

# JAMAICA EVANGELISM NEWS

## February - May 2008

### *Mandeville*



We have just received news that Nadine, wife of Donovan Bent, has breast cancer. At this writing full treatment has not yet been determined, but she will definitely be having chemotherapy and possible surgery. As you can imagine, this is devastating news for them. She will be getting treatment at a clinic in Montego Bay which the doctor has recommended. Like many Jamaicans, the Bents have no health insurance and so must use government hospitals and doctors. They will not be responsible for much of the hospital costs if needed, but will have a lot of other medical expense. Donovan and Nadine are good, faithful people

wanting to serve the Lord and we are trying to encourage them and will help as much as funds allow. If any of our supporters feel burdened to help, please designate funds for "Nadine Bent". They certainly appreciate and covet our prayers on their behalf.

Donovan has had bad experiences with his vehicles. The last nice looking van that he bought gave him nothing but trouble, so he took it back to the dealer. He is now looking at a seven-passenger 2003 Nissan. As stated in previous newsletters, interest rates are usually 16% and up on most any type of loans. Donovan has had to depend on taxis the past couple of months which makes it very difficult to carry out his ministry. Hopefully this transportation issue will be solved soon with a dependable vehicle.



**Choir at Mandeville**



**Sun. Service at Mandeville**

## Mineral Heights



Roger reports that since our last trip to Jamaica there have been five more added to the church and they continue to have new visitors each week. Roger's health is holding up well. He was the main speaker at the Richmond Rally that we attended and did an excellent job. He is doing quite a bit of speaking all over the

island. Also while we were in Jamaica their daughter Sharae' fell and fractured her leg, but Roger said that she has healed and is walking now, for which we are all thankful. Sharon continues to work at the basic school as principal during the day, and takes required classes in the evenings. She is very busy, to say the least.

While in Mineral Hts., Sharon and Joanna taught Sunday School and here you see Joanna Smith with some of the young people they taught.



Roger and Sharon send many thanks to all of you who support their ministry so faithfully. They are truly appreciative of all help given to them.

## Mocho

Mervin reports that people are coming out for church from the hills here, though not in large numbers. "Here is a picture of our bathrooms (*see other side -ed*). We are planning to have two weeks of meeting sometime in July this year. I am hoping if we could finish even one side of this bathroom before that time of the meeting. We need your prayers for this event. This is to invite more people to the Lord...Thanks for the people together who help to take care of me and the work in Mocho. May God keep blessing them all. Give our love to all God's people over there."



Mervin has purchased a 15 passenger van that had only 4 seats in it, so he had to buy some more seats to put in it. This will allow him to transport people to and from services in Mocho and also to take the Christians to preaching services in other places where they would otherwise be unable to go. Unfortunately, the man who sold the van to Mervin then went to his insurance company and claimed (dishonestly) the van was stolen, trying to get money for himself. The police are doing an investigation and so have confiscated the van temporarily. When the investigation is over he will get the van back because Mervin has proof he paid for it and the title is in his name. This type of thing is quite common in Jamaica. So now Mervin is looking for an old small car just to get him by until he gets the van back.

## *May Pen and Macca Tree*

Ronnie Craig's home church is at Macca Tree, but he also preaches at May Pen once a month. He writes, "The church at Macca Tree and May Pen are going on fine, both spiritually and physically. I preached at May Pen church yesterday. The attendance was good and eight people came forward to recommitment and prayer. We are in the process of expanding on the church building at Macca Tree with the additions of a new education wing. There is also going to be an addition of a kitchen. This will help to extend our community outreach program. We are in need



of a four burner gas stove and a deep freezer (cost- US \$2300) for the kitchen. We are planning to have a skill training center for the young people of the community as well as a basic school. It is a big project but we are making good stride so far with God's help. We are hoping to complete the first floor by early December. I am very grateful for your help in supporting me. I thank you very much and may God continue to bless you and your family."

**School Children at May Pen Church**

*There are many needs in Jamaica, and we would like to enlarge our support base. If you or your church could even consider \$25 or \$50 a month it would be greatly appreciated. - Ed*