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The Reach, Teach, Nurture (RTN) Newsletter



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THE JOSHUA TRANSITION EXPERIENCE

BY LEON J. SAMMS

Wow! Time flies when you are enjoying the ministerial work that God has called us to. It has been 7 (seven) months since I was welcomed into the CCCD family and the experience has been fulfilling with the students, staff and missionaries. Prior to this, I never imagined myself serving in the Deaf community, but God had plans for me to be here. I personally and spiritually struggled with the idea of transitioning into a totally new environment where the language, culture and expectations are different.

In the scriptures, we see how the children of Israel dealt with their transition into the promise land. There are valuable lessons we can glean from this narrative as we too continue in the transitional phases of our individual lives and as a CCCD family, as we move into a new era.



As I maneuver through my CCCD transition journey, another biblical story has been encouraging me; that of Joshua (Joshua 1) and the difficulties he faced transitioning into leadership. Two lessons come to mind:

-  The Foundation of Transition must be God's Word.
-  The Transitional Efforts are active and not passive.

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THE JOSHUA TRANSITION EXPERIENCE CONT'D

The Foundation of Transition Must be God's Word

As we reflect on Joshua 1, verse 8, "keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it", as a team we must understand how important it is for us to follow suit. The CCCD family is encouraged, as I am encouraged, to have daily meditation on the Word so we can hear from God clearly as He instructs us each step of the way.

The Transitional Efforts are Active and not Passive

Any kind of transition comes with difficulty both for an individual or a group. CCCD is no different. The children of Israel and Joshua had to be deliberate about the journey they took to the destiny that was promised to them. Likewise, the CCCD family must be fervent in our individual and family efforts as we journey to the destiny that Jehovah has promised to us.

Imagine the uneasy feeling Joshua and the children of Israel may have felt knowing that their illustrious leader Moses was gone and the places they had called home for many years would become a distant memory. God pays attention to us as He did with Joshua and his people. He told them to not be afraid about the transition, because He would be with them as He was with Moses. We have that same assurance today! That promise is alive and applicable to CCCD. We can rest assured that God will steer the transition of CCCD into the promise land of greater access for ALL Deaf persons in Jamaica. I look forward to keep working with all staff, students and other stakeholders as we reach, teach and nurture the Deaf. God Bless!



Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf (CCCD) presents:

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From Mandeville Town Centre to Knockpatrick

MONTEGO BAY

A NEW DIGITAL WORKSPACE FROM NCB

The approximately forty (40) student at CCCD Montego Bay are now better equipped for training and integration into the digital workforce following the installation of the school's new computer room by the National Commercial Bank Foundation.

The new digital space was created as part of the foundation's activities for Labour Day in May which was held this year under the national theme "Re-igniting a Nation for Greatness".

In addition to the computer room, which comes equipped with three new desktop computers, a printer with related accessories, and three desks and chairs, the NCB Foundation's volunteers worked together with members of the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF). They did landscaping work on the campus' lawn, painting of a corridor near the computer room, and clearing out debris from other classrooms.

Source: "NCB Foundation gives new computer room to St James School for the Deaf" by Christopher Thomas (Gleaner, Wednesday, May 25, 2022).



IT'S ALMOST GOODBYE FOR OUR STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN WITH US FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS. WE ARE PREPARING TO WELCOME NEW ONES IN SEPTEMBER.



Housekeeping students showing off their spectacular work.



Food Preparation students using one of the new donated kitchen equipment.

In addition to the computer room, CCCD Montego Bay also received materials and resources such as kitchen and housekeeping equipment to help improve the students' skills and to also enhance teaching methodology

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A VISIT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH



June is dubbed as Disaster Preparedness Month. Our Guidance and Counselling Department organized a number of activities for the children to sensitize them about being prepared for disasters. One activity was a visit from the Fire Department. With some of our children is Sergeant Kwesi Osborne from the Kingston and St. Andrew Fire Brigade sharing important information and helping them try on protective gear.

