

2010 MISSION JAMAICA TEAM REPORT

FEBRUARY 10-17 - TO GARLAND HALL CHILDREN'S HOME

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 - travelers from Chicago, IL Ft. Myers, FL, Houston, TX and MSP converge on Montego Bay for a vacation with a purpose.

We all arrived safely and close to on schedule and were met by Mission Jamaica Director, Jeff Peterson.

We had a short ride to Sunset Beach Resort where we checked in to our rooms, familiarized ourselves with the facilities, and gathered on the beach for sunset devotions-a nightly occurrence. We spoke of our expectations and hopes for the week, asked for God's presence and guidance and affirmed each other. Leaving devotions, we adjourned for dinner.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday - The days are much the same. We arrive at the breakfast buffet at its 7:00 AM opening, dine, perhaps enjoy a second cup of coffee, then head to our rooms to collect our tools and necessary items for the day. At 7:50 AM we have morning prayers our our way to Garland Hall Children's Home in Anchovy, St. James. We have divided into four teams:

RED TEAM

Barb Shaw
Maxine Enfield
Linda Nyman
Marlys Dobis
Kathy Armitage
Mike Reynolds

GREEN TEAM

Jim Bulleigh
Beth Bulleigh
Sean Bulleigh
Bill Eggers
Angie Jonah*

YELLOW TEAM

Bruce Hanson
Janet Fulkerson
Pam Gruner
Bob Armitage
Tom Nyman
Aaron Jonah*

BLUE TEAM

Danny Lysholm
Katherine Lysholm
Linda VanEaton
Dave Shaw
Dan Froiland

*The Jonahs, from Vancouver on a belated honeymoon, asked to join our team-a delightful addition.

We greet the 34 orphans and 7 staff members and set about our work. Mission Jamaica Director, Jeff Peterson, has had all our necessary materials and supplies delivered to the home. Our eleven designated projects have been divided among the four teams:

Project #1 Dining Room: Prime new wood on entry door frame. Paint entire frame

Project #2 Computer Room: Construct supports and shelf to match computer stations on the opposite side of the room. Install 10' preformed laminate top for sewing table. Install three 10" x 10' shelves on metal support brackets above sewing table. Prime and paint new wood.

Project #3 Ironing Room (lower level): Install two 10" x 8' shelves on metal support brackets. Prime and paint new wood.

Project #4 Boys' Dorm (lower level): Replace broken ceiling light with new fixture. Install mirror over sink in adjacent bathroom. Re-install slats in window.

Project #5 Girls' Dorm (upper level): Termite problem. Remove three ceiling panels in corner area. Spray for termites. Replace termite damaged supports and battens. Install new panels and battens. Install new wood battens in other in other areas of ceiling as necessary. Prime new panels and battens and paint entire ceiling.

Project #6 Children's Play Area and Outside Dishwashing Room: Install 4" x 4" support posts and 4" x 4" beams positioned on rear stone retaining wall. Install 2 x 6 rafters and 1 x 4 nailers spaced 24" on center throughout 22' wide by 12' deep area. Frame opening in new roof for headroom to existing rear stairs. Install zinc panels (or translucent if available). Install gutter and brackets pitched toward rear of kitchen area. Install new two basin washtub near kitchen wall.

By Saturday afternoon, we had completed all our projects and several more.

Install faucet and water lines connecting them to the existing kitchen supply lines. Install PVC waste lines connecting to 2" PVC line outside the kitchen.

Project #7 Kitchen: Remove ceiling light and damaged support beam. Replace support beam and re-install light. Repair damaged kitchen base cabinet door hinges and panels. Also repair sink base cabinet in hallway around the corner.

Project #8 Rear Shower Room: Repair leak on common wall between shower room and Julius' room by re-grouting as necessary. Apply silicone caulk. Replace small area of 1/2 " wet plywood floor in Julius' room.

Project #9 Girls' Dorm off Hallway: Remove mold from ceiling with a solution of 50% bleach and 50% water. Paint ceiling with one coat of Berger 404 (oil base) paint. If time permits, remove mold from walls and paint walls one coat of Berger 404 (oil base paint Teen-age pink).

Project #10 Flooring Project (Multiple Areas): The areas total about 400 sq. ft. Hallway 4' x 19', Small Dining Area off Kitchen 12' x 14', Gwen's Office 12' x 13'

Remove existing deteriorated vinyl floor. Scrape and sand to smooth. Install new self-adhering 12" x 12" vinyl tiles in all three areas. Caulk all perimeter edges - or install base shoe molding as determined at the time of the installation.

Project #11 Gwen's Office: Install 10" shelf over sofa approximately 9' long. If time permits, install similar shelf over desk.

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We painted the dining room.
We installed a mirror in the girls' dorm.
We painted the boys' bathroom.
We painted the door and walls in the little girls' dorm.
We re-fitted the door to Julius' room.
We wired a 220 volt outlet in the washing house.
We converted a small building to a storage facility.
We repainted the small dining room.
We replaced some broken lock sets.
We installed a new door on the wash house.

We added a light fixture in the new addition in the back.
We changed batteries in all the smoke alarms.
We installed a new washing machine that was among our purchases for the home.
Other purchases included a sewing machine, school uniforms and shoes for the seven new children, (we had purchased uniforms and shoes for the other children previously), and enough chicken feed to raise 100 chicks.

Sunday is our special day with the children and staff of Garland Hall Children's Home. We bring them all to worship at Mt. Carey Baptist Church. This year that was a bit of a disappointment as the guest preacher was LOUD, crude and extraordinarily long-winded. After worship we paired up missionaries and orphans and went to the movies. We had rented the Palace Multiplex and scheduled a showing of *Ice Age II*. Each person got a popcorn and a soda. When the movie ended, it was back on the busses for a trip to the Kokonutz Restaurant and chicken dinner. While the service was unspectacular, we had a good time together. Many of the children ate their own meals and a large portion of the missionaries' meals.



One of the orphans saw a hungry man outside the restaurant and gave part of her meal to him. Nice move, Nickeisha! The busses took us back up Long Hill Road to Garland Hall Children's Home, and we celebrated Christmas in July. Each of the children and staff received a red Target shopping bag filled with gifts. We shared the gifts, some smiles and some tears as we said goodbye for another year.

During the year we will collect and send gifts and make



plans for next year. We will pray for our children, our staff and each other with gratitude to God for bringing us together.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Tom Nyman,
for the Team

