



Lloyd & Elaine Cooke  
*Serving the Lord in*

# Jamaica

January 2013

Beloved Family & Friends,

We trust that you all had an enjoyable Christmas with family and friends, and that the New Year has begun with the awareness of God's presence and daily blessings. Ours was spent in various church activities and at two different family gatherings at Christmas and New Year. We wish to say thanks to the many of you who sent us cards, and those who sent monetary gifts to our mission agency or directly to us. We are truly grateful.

Last week, at the meeting of our Community Aid committee with some of the families we are trying to help, we had two new requests for help to begin micro businesses. We are reviewing these to give a decision soon. The Social Development Commission officer who is working with us informed of a possible source of some funding, to augment what we already have contributed. Soon he will have someone come to give the women some basic business training to help them run their businesses.

Lloyd resumes teaching at the College in about two weeks. This semester he will be teaching Church History. This weekend we will host relatives of both Elaine and Lloyd, who are visiting for an annual Jazz festival near Montego Bay. Also visiting is a friend from Dominica where we had planted a church in the late 60's - early 70's. She came to Jamaica for Bible School in the 70's and returned to Dominica, where she now is involved in Evangelism and children ministries in Portsmouth, in the north. She is married with two adult children.

Your earnest prayers are sought for an initiative by the Evangelism Committee of our Ministers Fraternal, for a year of children evangelism activities. On February 16th. we will hold a gathering of pastors and children ministry workers to sensitize them to our vision. We hope to see a new focus and effort to win children outside our churches, led by younger members after an eight session training exercise. Then, after involvement in summer ministries in their churches, we hope to have community-wide children crusades. We will not be successful without your prayer support for these activities.

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March 2013

Supporting Friends & Family,

We greet you again with joy, as we keep busy for the Lord. Yesterday Lloyd had his first teaching class in Church History at Regent College of the Caribbean (formerly Jamaica Bible College). The Semester will go to late in May.

It was our joy to host, towards the end of January, a spiritual daughter from our ministry time in Dominica, late 60s to early 70's. She was here for a church conference in western Jamaica, and took the opportunity to visit with us. We had last seen her 37 years ago when she graduated from a Jamaican Bible College. She is now married with grandchildren. Melanie is involved in children and other evangelism ministries in the villages around Portsmouth, in the north of Dominica. It was so good to get updates on the work in Dominica. Plans are now afoot, with our daughter who was born there, for a visit later in the year during October, after attending a Caribbean Evangelical Conference in the nearby island of St. Kitts. Pray with us towards these plans.

Last Saturday the Evangelism Committee of our local Ministers Fraternal, of which Lloyd is Vice-Chairman, had a most encouraging launch of a planned year of Children Evangelism. Presentations were made to Pastors and Children's workers by Child Evangelism Fellowship, AWANA and FLOCK Jamaica leaders on the value and urgency of winning children to faith in Christ. The turnout was more than we had dared hope. Eight sessions of training will begin on March 9th going until June 22nd. The training will be done by presenters from the organizations mentioned above, along with others. The plan is to end in October and November with localised and then a final united Children's Crusade. We ask for your earnest prayers for the success of these plans.

Our Community Development efforts continue in the community of Greyground. Small business loans have been made to two single mothers, and we have two new requests to consider. But we need to strengthen our leadership cadre by inviting other persons to join our committee. Pray with us for the following issues:

- choosing officers to take on leadership positions;
- setting policies, guidelines and developing forms for use;
- establishment of a loan committee to consider applications;
- open a bank account to handle the funds we have now and will receive.

In two weeks time we welcome a team from Lifeline Gospel Ministries of Ft. Lauderdale in Florida. This is led by Jamaicans who minister to prisoners and to children in school assemblies, etc. Elaine and I are contacting and setting up visits to six Primary and High Schools, arranging transportation, etc. The schools are open to us, and the team will address assemblies as well as chapel services at the College where Lloyd teaches. Among the team leaders are two graduates of the College. We invite your prayers for the team and the children.

