and taking the word to heart. They were always able to answer the questions they were asked to my amazement. One young man in particular that was less than attentive, blessed my spirit when he was the one that gave words of thanks to me from the entire class on the final class day of Vacation Bible School.

Revival or campaign service as they call it in Jamaica was festive and upbeat. I always enjoy the dancing and Mother Green has a way of imparting so much into your spirit by her very presence and deep love for God. Now, I cannot leave out Ms. Joy Finikin, who knows "everything" about most things and when you pay attention to her wise counsel it helps things to flow better for you and those you are working with. Special thanks go to Ms. Nellie for maintaining the canteen and for the delicious meals that she along with Mother Green, Ayana & Rose prepared for us during our visit. You'll never know how good a cool drink of water can taste until you've spent a few hours working in 90+ degree heat.

To my delight this year we had air in our accumulation and for the first time in St. Elizabeth I was actually cold during the night hours. Every morning I would arise early and find my spot "Bethel" on the beach and soak in the natural healing power of the ocean on my joints and the spiritual enlightenment of being in God's presence. In my return to the states, my feet still remain unswollen and to God be all the glory.

My passion even as a child was to be a nurse and to do mission work in foreign lands because freely is it given and freely is it received. Through the American Jamaican Link I have fulfilled that passion. Even though I didn't work as a nurse this trip, I was happy to be able to flow in the missionary role. The Lord in turn blessed what my hands found to do and for that I'm eternally grateful.

**Evang. Linda Stevens**



**Dr. James Beverly** - I come to clear my head. Being in Jamaica reminds me of what's really important in life.



Excited is the word that comes to mind as I reflect on all that the Lord has done for me. I was blessed to have the money to go and participate and feel that I am a better person because of this trip. It has made me more humble and caused me to be more thankful towards God.

I saw firsthand a people that were poor in possessions but not in spirit. They live off the land and it reminded me of my childhood. The memories came back so vividly of when my family lived off the land and our own lack of material wealth. What I gleaned most was my own need and desire to return back to my roots.

At New Bethel Zion Church they praised the Lord in a different manner with their dance than I was accustomed to, but it wasn't long before I learned and was able to join in with them and felt right at home. One of the sisters told me that "I had electric feet and a high spirit" and she loved my spirit. The compliment warmed my heart and affirmed my walk with God.

I'm still excited about what the Lord did for me and can hardly wait to go next year if it's the Lord's will. **Missionary Carrie Mack**



I enjoyed the Jamaican Mission trip and I thank GOD for opening that door in my spiritual walk with him. It caused a breaking/birthing of something wonderful within me. It strengthened my faith, causing me to have a tighter grip on him that I refuse to let go. It was a privilege and an honor to be a part of God's work. I thank God for the experience and the knowledge that I obtained through VBS. I thank him for empowering me to witness/encourage both the young and the old. I thank him for the medical clinic, for people came from both near and far to visit the clinic and because they came they were included in the VBS. I thank God for the "REVIVAL SERVICES" that were going on each night with the theme "WAKE UP" taken from Luke 15:17. God took me to a far country and awaken me to see him for who he is in me and who I am in him. It is with enthusiasm that I look forward to next year's trip. A special thanks to God for touching the hearts of those who supplied donations, contributions, etc. May God add a special blessing upon them in which will not have room to receive...In Jesus name. **Sis. Eva O'Neal**



**Ken & Daphne Patterson** - This was our first mission trip. We came with a desire to help and to fulfill our church's vision of taking our community and world. This trip enabled us to begin that journey.

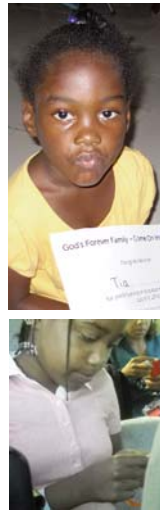


**Dr. Clarie Willie** - This was my first mission trip and I realized that I didn't want to be a sponge but rather a servant. I felt the need to give back and bless others.





Children enjoying recess after Vacation Bible School



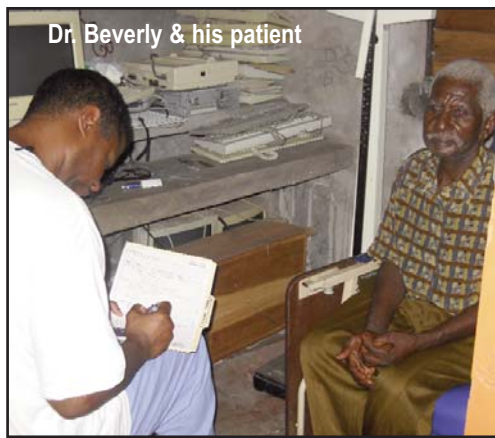
The Primary class showing off their arts & crafts







Patients waiting to be seen in the clinic



Dr. Beverly & his patient

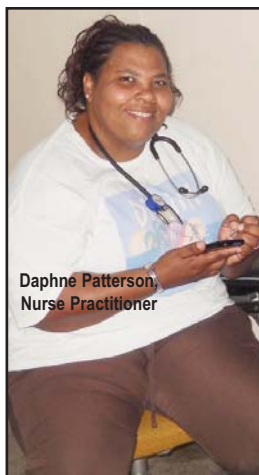


Ken Patterson hard at work

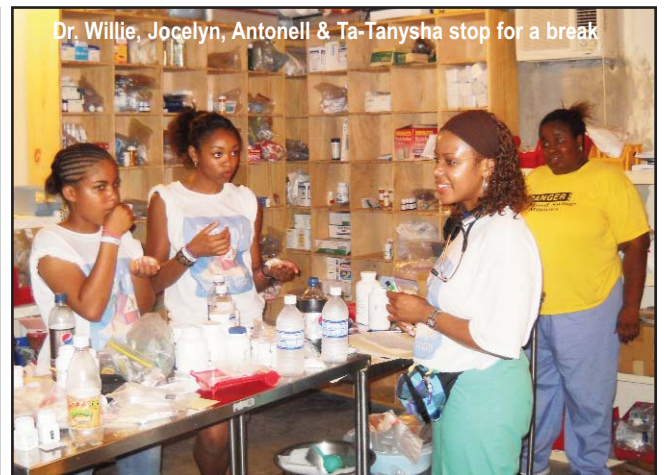
The medical team did an excellent job taking care of the needs of the community. Many long hours were given to the patients in order to fulfill the vision of the AJL founder.