A VERY BUSY CHILD'S MONTH IN MAY



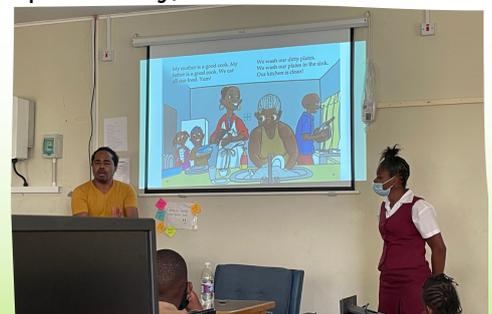
It was a very hectic month for us as we celebrated Child's Month 2022. The theme for this year was "Listen Up, Children's Voices Matter". We went all out with our celebrations. Our long list of activities included a Pajama Day, Etiquette Day, Boys' Day, Girls' Day, Hair/Sock Day and No Bag Day. We also enjoyed Reading Week and a Reading Camp.



Etiquette Day/Awards Luncheon 2022



Career Day 2022



Reading Week 2022

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READING CAMP 2022

This year, during Child Month, CCCD partnered with teachers from the U.S., Hannah Dostal, Jessica Scott, Joan Weir, and Ki Young Kang. One of the goals of the partnership was to organize a week-long camp designed to support reading and writing among our learners at CCCD. As part of this camp, the CCCD teachers collaborated with the U.S. teachers to learn from one another new and innovative ways of teaching, reading and writing to Deaf students. We are grateful for the funding from the International Literacy Association which made this possible.



WE ARE "DEAF"INITELY READERS AND WRITERS!

For the week we engaged in different literacy activities while playing and learning from our teachers: Mrs. Dorothy, Williams, Mrs. Semaj Hibbert, Ms. Roselyn Thompson, Mr. Omar Oliver, and Ms. Leah Gregg.



Etiquette Day/Awards Luncheon 2022



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JAMAICA DAY 2022

We took a wonderful trip down memory lane for our Jamaica Day celebrations this year. This year's theme was "Celebrating Jamaica, Building Character: Hearts Through the Arts". We tasted some Jamaican delicacies, played games and thoroughly enjoyed each other's company.



Grade 5 and their teacher Ms. Shaw designed this piece.



The theme beautifully displayed.



Sweet Treats: grater cakes, sweet potato pudding and blue draws (dukunoo or tie-a-leaf)

FUN DAY SURPRISE IN MAY

The children were treated to a Fun Day and BBQ by the Campus Church of Christ, a bonus treat as part of activities for Child's Month. Our staff were not left out as they participated in a health and wellness session. The response was unanimous. It was a fantastic day!



Students waiting to go into the bounce-about (bouncy castle/bounce house)



Some staff members getting a check-up.



BBQ anyone? The food was delicious!

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INAUGURAL MATH DAY 2022

We hosted our first Math Day Celebration this year. Teachers and students did a great job in showcasing their skills.

DID YOU KNOW?

Letters "a", "b" and "c" do not appear anywhere in the spelling of numbers from 0 to 999



PRAISE REPORT

We praise God! One of students and Hands in Praise choir member, Damion Stewart, was baptized on June 19, 2022 at the Mandeville Baptist Church.

Senior teacher, Mrs. Claudette Brown, dressed as a school girl, strikes a cute pose.



SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUPPORTERS (LIFE TEAMS AND HARVEST CALL JAMAICA) FOR THE CONTINUED SUPPORT.

LIFEHOUSE CHURCH AND CCCD US OFFICE WE APPRECIATE YOU FOR COLLABORATING TO CELEBRATE CCCD STAFF MEMBERS.



JAMAICA DEAF VILLAGE

GRATEFUL HEARTS

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 2 Corinthians 4:7-9 (NIV)

No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. Romans 8:37 (NLT)

The management and staff of Jamaica Deaf Village continue to echo our praise and thanks to God for His grace, mercy, leading, help, support, protection, provisions, and guidance through the fiscal year 2021-2022 and the calendar year 2022 thus far.

His day by day, moment by moment leading, presence and provisions continues the cause and effect of our successes and achievements. I use this medium to express sincerest thanks and appreciation to our department leaders, and staff here at JDV. We also thank the CCCD Head Office and campus support from Kingston, Knock Patrick and Montego Bay for their efforts and support in assisting JDV achieve its successes.



