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Nigeria: Dec. 11- Dec. 20, 2015

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Jamaica: VBS/Medica Mission
July 2 - July 10, 2016

Union Island: Medical Mission
July 23-30, 2016

The Bag Ladies of



The term "bag lady", made popular by Erykah Badu, has a fairly negative connotation. A bag lady is a woman who carries emotional "baggage". The lyrics of Ms. Badu's song proclaim that this baggage crowds your space, gets in your way, and slows you down. The American-Jamaican Link (AJL) missionaries, however, have come to know a different meaning of the term. On a medical mission trip, our bags not only carry our personal belongings; but they also carry supplies, gifts, and everything we need for an effective mission. We come from different backgrounds and locations; and bring with us, our knowledge, expertise - and our bags.



The first time I travelled to Jamaica with AJL, all I brought was candy to give the children. I knew nothing about the

people we were serving or their needs. The July 2015 mission was my fourth trip with AJL and my baggage has changed drastically. I serve as a health educator so I now bring teaching materials, a portable printer, a laptop, an iPad, candy, clothes for the children, hygiene products, and anything else I receive as a donation. Donations are vital for a successful

mission. Without our supporters, many of our bags would remain unfilled.

As a rookie bag lady, I am still learning from the veterans; some of whom have been travelling with AJL for 10+ years. On my third trip with AJL, I received a donation to buy enough products for 75 people. I eagerly ran out to Dollar Tree and filled two shopping carts. I learned a valuable lesson... soap is heavy. I wasn't able to take all of the products for that mission due to the weight of my bags. Now I know that when collecting donations and estimating my out-of-pocket expenses, I should be mindful of the cost of transporting supplies. With every mission I learn a bit more about what to put in my bags, how to pack them and how to get them to Jamaica.

Some mission groups address spirituality only, while others focus on health needs. AJL's goal is to "provide medical, educational, mental, spiritual and social services." We seek to improve the lives of those we serve; and in the end they are as much a blessing to us as much as we are a blessing to them. After a week of hard work on the beautiful island, we return home with our bags lighter, our hearts fuller, and already planning for the next mission.



by Ayala Gray

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**American-Jamaican Link
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Celebrates 20 years of
consistent SERVICE to the
Global Community!

AJL MISSION TEAM REFLECTIONS



Evang. Clara Washington

Thank God for another year to be with my Jamaican family. To me it's like a family reunion, enjoying Jamaican food, seeing it being prepared outside, fresh coconut, mangoes and fresh fruit.



During Vacation Bible School we had nearly 100 in attendance and even some in their twenties. They came with attuned ears eager to hear the word of God. God even sent us some youth & teenagers from the US to help us. It was like an overflow of help. Whenever we would do things for the children they'd always say "Thank You Miss". During the nightly campaign service God moved greatly and many came to the altar for prayer to destroy generational curses and to see the 5 & 6 year old sing was such joy. I especially enjoyed the little one that sang "I'm Climbing Up the Rough Side of the Mountain".

Being here caused me to desire to seek God's heart the more and I'm looking forward to next year. This year I even got a chance to meet people from my hometown & family members.

Dr. Yolanda Ragland

The AJL experience is always uplifting and each year brings new revelations and makes me recognize that God's plan for us is that His light and a blessing to His children is always in the works. I am

grateful that I have had the opportunity to connect to this mission and be of service to this vision. This year I was blessed with the opportunity to share the experience with my oldest daughter who I believe God used in a special way to not only minister to the children in need, but to also help connect me and our family to another special family (The Jaspers) through friendship and fellowship.



I have so many memories of the AJL mission trips and each year I find myself leaving with even more fond memories, friends and family. I thank Dr. Green and all of the participants for continuing to open their minds and hearts and allow God to move through and in this group and for keeping the focus on God's people and giving Him all the glory!



Sequoia Ragland

Here in Jamaica I gained a lot of experience helping to educate young children during Vacation Bible School in Black River, JA. Every day the children were extremely excited to learn about God as well as life lessons in mental and physical health. To see the children excited and invested in their

learning made me extremely happy and changed my perspective on what I should be grateful and appreciative of in my life.



Dr. Nicole Jasper

My trip was self sponsored, but the difference for me is that I brought all 4 of my children this year - Justin 13, Cameron 11, Brandon 9 and Alyssa 7.



