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# THE REACH, TEACH, NURTURE NEWSLETTER



*Reach, Teach and Nurture*  
1 Peter 4:7-11

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The Official Newsletter of the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf (CCCD)

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Field trips giving students more opportunities to explore their world.

Knockpatrick



Serious competition and endless fun at Sports Day 2023

Montego Bay



Major community dental care outreach held at our Granville campus

Jamaica Deaf Village



Busy days ahead as L.I.F.E team visits and facility rentals increase

## CCCD, a Thermostat for Deaf Empowerment and Development

I see the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf (CCCD) as a thermostat, and not a thermometer. A thermometer indicates what the current temperature is, while a thermostat regulates the temperature. The two are different as one will react to the situation already existing while the other will determine what the situation will be like. The thermostat will make the adjustments to the temperature to create a favourable environment, one that is comfortable, by increasing or decreasing the temperature.

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Leon J. Samms  
Executive Director



## **CCCD, a Thermostat for Deaf Empowerment and Development cont'd**

**CCCD is an institution that seeks to create a favourable environment for Deaf persons to live a thriving life in Jamaica like a thermostat! Currently, the Deaf continue to experience challenges when it comes to accessing a number of services and support.**

**CCCD over the years has sought to take a proactive approach to resolving issues rather than waiting to see what others will do. The creation of a Continuing Adult Deaf Education (CADE) programme allows Deaf adults to further their education and acquire higher certification beyond the secondary education system. CADE is a prime example of our thermostat stance - we create it because it is needed. Helping adults to adjust to the realities of independent living in Jamaica has been made possible through our Transitional Living Programme (TLP) at the Jamaica Deaf Village.**

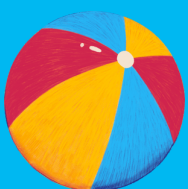
**Our intentional and strategic REACH Campaign has helped to heighten the public awareness about CCCD, resulting in increased public engagement and student enrollment in our primary and secondary schools at our Kingston and Knockpatrick campuses. We have seen one of the highest enrollment in recent times!**

**Our thermostat needle continues to steadily go up knowing there are those who need to be connected to the Good News of Jesus Christ. CCCD has created many ways for the Deaf Community to learn about the gospel. Many Deaf individuals have come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour through Christian education and discipleship, worship sessions held on our campuses and the outreach and ministerial activities at the New Life Church for the Deaf.**

**I encourage all who read this newsletter to continue supporting this ministry with your resources and prayers. God ordained its establishment sixty-five (65) years ago and it continues to serve its purpose to this day. We are happy you are on this journey with us and we look forward to you remaining as CCCD soars to higher heights mindful of its purpose.**

**I salute the committed staff, missionaries, board of directors, donors, and volunteers who continue to make it possible for CCCD to remain as the thermostat it is, as we charge ahead with our purpose, to Reach, Teach and Nurture the Deaf.**

**God bless you richly,  
Leon J. Samms**



# KINGSTON

**"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes".**

**Ephesians 6:10-11**

**When we plan as a team we think about our natural resources and our spiritual ones. Our journey is a testimony of the goodness of God and how he raises us up as good stewards of this ministry.**

**School reopened on January 3, 2023 for Easter Term. Three new students have joined our school community.**



**Students in their "armour".**



**The 64th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf was hosted by the Kingston campus on January 17, 2023. The event was blended with persons joining online and face-to-face.**



**CCCD's Board Chair, Mrs. Carol Robertson speaking, with interpreting support from JSL interpreter, Hughen Spencer at AGM 2023.**





# KINGSTON

## JANUARY

The students enjoyed a week of activities with a LIFE team from the University of Connecticut.

On January 15th, four students were invited to a play titled "Nesta Rock" sponsored by the Digicel Foundation.



Welcome Party greeters and celebrants.

## FEBRUARY

A welcome party themed "Fellowship February" was held for students who enrolled at CCCD in September 2022 and January 2023.

Students were treated to a Valentine's Day luncheon on February 14th. We continue to urge them to build healthy supportive friendships amongst themselves.

Jamaica Day was observed on February 24.

Mid-term holiday was from February 20-22.



Valentine's Day Luncheon



These ladies are carrying sweet treats for Valentine's Day.