THE JDV: A \$50 MILLION HAVEN FOR TREES

On World Forest Day, March 21, 2022, a joint initiative of CCCD and RISE Life Management Services, funded by the European Union, was launched at the JDV. Imagine! Our campus is to be the place for this multi-million dollar arboretum (a botanical garden devoted to trees)! The project is known as the Improved Forest Management and Livelihoods (IFMAL) initiative.

We look forward to the years ahead as seedlings will take root to form the ten acre arboretum which will be filled with approximately three thousand (3000) indigenous Jamaican timber, ornamental, and fruit trees for educational and recreational purposes by September 2023.

This is a revolutionary project and we are glad that it is coming from the Deaf Community. We will not only be engaging in tree planting activities but as a means of sustaining the livelihoods of our Deaf families and our organisation as a whole, the project will include climate resilient agriculture, Deaf craft production, sustainable natural resources management and awareness in forestry management, climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies. It looks like it will be a win/win situation for us and the environment.

Since the project launch, we have already planted over 600 trees and organized bamboo craft training sessions for Deaf women.



Deaf workers applying organic matter to the holes to plant the trees



Deaf women participating in bamboo craft training



First tree planted



Opening ceremony held in March



JAMAICA DEAF VILLAGE

We were able to secure funds to purchase a tractor and a bus for agricultural expansion and life team transportation respectively. The transportation has been ordered and they are on their way.

We continue with our Dryer Angels production as we seek how to meet potential increased quota demands. This enterprise area continues to be the major earner of revenue for JDV and enables the campus to meet its salary and other financial obligations.

We hosted LIFE teams over the period with 4 (four) additional teams planned for December 2022. The relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions has resulted in increased LIFE Team bookings and visits to the campus. We have hosted four (4) teams since January 2022. Additionally, facility rentals are showing positive signs post COVID 19 challenges. We continue to prepare for the increased uptake.

Agriculture continues to be stymied by the lack of irrigable water and climate related drought. We are actively pursuing well drilling possibilities. Initial steps have been taken to investigate and engage public and private stakeholders towards making this a reality. Cattle herd size grew from 38-42 since our last update in 2021.

MORE UPDATES



Bianca Johnson proudly showing off one of the dryer angels she created.



MORE HIGHLIGHTS



In a beautiful ceremony held at the Jamaica Deaf Village (JDV), we said our final goodbyes to former Executive Director, Mrs. Tashi Widmer. The event took place on April 29, 2022. There were many tears, laughter and heartfelt words and signs expressed.



We have a new Employee Development Officer (EDO). Her name is Mrs. Krystal Ming-Honiwell. She joined the team in June after Mrs. Marcia Anderson left us in March.

Mrs. Ming-Honiwell will be working with the human resource team to help us ensure accountability and learning at each level of the organization so we can better serve our community.





CCCD Continuing Adult Deaf Education



Course Offerings

starting in September 2022

SHORT COURSES (6 MONTHS) JOB CERTIFICATION

- Baker
- Nail Care Attendant
- Hair Stylist
- Sewing (Soft Furnishing Machinist)
- Breakfast Cookery
- Tiling

LONG-TERM COURSES (12-18 MONTHS) LEVEL 2

- Commercial Food Preparation
- Housekeeping
- Early Childhood Education
- Data Operation

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PRAYER POINTS

MONTEGO 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.

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- 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

- Briggs family and medical challenges with their daughter.
- Lenna Davey and her illness challenges
- Protection and safety of JDV staff
- Approval and implementation of project ideas for growth and development
- God's continued leadership, empowerment, and guidance of the JDV team

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- Increased enrollment numbers for September
- That divine love and compassion will continue to cover us as we combine the norms of Deaf and hearing cultures.
- Wisdom in training students in biblical truths
- Divine strength to all staff as we fulfill the Purpose, Vision and Mission of CCCD.
- The comprehensive development of our students as they take on challenges of life and external exams.

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