Our 17 year old car has been in the garage since the beginning of the week, with cylinder head and radiator problems. It seems to be on its last legs. We hope it can last a little longer until we can get a newer one.

We both continue to enjoy fairly good health, considering our age. Lloyd has upcoming visits to his Cardiologist and Urologist early next month. We trust his cholesterol and PSA readings will continue to be good.

There have been a number of funerals of friends and acquaintances recently. It keeps us reminded of our mortality, and the need to be ready for the inevitable call home. But Elaine and I are determined not to slow down, but to do as much as we can for as long, towards the salvation of souls and the promotion of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Thanks for standing with us in all we do, and for your support and many prayers. Do continue! We depend on you.

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April 2013

Supporting Friends & Family,

Today is Good Friday! For those outside the USA, it is also a Holy Day (holiday). I preached at my home Gospel Chapel on the three locations of the happenings of that day: Gethsemane, Gabbatha and Golgotha. It was for me a most memorable day. I trust it was for you also.

On Monday last it was our joy to visit with our daughter Gail, her husband Scott Tracy, and our grandchildren Annika and Tyler, as they stopped in Falmouth by cruise ship. Along with a nephew and his family we spent a day of fun with them at the Dolphin Cove attraction in Ocho Rios. They left for Grand Cayman that evening, on their way back to Florida.

The visit earlier this month of the team from Lifeline Gospel Ministries, in Florida, gave us the opportunity to visit six elementary, Junior High, and High Schools here in the Mandeville area. We ministered to over 3000 children, and distributed more than 3200 booklets on self-worth and God's purposes for their lives. Many prayed to receive Christ as their Saviour. It is left up to the teachers and Guidance Counselors assigned to the schools to nurture them in the faith. A tremendous opportunity was shared with us by the head Guidance Counselor for the region, to meet with and assist the other Counselors in their work with the schools. Do help us pray for these believers who regularly minister to the thousands of children in our various schools in Jamaica. It is a great opportunity that is not being adequately grasped by the churches.

The Child Evangelism training, led by the Evangelism Committee of the Ministers Fraternal, has had two sessions, with six more to go. The turnout has been good, and we trust it continues to be so. We still pray we shall see even more coming out, and that they will return to their churches and communities to gather children into the Kingdom of God. Pray for the trainers from the various children organizations who are partnering with us in these training sessions.

Over 20 single mothers came out for the business training a few weeks ago, to learn how to set up micro business ventures. Do pray for us, and the others who form our Managing Committee, as we continue to strengthen our policies and plans to help these mothers and their children. We trust that many will be eventually led to faith in Christ, the One who can meet all of their needs, material and spiritual. We seek your prayers for us for the following requests:

- for the students at Regent College who continue their studies with Lloyd in Church History;
- the children at Porus to whom Elaine ministers in her Bible Clubs and literary classes;
- the submission of Lloyd's finished manuscript by the publishers to be printed. We await the book's expected delivery in a few weeks time. Lloyd may need to travel to South Florida to take delivery of a portion of the books. Pray for the covering of all these costs;
- Our car problems have worsened, as we are unable to find a replacement engine. We are therefore of the view that the Lord wishes us to seek a replacement. But due to the financial restraints we are under until the book's costs are fully paid for, we are forced to wait awhile. Do pray for the Lord's resolution of this need. We are trying not to let it hamper our ministries here;
- We praise the Lord for all His provisions of our needs, as well as for the good health He gives us to continue serving Him here. We are only able to do all these things as you continue to stand with us by your prayers and financial support.

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Blessings on each of you in the name of our gracious heavenly Father!

Elaine and I are currently in Miami on our way to Barbados. The purpose of our visit is to take possession of a part of the shipment of our long overdue book *The Story of Jamaican Missions*. This we did last Thursday, and have had the chance to sell a number at our local church on Sunday, and to other Jamaican believers at a Bible Conference last Sunday night. It was also a joy to meet with a number of persons we had lost contact with, some for decades, who now reside in the South Florida area. The positive comments on the book have been gratifying, and we look forward to it being used of God to call forth a new host of Jamaican and Caribbean missions to the nations.