All four children helped in VBS while I was in the clinic. I was proud to see how my children took the initiative to help and treat the VBS children like they were family. It was touching to see Justin, Cameron, Brandon and Alyssa take the time to help the students and genuinely enjoy the experience. When Dr. Green asked them what they learned, each of them had a lot to say - including that they learned that the VBS students didn't have a lot of material items but they were still happy, and that made them happy also. It is such a blessing to be able to give freely of your time and love to others because we all

reap the blessings together.

I can't wait until next year when I'll once again be back with the four children. Dr. Green and I are in the planning phase now to expand our outreach to Black River hospital and clinic. We have several specialists on board to join us on the trip in 2016.

Thank you Clyde and Cheryl for having the vision and fortitude to create a program that brings people who may not otherwise ever meet in an environment where we can pool our God given gifts to truly bless others!!!!!!



Chaka McGruder

This year was my first time traveling to Jamaica with the group. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience. My role as triage nurse was to see each patient, assess their chief complaint, and then send them to the next available physician. I enjoyed connecting with the patients and learning that many of the same health issues that we have in America exist in Jamaica as well. I was able to do a lot of one-on-one teaching on healthy living; a very wonderful experience!

The nightly revival services were very uplifting; many of the songs we sing at my church during devotion we sang at New Bethel in Jamaica! I was in awe! The spirit showed up nightly, and we had a mighty, mighty good time, in the name of the Lord. To see people walking miles to church, praising the Lord in an air conditioned-less church, made me grateful and thankful for the many blessings I take for granted.

I met some wonderful, amazing people from the States that I cannot wait to travel with again next year. I recommend the trip to anyone and everyone!

Renee Theodore

For the past 14 years I have served as a volunteer for American Jamaican Links Charitable Foundation and I love it. Throughout my 15 years being affiliated with the foundation I have thoroughly enjoyed the relationships



formed with families throughout Black River and throughout other parts of Jamaica. I am totally passionate about the work that I do in partnership with Dr. Green's vision for AJL. I am passionate about working with families especially children who are in need of educational support and families who are in need of everyday items that are not easily accessible in Black River. I encourage anyone to volunteer with AJL and donate your time, talents, and finances to AJL in regards to supporting the vision of helping people abroad as well as in the United States. In addition to meeting fabulous families and making new friends I enjoy meeting families, making friends, and providing spiritual support to children.

Keith Green

This summer's AJL Medical Mission Trip was by far the best one I've been on. I had to take on the challenge of working with the children and being an assistant teacher for Ms. Linda Butts.



What stood out on this trip was that everyone enjoyed having each other around. We had no problems or complaints about one another. VBS was a great success and seeing the smiles on the kids faces made me happy. I enjoyed having Brandon, Cameron, Justin, Alyssa, and Sequoia around. I'm sure the best and saddest memory we had was when we walked the beach on the day we had to leave and gave final hugs before going our separate ways because none of us wanted to say goodbye to each other. I believe that's how every mission trip should be. You should have that strong bond that will make you want to see each other on the next trip. I can't wait to hopefully see all of them one more time.

Evang. Linda Stevens

Ten years and still counting. It gives me such great spiritual satisfaction to be a member of the American Jamaican Links Mission Team. With renewed vigor and anticipation prior to arriving on the mission field; I found myself packing, repacking, weighing luggage to be within the 50lb weight limit as required by the airline. With



much debating, I am able to take the most needed items. (You have not seen anything funny until you see us at Hartsfield Airport, giving items to others members of the team, stuffing items in our carry ons to decrease the luggage weight.

Vacation Bible School is always exciting and this year the theme was Loving God, Lighting Up My World. We had 4 classes and all classes participated in arts & crafts and Health Education. The end of each day was highlighted with 12noon service which gave the classes an opportunity to expound on what they learned.

The revival or campaign theme this year was "It's Crying Time" from Isaiah 40:6. There was an awesome Word each night and it is really amazing how the Lord can bring all of us together in one place on the same accord.

As always, I thank my Jamaican family for the delicious food and hospitality which was extended to us. AJL has truly been a blessing to me by allowing me to fulfill a childhood dream and the call of God on my life.