# KINGSTON

## MARCH

**Career Day Activities were observed on March 6th.**

**Our students were invited to perform at the Aktion Club Concert on March 10th.**

**On March 11th, we were invited to North Street Seventh Day Adventist Church to do an item at their Children's service.**

**Foursquare Gospel Church Disaster Relief Medical Team offered one day medical screening for students and staff on March 17.**

**The UWI Open Campus Social Work Training Centre invited CCD to be part of their program for Social Work Day on March 21st.**

**On March 31st, high school students attended the Science Festival put on by UWI Faculty of Science and Technology on the invitation of Lister Mair Gilby High School for the Deaf.**

**Mock exams for CSEC were done March 27-April 4.**



Above: a session in progress at Social Work Day. Also featured is CCD's booth at the Social Work Village.



Our students had a blast at the Science Festival.



Aspiring chef at Career Day





# KINGSTON

## APRIL

The summer term began on April 17, 2023 and Grade 12 students began their study leave period.

Grade 7 and 8 went on a tour of Devon House as part of their English Project for the year. On the same day other students went to the annual showcase at the Edna Manley School for Dance.

The Social Work Training Centre from UWI made a donation of baking items as the culmination of a fundraising project done by two final year Social Work students on April 26th.

On April 27th, some of our high school students attended the Girls' Day program at Lister Mair Gilby High School for the Deaf.

## MAY

This year we entered three contestants in the Optimist Communication Competition for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on May 6th. Trishan Campbell placed third in the competition.

Teachers' Day was observed on May 10 and the mid-term break was from May 20-23.



Our sojourn through the year continued with taking on the fruit of the Spirit---“love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” We are daily challenged to make our fruits a bountiful harvest in step with the Spirit.

Thank you Lord for drawing close to us this year and every provision you made for us to have a successful year. Amen.



Students checking out the baking supplies donation



Devon House excursion

We registered eighteen candidates for CSEC examinations from the Kingston and Knockpatrick campuses. Registration subjects included Math, English, Office Administration, Electronic Document Preparation and Management, Principles of Business and Human and Social Biology.



Our 2023 graduands posing with the photographer on picture day.

Save  
THE  
Date

- Open Day: July 5, 2023
- Graduation: July 6, 2023 with 7 graduands.
- School closes: July 7 for summer holidays
- Health Fair: August 26, 2023



# KINGSTON

## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

### GRADUANDS' PHOTO SHOOT 2023



### SPORTS DAY DAY 2023



# KNOCKPATRICK

## LABOUR OF LOVE FROM GOSPEL JA FM

Gospel JA chose our campus for their Labour Day project and donated a 1,000 gallon water tank and paints.

Gospel JA FM is a Jamaican commercial FM gospel radio station. It is owned and operated by KC Broadcasting Company Limited. Gospel JA fm operates in Jamaica on 91.7 and 91.9 on the FM band.



## INTRODUCING THE NEW AND IMPROVED HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

We now have a newly renovated Home Economics Department. We gave donor representatives Geogary & Angela Pittman a tour of the new facilities. The facility was dedicated on June 8, 2023 at a ribbon cutting ceremony.

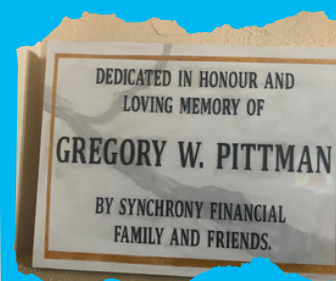
The department received appliances, equipment and furniture such as stoves, a freezer and stainless steel tables to facilitate external examination assessments.



L.I.F.E. team from the Campus Church for Christ posing with some of our CCCD family



L.I.F.E team member who has visited CCCD Knockpatrick for 25 years, Mr. Freeman Moore (in grey and blue) getting ready to cut the ribbon.



Dedication plaque on Home Economics building.



# KNOCKPATRICK

## NORTHERN CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITY'S SUNDAY VISIT

The Northern Caribbean University (NCU) Pathfinders Community Outreach group hosted our Sunday Chapel service. They also came bearing gifts. They donated items to all the children and supplied the campus with toiletries.



## MANDEVILLE POLICE YOUTH CLUB FUN DAY COLLABORATION

The Mandeville Police Youth Club (MPYCO) partnered with us for a day filled with activities and services for the children and staff. Barbers and hairdressers volunteered their services.

The children were engaged in several fun activities including board games, dominoes and football matches, among others.



# KNOCKPATRICK

## RED CROSS FARM PROJECT

The campus received a solar water pump and water tanks from the Red Cross farm project, which continues to flourish in the area of livestock production.



## A VISIT TO THE ANNA MILLER EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Recently, we visited the Anna Miller Early Childhood Development Centre. It is a community school that we adopted many years ago. We presented gifts to the students for Children's Day. We also gave gifts to the staff.



Fayden Yates and Damion Stewart teaching the children the Jamaican Sign Language (JSL) alphabet.