This book will be available through our missionary society in Ocala. Soon a website will be up through which orders and payments can be made. We will let you know the web address soon.

Elaine and I go on to Barbados on Thursday for a week with friends there, and for a speaking engagement on Sunday. We hope to leave some of the books there for sale as well. We return to Jamaica on the 31st.

Lloyd's students face end of Semester exams early next month, and some will graduate on July 7th. I am sure they would value your prayers. Much has happened in ministry since our last letter, and thank God for continuing opportunities to share His word. Among these events for your prayerful interest is the continuing training of persons through the Ministers Fraternal in child evangelism outreach techniques. This will close with a graduation of sorts on June 22nd. Do pray for these persons that they would become children evangelists particularly to the unchurched kids in our communities.

Elaine's weekly children's classes continue, and soon she will be into Vacation Bible Schools. We look forward with happy anticipation to our grandkids visiting with us in mid June. They should have exciting times with their many aunts, uncles and cousins in Jamaica. Our health remains good, just that Lloyd has been having problems with insomnia recently. Elaine thinks he is taking too many nutritional supplements, and so his body is maybe too hyper. He has done various sleep related tests but none has shown the cause. Pray that we find out how to get him back to normal sleeping patterns, without dependence on sleeping tablets. Otherwise he is fine.

We do want to wish you and your families happy summer vacations as they come. Thanks again for your love shown to us, your prayers and financial support. We appreciate them all, and are aware how how fortunate we are to have friends and supporters like you are.

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June 2013

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Elaine and I returned after two weeks to find new life and fruitfulness bursting out all over on our little 'plantation.' The rains had fallen most of the time we were away. Our two cherry trees were bowed down with fruit, and many were on the ground. So too were the Jamaican (O'Tahiti) apple tree. At its root, as well as on its branches, was more than we will be able to consume. The 'pa-pa-ya' (paw-paw) tree by the fence provided 4 ripe fruits that were immediately pureed to provide pulp for gallons of juice. Elaine did the same with the large bag of cherries Lloyd picked.

The rains have caused all the trees to be sprouting fresh leaves; so too the grass and weeds. I think we will await the end of the rains, but we do have to have it cut soon. The 'Jerusalem candlestick' purple, as well as the yellow, lilies greeted our wondering eyes. Even the 'star-apple' tree had a late crop with a couple of ripe fruits awaiting us; and the 'sweet-sop' trees are laden with future fruit. Truly God is good to us, on our little half-acre plot.

We also returned with the fruit of 8 years of research, writing, reading, rereading and correcting, plus 4 years of waiting for the publisher to do her work of preparing the manuscript for the printer. At last Lloyd's 700+ pages book is in our hands. His 'tome' *The Story of Jamaican Missions*, has been receiving rave accolades in Miami, Barbados, and now in Jamaica as we had opportunities to present it to a South Florida conference of Jamaican churches, and to Barbadian friends before our return Friday last. This week Lloyd has been making the rounds of christian bookstores, denominational headquarters and Bible Colleges and Seminaries to promote and sell the book.

Your prayers, and Lloyd's hard work, has come to fruition, finally. We ask your intercession that this book will be blessed of God to inform His Church, and to raise up a new generation of Jamaican missionaries to go into all the world with the gospel message before the end comes.

Our Barbados visit, via Miami and Trinidad, was to reunite with old friends from Bible College and ministry together in Dominica, and to make new ones. Lloyd was the Sunday speaker at the service to honour Ronald and Cynthia Trotman for 40 years of pastoral ministry. Now that we are back Lloyd has exams and term papers to mark. It never ends, but God gives us strength to do His work. Thank you all for your help by your prayers for us. May he abundantly bless you all!

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PS: A website is in preparation to enable you to purchase the book. You will be informed soon.