Wilphemia rests after a long day



Daphne Patterson,  
Nurse Practitioner



Dr. Willie, Jocelyn, Antonell & Ta-Tanysha stop for a break

**WHO WE ARE:** American Jamaican Link was founded in 1995 to provide free health care to the rural poor in the United States (Georgia) and Jamaica. In 1999 the association expanded its services to include free medicine, educational, and spiritual service to the poor in Africa (Nigeria) and Haiti as well. Our management team consists of a board of directors. AJL is not a membership organization; services and activities are provided and carried out by people who are willing to give back to the community and share in our vision.

The American-Jamaican Link Charitable Foundation is an excellent outreach ministry to partner with. Any church, Sunday School class, civic group or person who has a desire to help those in developing countries from Jamaica to Africa can do so through AJL. Please consider becoming a sponsor in helping to build the lives of those in need.

**Within the USA, send all donations to:**

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Gray, GA 31032

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American Jamaican Link Charitable Foundation  
New Bethel Zion Church, Parottee, PA.  
St. Elizabeth, Jamaica

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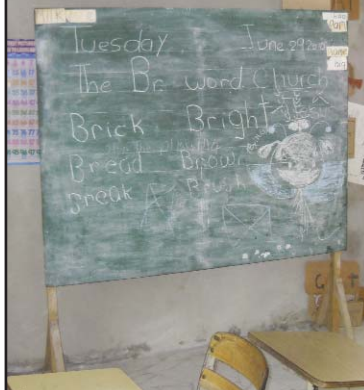
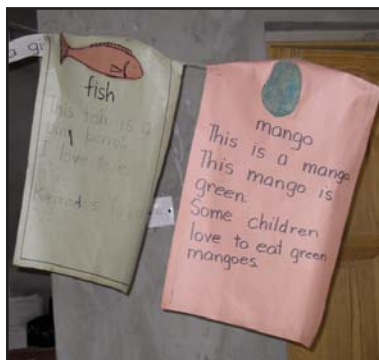
The Green's - Tevin, Cheryl, Dr. Green & Keith



The construction at New Bethel Preparatory School has been completed and the school is currently open for class. They graduated the first class in the new building on July 8, 2010. With one of the most dedicated teacher at the helm, Mrs. Pauline (Joy) Finnikin, the school will continue to flourish. She has a love and passion for the children she serves and has taught and graduated some of the most gifted and brightest children anywhere. These children have the same dreams and hopes that children in the states have. They only need a helping hand to enable them to thrive in their education growth.

Sis. Finnikin has provided a wish list for those who would like to contribute materials for the school. Any donation whether great or small will make a lasting impact on the children she serves.

Glue	Numerals Charts	Book Shelves
Dusters	World Globe	Storage Bins
Markers	Math Charts	Computers
Scissors	Spelling Charts	Laptops
Construction Paper	Reading Charts	Chalkboards
Stickers	Counting Charts	Children books
Alphabet Charts	Chalk	Mats
	Staples	Puzzles







Pastor Victoria Green

## History of New Bethel Zion Church & The American-Jamaican Link Foundation Mission & Ministry

The ministry was started in 1982 after the return of the founder of New Bethel Zion Church from the United States to the small town of Parottee in Saint Elizabeth. The ministry was started under a tambrin tree with a total of 12 members, six of which were children in addition to the founder, her husband and four adult members. The ministry grew and was moved from the tambrin tree to the founder's garage, in which it stayed for approximately five years. The membership grew enough to build a sanctuary that initially was built to house 100 people. As the ministry grew over 12 years, they were at the point where they had to expand the church to a holding capacity of 250 people. The active membership as of right now is about 125 members and with visitors, the total comes to about 130 to 150 people of a poor, underserved community. Out of the ministry, grew the American-Jamaican Link Charitable Foundation, founded by myself, Dr. Clyde Green in conjunction with the founder, Pastor Victoria Green of the New Bethel Zion Church.

We established a charitable foundation where-with we were able to begin the medical mission service in conjunction with the church in 1995.

The church had established two rooms attached to the church for medical mission and that has grown since 1995 to four exam rooms, one x-ray room and a surgery suite, all which is to provide aid and medical needs to the poor. For the last seven years, we have been going on a quarterly basis to provide medical mission to the poor.

Every summer for the first week of July to the second Sunday of July, we have an annual campaign/revival where we invite various churches from the United States and around the community of Jamaica to come. We have nightly services at 7:00 p.m. and noonday worship as well as Vacation Bible School and a musical workshop. This has been going on for the last five years and it runs for an entire week, usually from the first Monday to the second Sunday of July. This outreach has allowed the church to grow and foster discipleship. We are able to reach the community by providing medical, social and humanitarian aid to the community. During the week of campaign, we usually christen and present to the Lord several infants and we also have a river baptism of at least two or three members every year. We have been growing on a steady basis with two or three new member every year for the last several years. Keep us in your prayers as we work to fulfill the great commission.



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