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NADEEN BENT - AT HOME WITH THE LORD



On October 24th, Nadeen Bent, wife of Mandeville preacher Donovan Bent, lost her battle with cancer and passed from this life. The celebration service was held Sunday afternoon, November 8th, at Top Hill with over 500 in attendance. A letter was sent out to our supporters to assist with final expenses and many of you responded generously. Donovan is so appreciative of all of you and thanks you for your prayers and support during this difficult time. Since that time Donovan and his 4 boys have moved from Top Hill to Mandeville and are now occupying the upstairs at the church building. Nadeen's sister had been helping out during her illness. After her death Donovan's younger sister felt led to move from the north coast to assist Donovan, and has moved with them to Mandeville. Donovan rejoices that his sister was recently baptized into Christ.

The Mandeville church has been extremely supportive of the Bent Family, and the church is doing well with good attendance each week. They had especially high attendance during Christmas and New Year weekends.



Brother Burke

MINERAL HEIGHTS REPORT

Roger and Sharon Scott write: "On Sunday, October 4th, we had our church 19th anniversary. This was well attended by our members and sister churches. One young lady accepted the Lord and was baptized. We all had a week of evangelistic meeting.



Worship in Song

Church is going fine and we started back our women's and men's fellowship. They meet every other week, Thursday and Saturday respectively. We also continue to have our Youth fellowship and over 50 young people attend, some of whom

were baptized at camp this past summer. The school is also doing fine and we have 168 students and 15 staff members. Seven of the workers are from our church and it is nice to know that the church can help to provide employment for its mem-



In Class

bers. Sharon is on her final year at college for the Diploma course in Early Childhood Education. She will have to do another year and a half for the degree (this is a requirement from the government if she wants to continue as principal).

We are settling quite well in our new home and the children are enjoying it. We crave your prayers as we continue to work for the Lord here in Mineral Hts. God bless you all."

REPORT FROM THE CRAIGS

Brother Ronnie writes, "The church at May Pen is doing well both numerically and spiritually. The basic school which was recently refurbished is also doing well. I am not going there as often as before but I still keep close connection with the leadership and the congregation. The church at Macca Tree is doing well, we have experienced growth both spiritually and numerically. This year is really a good year where the ministry is concerned. We are still doing construction work on our building.

The first floor is now fully enclosed and just needs to be painted and to do the final touches on the flooring and the electricity, at the moment, we are now using it for Sunday School classrooms and other fellowship activities. Thanks to you and all the other persons who continue to support us faithfully both financially and with your many prayers. We are truly thankful for all that you have done and are praying that the Lord will continue to bless you abundantly. Please pray for the Craig family as we look forward to the New Year to continue working for the Lord."



Nicholas, Nicole, Naomi, Ronnie

REPORT FROM MOCHO

Mervin Ward reports that he is still waiting on an engine from Japan to repair his little car that he bought from his brother who was laid off when the bauxite mines closed down. The supplier is waiting for some containers that are still sitting at a Japan port waiting to be shipped, so at the present time Mervin is using a taxi. Mervin has been teaching his brother who is a Mormon, and his brother now travels with him to Mocho each Sunday. The Sunday School addition is at a standstill since there are no funds to complete the project. Wife Vena recently lost a dearly loved brother who had a freak accident. Daughter Keino has been in and out of the hospital with infections. She wants to start a "Keino Ward Foundation" to help others like herself who have the sickle cell disease, and use this as a ministry for the Lord. On our upcoming trip we are taking some supplies (socks, blankets, toiletries, etc.) to her to distribute to other "sicklers" (as they are called).



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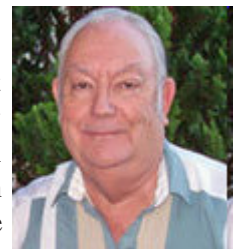
UPCOMING TRIP

My wife Sharon and I, Dan and Joanna Smith, and a young man from the Coos Bay Church, Andrew Brainard, are scheduled to go to Jamaica February 18th through March 3rd. Cassandra Geringswald and a team from Florida will also be there for teaching in Jamaica Bible Seminary at the Mandeville church. If you would like to help with any ex-

penses, please designate on your check to Jamaican Evangelism. In addition to the cost of tickets, there are transportation and food costs, plus we assist those we stay with to help them out. As funds allow, we give extra to help the Christians in need. We also purchase supplies here to take over for Sunday School, medicines, etc. While there, we will be conducting classes, visiting the churches to encourage our evangelists and members. Please pray for our safety and a profitable time there.

OUR WEBSITE

Our first website was set up and maintained for many years by Charles Dailey in Vancouver, WA. We appreciate all the time that he put into that among his many other duties. Now David Eakins from Illinois has taken over that responsibility and we are in the process of updating the site. Please check it out at jamaicanevangelism.net.



Thank you, Brother Dailey! We are thankful for both of these generous men who use their unique talents, time and money for the Lord's work.

Dan Smith and David Eakins have also put together a DVD of the work in Jamaica, with interviews of the evangelists that we support. If you or your church would like a free copy e-mail us at : edwerner@wildblue.net or fordansmith@juno.com or send your request to the address at the heading of this newsletter.

Although finances are lean as a result of the difficult economic situation worldwide, we have had some new supporters. We are so thankful to you who have supported this ministry and we pray that we will be able to send more to Jamaica for evangelism in this New Year. Remember that the largest percentage of funds goes directly for the needs there and very little is spent on administration.