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October 2013

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Birthdays are always happy days! It was our joy, on the 19th., to call Miami to wish "Happy Birthday" to our granddaughter Annika. She celebrated her eleventh birthday. It won't be long before our younger daughter Gail has a teenager on her hands. She and her husband Scott Tracy are doing a great job of parenting and spiritual formation of Annika, and her 8+ year old brother Tyler. They attend a christian school and are involved in various sports, often winning awards in gymnastics and martial arts; also in choir and other church events. We are proud of them, and also thank God for Arlene, our first daughter, who is a Psychologist living in Ireland.



Elaine is helping her church reach out to a bunch of young men from the Jamaica Foundation for Life-long Learning (JFL), a government agency for remedial education. She has gotten members of her Methodist Church to lead devotions, teach life-skills, and help meet their social, financial and spiritual needs. Positive changes are beginning to manifest themselves, and their teachers are appreciative of the help being given to these young men. Do pray for life-long spiritual change also. Your prayers have enabled us to touch these and other lives for the Lord.



In addition to his teaching responsibilities and work with the Ministers Fraternal, Lloyd has been busy marketing his missions book 'The Story of Jamaican Missions'. He has gotten it into most of the bookstore chains, some libraries, a number of theological Colleges and Seminaries, as well as into a number of the denominations' headquarters. Sales are not as good as we would have liked, but the size and cost of the book is a little off-putting. He has had to credit out some, and let the stores take them on consignment. This is bringing in a fair number of sales. Reviews and comments that have come in have been generally positive. It has also resulted in a number of invitations for missionary meetings and conferences. For these we thank the Lord, and pray that God would use the book to stir interest in sending forth a new wave of missionaries. We would welcome your prayers to this end.

We also invite your prayers for our neighbour's son who is in jail. Over the years we, moreso Elaine, have witnessed to, counselled, and tried to guide him in making correct life choices. He is thought to be shielding others and is therefore not being given bail. We are consoling and counselling with his single-parent mother during this difficult time. Do join us by intercession for him.

May the blessings of our gracious God be your daily experience!

Yours in willing service to our Lord,

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December 2013

Dear supporting friends and family,

Greetings from fairly warm, and mostly sunny, Mandeville Jamaica. We trust you had a good Thanksgiving Day's dinner and fellowship with family and friends. Elaine and I greatly miss that particular U.S. holiday. We don't have anything like that here, but we did bake a chicken and pretended it was a turkey. We truly give thanks to God for all His blessings over the past year. We look forward to the Christmas celebrations, which is more like Thanksgiving in Jamaica.

As we review the year we find we have so much to celebrate and be thankful for:  
As a family:

- We enjoyed good health, though Lloyd did a lot of tests concerning his high cholesterol problem. It is largely under control with drugs and diet changes; he also sought to settle issues concerning insomnia. After certain tests and second opinions, he ruled out any surgery or major interventions. The cholesterol medications seemed to be the main culprit. Elaine has recently been referred to a cardiac specialist, but all tests are negative, praise God. She also battles high cholesterol and has begun taking the dreaded statin drugs. She is not too faithful in taking the medication.

- One of our special joys this year was the January visit of a spiritual daughter from Dominica. She had come to Jamaica in the 70's for Bible College, and returned to her homeland. She has a family, and serves in soul-winning visitation evangelism. Her visit sparked a desire in us to revisit that country where our second daughter was born. We had hoped to do so in October when Lloyd was to attend a Caribbean Church conference. But the conference was cancelled. Another opportunity may present itself in July 2014, when a denominational conference is planned for St. Kitts, a close-by island. We are trusting the Lord to bring this about.

- We had the joy of visiting with our daughter and family in Miami in late May, and in hosting the grandchildren for a week during their summer break. Then came Elaine's sisters and their families for an in-law-parent's funeral in mid July. This was followed by a family reunion in Montego Bay of the Huie clan, Elaine's family. It was a real treat, with celebration of the spiritual heritage of the family. Elaine got a plaque for being one of the Living Legends of the family.