## CAMPUS SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS





# KNOCKPATRICK

## L.I.F.E. TEAM HEALTH FAIR

A L.I.F.E. team from the Campus Church for Christ were not only visiting to witness the dedication of our new Home Economics facility. The team, made up of medical professionals, hosted a health fair on our campus. The fair lasted for two days.

Some members of the team have visiting us for over two decades. We are truly grateful for this partnership.



## CAREER DAY 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



Representatives from Ebony Park HEART NSTA demonstrating napkin folding.



Aspiring medical and security teams at Career Day 2023.



## SPORTS DAY 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

Sports Day was back in full swing this year. We kicked off the series of events with our Spirit Week activities culminating with our athletics competition. Houses, Kennedy (green), Clarke (blue) and Dungan (yellow) competed in track and field events as well as best banner and cheerleading competitions. More highlights are on the next page.



From left to right: Kennedy (Green ) House are the winners of Sports Day 2023 followed by Clarke (Blue) House in second place and Dungan (Yellow) House in third place.



# KNOCKPATRICK



## MORE SPORTS DAY 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

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### KENNEDY (GREEN) HOUSE



Kennedy represented well on Colour Day to bag their well-needed points.



Kennedy placed third in the banner competition.



It was also third place for them in the cheerleading competition.

2

### CLARKE (BLUE) HOUSE



Clarke showed their true colours on Colour Day.



Clarke placed second in the banner competition.



They also placed second in the cheerleading competition.

3

### DUGGAN (YELLOW) HOUSE



Duggan was mellow in yellow for Colour Day.



Duggan placed first in the banner competition.



They also placed first in the cheerleading competition.



# MONTEGO BAY

## L.I.F.E TEAM VISITS FROM BROWNWOOD AND HOPE COLLEGES

In March we were happy to welcome L.I.F.E teams from Brownwood and Hope Colleges. They visited our campus from March 11-23, 2023. Both teams led landscaping and painting projects. They also celebrated Jamaica Day with us, where they learned about Jamaican culture and Deaf Jamaican culture through trivia, games, dance, music, and food.



L.I.F.E team members taking a well-deserved break.



Jamaica Day celebrations

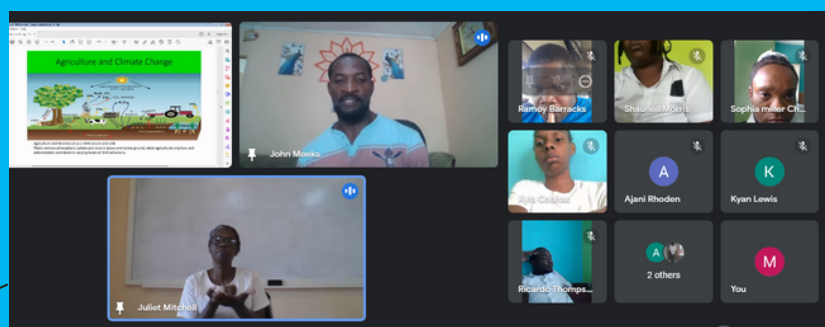
## OUTGOING CAMPUS MANAGER APPRECIATION

We said goodbye to outgoing campus manager Edwin King. We held an appreciation ceremony for him during which students and staff shared their favorite memories of him. There were also dance and song tributes done by the students.



## CLIMATE CHANGE TRAINING

A two-day climate change workshop was conducted at the MB campus by CCCD SEO Mr. John Meeks. The students learned about climate change, the factors that impact climate change, and ways in which we can preserve our planet.





# MONTEGO BAY

## DENTAL CLINIC

MB2 Dental, in partnership with Jamaicans Caring for Jamaicans, held a two-day dental clinic at our campus. Dental services such as fillings, cleanings, and extractions were offered free of charge to the Deaf community and the wider Granville community.

MB2 Dental, a dental partnership organization based in Texas sponsored the initiative with help from Jamaica Tours Limited's nonprofit group, Jamaicans Caring For Jamaicans. The group visited several clinics, including ours, helping hundreds of patients who normally do not have the means to get proper dental treatment.



## LEE UNIVERSITY BRINGS SONG AND DANCE TO OUR CAMPUS

A group from Lee University, Tennessee, ministered to us through dance and music. It was a delightful time!



## WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE CHURCH VISIT

Pastor Andre Wallace and a team from the West Jamaica Conference of Seventh Day Adventists visited campus. They led our morning devotional session and donated some books and trees to the campus.