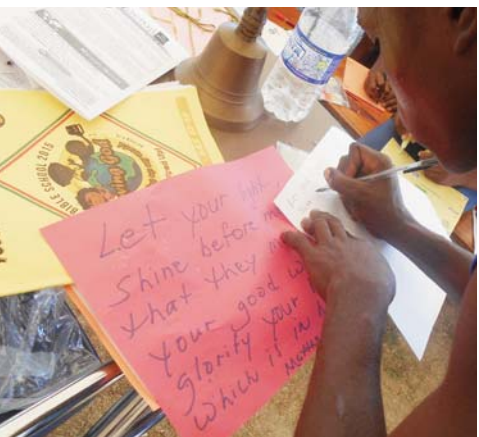
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AJL VISION STATEMENT

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.



Vacation Bible School JULY, 2015



New Bethel Preparatory School 2015 Graduation

July 8th marked the culmination of the educational experience for the 4 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 Finnikin, 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!**



Clinic, July 2015

This year brought a new face to the AJL team with the addition of Shaka, and Bianca. They both brought a willingness to serve the community of Parotte wherever the need arose. The medical team has always been a unique group that tends not to have any difficulty connecting. Their common threads is their medical skills but after a short time on the mission field, their new friendship holds them together even state side. Some times the patient numbers are large but this team always rally to support one another until every patient is taken care of. AJL medical team always operates with a spirit of excellence

Nurse Chaka McGruder works in triage



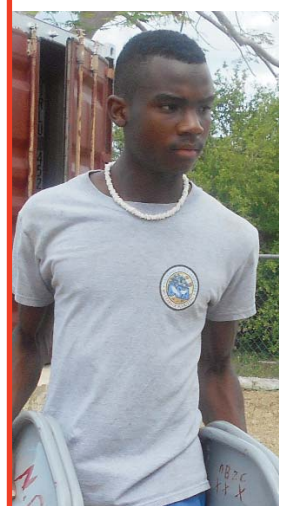
Dr. Ragland takes care of the children



Dr. Green shares a laugh with one of his patients



Dr. Jasper



Dear Team,

We wish to thank you all for the wonderful job of serving the people of Jamaica. We appreciate you all taking time from your busy schedule to serve God's people. VBS, Clinic, Campaign, Graduation and Health Education was a huge success and without teamwork this would not have been possible.

VBS attendance for the week was 125. In addition, we were able to see 105 patients in the clinic, not including the children.

Special "Shout Out" for the gifts that were shared with everyone, the much needed shampoo for the children, beautiful book bags w/supplies for the graduates and their diplomas, gently used clothing that were given to men, women boys and girls, condoms, the sweeties and cookies, the suit cases, school supplies, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Thank you too for sharing in the 58th Wedding Anniversary of Father & Mother Green, as well as Father Green's 82nd birthday.

Thank you!, Thank you!, Thank you!

We can never pay you for all that you have done, but God can.

In His Service,

Clyde & Cheryl
FTCC

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9 KJV

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American Jamaican Link Charitable Foundation, Inc.

20th Anniversary Celebration

It has been 20 years this year since, American Jamaican Link Charitable Foundation was formed. From that time to the present, the Lord has allowed us to serve and provide free healthcare in the USA, Jamaica, Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, St. Vincent, Haiti, and Tanzania. To God Be the Glory!

On January, 1995, we stepped out on faith with willing hearts knowing that we were making the first steps in fulfilling the great commission. We set out for Jamaica with one physician and began seeing patients in an open space behind the church, which the permanent structure came to be known as New Bethel Zion Clinic in the community of Hilltop, in Black River, Jamaica.

In 1999 AJL built 2 rooms that were added to the rear of the church. Later 2 more patient rooms were added, along with a the triage area, the procedure room, x-ray room and the medication room. As funds were available, a/c units were added to help combat the heat on those hot summer days.

In 2001 Dr. Roger P. Theodore (along with his wife Renee) were the first physician to join us on these mission trips. They have served faithfully for more than 13 years. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Clement Nwosu (with his wife Janet Nwosu, RN) joined the ministry. Other providers that have worked with AJL were Dr. Frederick Burton, Dr. Claire Willie, Dr. James Beverly, Dr. Keith Theodore, DDS, Dr. Candice Alexandria, DDS, Thelma Taylor, NP., Dr. Carley Ebanks, Dr. N. Ramiyia, Dr. Virginia Wright, Freda Cowan, NP, Roberto Springer, PA-C, Gilan Dudley, PA-C, Tiffany Satchell, PA-C., Dr. Kamathi Blackwood, Dr. Yolanda Ragland, Dr. Nicole Jasper, and Dr. Tammi Lamar-Blackwood.