- Lloyd had a number of family funerals this year, as his 96 year old mother passed on at the end of July; in November his family lost his older sister's brother-in-law, and his father's niece's lost her husband that same day. We hope there are no more in the near future.

Many opportunities for Ministry have come our way during the year.

- Elaine continues her many children's ministries at the Methodist Church in Porus, and in the schools. It was our joy to host Jamaican ministry friends from Florida for a week in March. We are able to go into six (6) elementary and high schools with the message of biblical self-worth, and distributed over three thousand booklets to the children. Her other visits into schools, as part of her spiritual-medical abstinence program, saw many asking to receive the Lord as Saviour. But adequate follow-up with them is a problem.

- Another of her initiatives is with the government's programme to assist low literacy and high school dropout students, JFLL (Jamaica Foundation for Life-Long learning). A dozen of the most needy boys go to her Methodist church each week for economic, social and spiritual assistance. A few have shown spiritual awakening,

and one now attends church occasionally. Her advocacy for the students has resulted in her being put on the parish (County) governing board. Other young people are constantly seeking her out for school fees, financial aid, counsel etc. We thank God for each chance to influence these lives.

- Lloyd relishes teaching at Regent College. His students face a class project presentation about Comparative Religions this week, end of semester research papers and final exams in a few weeks. It has been a challenge and a joy to pour into these young people, and to help prepare them for future ministry.

- The printing of his book *The Story of Jamaican Missions* has revived his salesman past. It has also opened doors for presentations before ministerial groups, denominational leaders and bookstores, and church missionary meetings. And he has invitations pending for the coming year. He has gotten it into the major bookstores and tertiary institutions, though he has had to credit out quite a lot. But sales have been progressing fairly well. The major portion of the books are in the U.S. and are available from my daughter and other sources in Florida. It is listed on Amazon.com, but we have not seen any movement from that source.

- One development from marketing the books has been connecting with a young pastor who waited on the book for three years, and has a vision to start a mission sending agency. He has the potential to be a catalyst for cross-cultural missions within and outside his denomination. Do pray that we can provide the practical and wise guidance he seeks from us.

- On another plane, Lloyd has recently been working with a local pastor who sought his help finding a missions team to help in repairing and remodelling of a building he is using to plant a church. Lloyd was able to link him with a source which is working with him to bring this about.

- He has also been contacted recently by a graduate student in the U.S. to link him with churches and missions receiving short-term missions teams. He wants to visit to do research for his Phd. thesis on value gained by those receiving such groups.

On the local scene, we have often been the source of counsel and of help to people needing financial/economic aid. Persons in the Community seem to believe that we are an economic answer to their problems. We do what we can, and find work around the home for some as we are able. Others we have sought to help through a community outreach program with churches nearby. But too many are only looking for a handout. Very few are trainable, or are seeking long term help for themselves via a skill or business. Nevertheless, we have not yet quite given up. Pray with us that we will be more effective in the future.

- With the Ministers Fraternal Lloyd has been kept busy as Public Relations Officer and general go-to-guy. He cherishes his role as Vice-Chair of the Evangelism Committee. The focus this year has been to help the churches revive, or begin, a Child Evangelism effort. Training sessions in reaching children outside the churches were held between March and June. Combined outreaches by churches in two particular communities were initiated during November. Both went well, and the hope is that this will spark other individual or united outreaches on a Sunday afternoon. Pray towards this end. Plans are to have a Children's Crusade and Fun Day in 2014. This will need much planning and prayer. We depend on you standing with us.

The signs of Christmas are all around us: we only need to look out at our garden as the 'snow-on-the-mountain' (Euphorbia) trees are ablaze with their white leaves. The poinsettia leaves and flowers have also been changing from green to flaming red. Elaine has also begun preparations with the churches in the town of Porus for their annual Christmas program in the streets. This will take place on December 23rd. We are trusting God to draw many persons to Himself.

Do have a blessed Christmas season, and a prosperous New Year when it arrives.

Yours in willing service to our Lord,

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