## JAMAICA DEAF VILLAGE

**"For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall."  
Psalm 18:29**

The Management and staff of the Jamaica Deaf Village (JDV) use this opportunity to express praise and thanks to God for His varied and many blessings. His love, wisdom, power and strength has lead us thus far in 2023.

Through His providential dealings we have accomplished significant achievements throughout the course of this year 2023. Thanks, commendation and appreciation to our department leaders, and staff at all levels here at JDV for sustained efforts towards our collective achievements as a campus. We are also ever so grateful for the support and partnerships of Head Office and other CCCD campuses.

### DRYER ANGELS PRODUCTION

Dryer Angels production continues. This enterprise area continues to be the major earner of revenue for the JDV and enables the campus to meet its salary and other financial obligations.

Through the Rise Life Management/European Union project, the JDV has procured three industrial machines which is a step toward diversifying the sewing enterprise to attracting other sewing possibilities.



Dryer Angels

### L.I.F.E TEAM VISITS INCREASE IN 2023

Post COVID 19 L.I.F.E team activities have significantly increased for 2023. JDV hosted nine (9) L.I.F.E teams from January to May 2023.

A total of 140 people were hosted for 60 days. Several projects were undertaken including the completion of bunk bed bases, building new shower room, construction of guard house, and repairs to ceiling.





# JAMAICA DEAF VILLAGE

## MORE L.I.F.E. TEAM ACTIVITIES



Here they are building a footer for a new shower room.



L.I.F.E team members finishing up some bunk beds.



## FACILITY RENTALS LOOKING PROMISING

Facility rentals continues to show positive signs of rebounding with an increase in interest and patronage post COVID 19. Five events were hosted between January and May 2023.

The events are one wedding, two church camps, one baby shower and a boys' day event. Three bookings have already been confirmed for July and August 2023.





## JAMAICA DEAF VILLAGE

### CCCD /RISE/EU IMPROVED FORESTRY MANAGEMENT AND LIVELIHOODS FOR BETTER JAMAICA PROJECT

The implementation of CCCD /RISE/EU Improved Forestry Management and Livelihoods for Better Jamaica Project ended as of May 2023. Twelve (12) acres of fruit, ornamental and lumber trees have been planted, thirty (30) Deaf and Hard of Hearing participants have been trained in bamboo craft making and bag sewing.

Under the forestry project, a total of 1300 seedlings (700 timber, 400 fruits and 200 ornamentals) have been procured and planted on 12 acres of land; 10 acres at JDV (1100) and 2 acres at Knockpatrick (200). Four climate change awareness and sensitization training sessions were held across all CCCD campuses. A total of 140 people were trained.

A tree planting and tree flagging labour day (May 23, 2023) event was hosted in partnership with the Central Jamaica Social Development Initiative. The event was also used to facilitate hearing persons becoming aware of Deaf culture, basic JSL and providing an opportunity for hearing and Deaf interaction/integration.

### FACILITY RENTALS LOOKING PROMISING

Agriculture on the JDV campus continues to be stymied by lack of irrigable water, and the prevailing drought. JDV is actively pursuing the procurement of a new tractor in collaboration with Hood Daniel (Tractor Dealership). The process is taking longer than we anticipated but we remain hopeful that the process will yield fruit soonest and we will have that new tractor for expanded farming activities on the campus.

Cattle herd size grew from 38 to 42 since our last update in 2021. Twelve calves were sold for this year. The JDV has started preparatory work for the construction of a goat house. This marks the start of activities for small ruminant production on the campus.



Tree planting



Cattle tagging



# PRAYER POINTS



## MORTEGO BAY

- For a new cohort of students who are dedicated to completing their course(s) The management team to successfully hire a new Campus Manager in a timely manner.
- Students who are now doing final exams with HEART NSTA.

## KNOCKPATRICK

- We pray that we will receive all the teachers that we need, before the new school year begins, especially the ones for EDPM/IT and English Language (grades 7-9)
- An additional caregiver for the senior girls down
- All students will return to school in September, especially those who did not show up for face to face classes this year (2021-2022)
- New and efficient farm manager and campus watcher

## JAMAICA DEAF VILLAGE

- The Briggs family.
- Protection and safety, strength and guidance for JDV and the entire CCCD staff as we work together for God's glory and especially for the benefit of the Deaf community.
- Approval and implementation of project ideas for growth and development
- God's continued leadership, empowerment, and guidance of the JDV team

## KINGSTON

- Continued grace as we formulate the best discipleship plan for our students.
- Continuation for the partnerships that we have been blessed with this year
- That we may have wisdom to emotionally support our students
- Revival of the fruits and gifts of the spirit in our students
- That our staff will be sustained to continue the tremendous work we are doing

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