We couldn't have done without the help of our nurses who saw the need and heeded the call: Mrs. Patricia Reid, RN, Marcia Ebanks-RN, Janet Nwosu-RN, Delta Alexandria-RN, Deborah Fields-RN, Dawn Erb-RN, Kimberly Tucker-RN, Kaithly Slack-RN, Welpheia Green Vincent-LPN, Nicole Baker-Baldwin-RN, DeWanna Wilson-RN, Juliet Adams-Grindley-RN, Cathylyn Parchment, MA, Ken & Daphne Patterson-RN, Jascent Dryden-RN, Gilan Dudley, NP-C, Regina Morgan-RN, Eloise Hall-LPN, Tanya Height-MA, Tammy Allen-MA, Dorothy Reese-RN, Michelle Simmons-RN, Debbie Ferguson, NP, LaTonya Young, NP & Patricia Theodore, NP, Midwife.

We are oh so very thankful for the Missionary Team who spearheads the VBS in July of each year. Thank you to Evang. Linda Stevens (Team Leader), Evang. Brenda Phelps, Evang. Clara Washington, Evang. Carrie Mack, Evang. Rosa Dennis, Eva Oneal, Phyllis Renee Theodore, Bianca Forbes, Ms. Bernice Harleston, Rachel Burrell, Nina Adams, Megan Middleton, Evang. Nellie Green, Evang. Joy Finnikin, Min. Sherri Butler, Marquisha Jennings, Pastors Wayne & Sandra Barrion, Jarvis & Iesha Barrion, Evang. Lillian Taylor, Min. Josephine Bowdry, Evang. Carrie Mack, Constance Nolton, Vanessa Preston, Usher & Alexis James, Natalie Owens, Tanekia Robinson, Patricia Peek, Lakeisha Curry, Telicia Moore, Rachell Burrell, MSW, Omari, Ayana, and Nkosi Brooks, Autumn & Heaven Green, Wanda Massiah, Ta-Tanysha David, Natasha Edwards, Justin, Brandon, Cameron and Alyssa Jasper, Sequoia Ragland, Sasha Curry, Brook Williams & Jenika Hammond. With the help of Evang. Stephens, Phelps and Washington, the 1st graduating class at New Bethel Zion in 2010 were given book bags with school supplies and their certificates. Every class thereafter has been blessed with the same. We thank you for the treats and gifts that you all supply.

From 2001 to 2011, Gray & Lynn Haven Nursing Homes, Middle Georgia Hospital and Regency Hospital were instrumental in donating hospital beds, hospital furnishings, wheelchairs, walkers, basins and mattresses to New Bethel Zion Clinic from 2011 - 2015. All of this equipment was put to good use and was very appreciative.

In 2013 Mercer University Masters in Public Health students were able to fulfill degree requirements by developing electronic medical records for the patients at the clinic. They also visited the local schools, teaching on health issues, and met with government officials concerning how to start a fish farm in Black River. We thank Tasena McCreary, Sativa Volcy, Angel Houston, Kimyra Mills, Shar Johnson, Malcom Williams, Ayala Gray & Darry Coverson. Thank also to Dr. Nanette Turner for coordinating and making all of this possible.

In May, 2015, our daughter, Elise Green Jones, graduated from Howard University College of Dentistry and she is hoping to join the mission team after residency.

Kingdom business is a team effort and we thank each of you for everything you have done. May God continue to bless and keep you as you continue on the battlefield.

IHS,

Clyde & Cheryl

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20th Anniversary Celebration**



AJL supplies & donations were collected during the 2015 Women of Grace Retreat and presented to Cheryl Green.



Brenda Phelps receives donations from Alabaster Place in Winston-Salem, NC from Elder Arlene Peebles for this year's trip.



Donations presented by Renee Theodre to the graduates & outstanding helpers at New Bethel Preparatory School during graduation.



During the March 2015 Mission trip to Jamaica, the team took time to celebrate and present gifts to AJL Co-founders, Dr. Clyde & Mrs. Cheryl Green. They honored them for 20 years of faithful dedication to serving the global community.

