



Mission Site: Westhaven Children's Home

Putting Faith into Action: A Vacation with a Purpose

Mission Jamaica allows people with varied skills and talents to participate. Activities range from pouring cement to reading to a child. Medical and dental personnel use their skills and knowledge to serve the Jamaican community.



Relax after your week of mission work.
Vacation with a Purpose Hotel:
Sunset Beach Resort
Some teams stay at Toby's Resort.



Estimated costs for these trips: \$2100 all-inclusive at Sunset Beach or \$1500 plus meals at Toby's. **Costs subject to change** upon final quotes and prior to deposits being made. \$150/person **non-refundable** deposits hold space now. \$550 payments due October 31st with registration. Balance due 60 days prior to departure.

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A Life Changing Experience

Come and Serve Him!



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What is Mission Jamaica?

MJ is a short-term “vacation with a purpose” program which began at St. Andrew’s in 1990. Sr. Pastor Roger Eigenfeld felt the call to develop an international mission program and through contacts in Jamaica found the opportunity. The first mission group went to Hope Valley Experimental School in Kingston with 19 missionaries. Since that time, over 35 other congregations from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, California, Iowa, Wisconsin, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Oregon and others have partnered with St. Andrew’s in this mission field. Participants continue to serve at Hope Valley and new sites have been developed and nurtured in Kingston and Montego Bay.

Why Should I Join MJ?

Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Mark 12:30-31

MJ provides a way for us to love and serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us through His love and service to others. The MJ trip combines a service project with time for reflection and spiritual rest. It allows a person to experience an international mission field that is close to home, yet far enough away to immerse into another culture for a week.

Where do we go and what do we do?

Montego Bay:

Westhaven Children’s Home: Volunteers have served at Westhaven since 1995. As a home to 80+ children with varying degrees of disabilities, Westhaven has need for on-going projects including construction, sewing, laundry, caring for the children and assisting the staff.

Garland Hall Orphanage: 24 orphans call Garland Hall home. Garland Hall needs exterior repairs and painting. MJ interacts with the children as well.

Copse Basic School: Preschool up to kindergarten, daycare and child development center. MJ will perform classroom ministry, puppet ministry and Bible school.

Riverside Basic School: Part of the Church of the Open Bible, Riverside has approximately 100 children, ages 3-6 years. MJ will be providing child development curriculum, and make capital improvements to the facility. This is also the site of a medical clinic, which will be completed by Mission Jamaica teams and constructed out of a 40 foot shipping container.

St. John’s Medical Clinic: Part of St. John’s Methodist Church. This facility serves the Montego Bay area providing free medical and dental health care.

J’ABODE (formerly Habitat): There’s always work to be done for housing. Digging footings, pouring concrete and tying steel are some of the tasks MJ is asked to do. The focus in Jamaica is to build 16’x20’ one room homes. Missionaries work side by side with future new owners.



Mission Site: Hope Valley Experimental School

Kingston:

Callaloo Mews Basic School: The 2008 season marked the beginning of this great new partnership for Mission Jamaica. Our contact with Callaloo is with the principal, formerly of Maranatha Basic School. Once again, they are reaching out to residents of the community with the Good News of Jesus Christ and also provide a Christian Basic School for area children. Missionaries provide maintenance, painting, some construction and have interaction with the children.

Hope Valley Experimental School: This was Mission Jamaica’s first service site in 1990. It’s the only school in the Caribbean that incorporates children with special needs into the classroom and serves over 1,300 students, K-6th grade.

Penwood Medical Clinic: MJ has sent doctors, nurses, therapists, dentists and dental hygienists here since 1993. Hundreds of patients are examined and treated with no cost to them during an MJ week.

Mission Jamaica is planning to have teams in Jamaica most weeks January 16-April 3, 2010. A minimum number of missionaries is required for any one week. Currently, there are two teams planned for Kingston: January 23-30 and March 13-20. All other teams are planned for Montego Bay as of July 2009. The 2010 mission season is subject to change until travel arrangements are made. See the latest schedule at www.saintandrews.org.

For more information on how you can get involved, contact Lori Goble at 651-762-9163 or lgoble@saintandrews.org. Check out our website at www.saintandrews.org.