



NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019

Dear Friends & Brethren:

Greetings from Teamwork Associates, Montego Bay, Jamaica.

We give God thanks for the team effort which enabled us to honour the Rev. Menzie Oban through the thanksgiving services held on January 26, 2019.

Your participation in whatever part you played was greatly appreciated; as were your expressions of sympathy and condolence. We will all miss our dear Bro. Menzie, but your love, concern and ongoing commitment to his vision, softens the blow of our loss.



Arise and Depart...

The theme for Teamwork Church this year comes from Micah 2:10, *“Arise and depart, for this is not your rest; because it is defiled, it shall destroy, yes, with utter destruction,”* (NKJV)

This has inspired us into renewed efforts at outreach and evangelism. Instead of the usual Ash Wednesday teaching conference we embarked on an outdoor evangelistic meeting in Flankers, at the original place on Central Avenue where meetings used to be held.



Drama



Ministry to Children



Dance

The Coral Gardens police not only gave permission for the meeting but supported with their presence and advised on strategies going forward to reach the entire community. Please be in prayer concerning this.



The Vision Lives On!



At the thanksgiving service, donations were made towards Teamwork Trust for the continuation of projects started by Rev. Oban. So far JA\$533,100 (US\$4,442.50) has been collected.

Projects are as follows:

1. Completion of the first phase of the camp facility at the school to reach more of our youth. The work is currently ongoing and estimated to cost J\$4.5m (US\$36k), of which approx. J\$3m (US\$23k) has been spent. Estimated completion date is May 31, 2019, so bookings for summer 2019 may now be made.
2. Maintenance and refurbishing of the Hospitality and Retreat Centre. This work is also ongoing while the facility is occupied. New windows are to be placed in the Menzie Oban Auditorium and air conditioning to be installed. The roof has already been repainted.
3. The extension of the church building for the children and youth ministry will move forward with firstly, the decking of the entire section in phases; and secondly tiling of the area and installing fixtures.
4. Maintenance work on the school building is now needed. Grilles have been repaired and painting is to be done. While we continue with the special education department for the time being, we are mindful of the fact that the mandate Rev. Oban received was to divert his energies from prison rehabilitation to education, "to prevent rather than cure". Join us in prayer as we seek God's guidance and wisdom for the future of Teamwork Christian Academy. We plan to restart the Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) Programme in September 2019.

Team Leaders Camp (TLC)



Camps will again be leading the charge, with "*Tender Loving Care*", under the Youth Ministry of Teamwork Church. This time it will be 4 weeks of day camp for at-risk boys, beginning this summer.

Celia Bucknor, returning resident from the U.S., back home with a passion and vision from the Lord, will be spearheading this effort, with a team ready and rearing to go. Donations in cash or kind will be most helpful towards expenses, which include incentives for the boys according to how they participate in the camp programme. "It takes a village, will you be a part of it?" *Celia*

Reunion... Reunion — Past Students, Partners & Friends

Past students of Teamwork School are planning a reunion for July 2019 and are seeking ways to give back to the school. Contact may be made with Miss J. Coleman (WhatsApp 876-858-6467) for details.

Some of those involved in the ministry in the past are also thinking of a reunion in the year 2020. Please make contact if you would like to coordinate this event and/ or be part of the planning committee.

US Mission Teams

We look forward to receiving two groups from the USA late May and early June. The first group will be working at improving our water system and plans for this are well advanced.



Please be in prayer for these efforts and plan to join us in faith for... "*without faith it is impossible to please Him*". Hebrews 11:6 and as we heed the caution from James 2:17 that... "*faith by itself, if it does not have works is dead.*"

We are missing Menzie, but so grateful that his vision lives on! Thank you once again for your prayerful support and may God bless you all richly.

Winsome Oban & Team