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1 Peter 4:7-11

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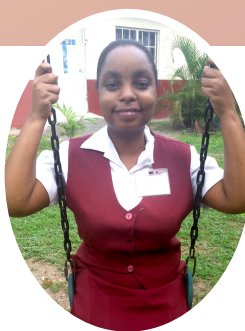
Silent Night Oh Holy Night

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Our Purpose

TO STEWARD GOD'S
RESOURCES FOR HIS
GLORY (1 PETER 4:7-
11)

Our Vision

TO REACH, TEACH AND
NURTURE THE DEAF
(PSALM 144:12;
PROVERBS 22:6;
EPHESIANS 6:4)

Our Mission

TO ENABLE FULL LANGUAGE
ACCESS AND AFFIRMATION IN
AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY
WHEREBY STUDENTS AND
EMPLOYEES ARE EMPOWERED
WITH KNOWLEDGE TO KNOW
THE LORD, APPRECIATE
DIVERSITY AND UNDERSTAND
THE FUNCTIONS OF THE
WORLD (ROMANS 12)

From the Executive Director's Desk

Written by Tashi Widmer

Merry Christmas! Jesus Christ is indeed the Reason for Christmas!

We do not know when exactly Jesus Christ was born but we can safely surmise, based on the historical timeline and biblical narrative, that it was one night between fall and winter when He got born. We thank God Abba Father for the gift of eternal hope through Jesus Christ whose birth was made possible by the work of the Holy Spirit.



This year has been quite unusual for us at CCCD. Since March 2020, as an impact of the pandemic, we had to navigate the unknowns and adapt to the new normal in our operations, with our three schools physically closed and then reopened for virtual instruction, our regular operations either being adjusted to a fully virtual approach of connection or rescheduled, and our daily norms adjusted to the norms of face-covering, hand/washing or sanitisation, and frequent cleaning. However, the adjustments have taught us that where there is a will, there is a way. That is the masterpiece of humanity that God has blessed us with- no matter what transpires in life, we can and will develop new coping mechanisms and strategies to survive.

As Executive Director, I have first-hand witnessed the love, hope, and faith of the CCCD staff members and missionaries in reaching, teaching, and nurturing the Deaf community of students and adults through our persistent and resilient efforts of online teaching and learning, despite the limited technological and accessibility resources, and sustaining employment without anyone being jobless, counselling support, and spiritual discipleship and care in and beyond our organisational ministry. Together, our efforts to keep CCCD uplifted by steadfastly sharing our love, hope and faith represents this most appropriately: United we stand, divided we fall.

Facing forward, may we consider how we may “wear the face” of Jesus Christ so the world may see Him as the Source of salt and light through us, sanitise ourselves of any bitterness and perturbation by staying rooted in the immovable Word of Jesus Christ that we take heart in any trials for He has overcome the world (John 16:33), and cleanse our minds and hearts with His love, hope and faith to become rivers of blessing towards others. All thanks and glory be unto our God the Father for His Son through whom the Holy Spirits enables the fruition of love, hope and faith in and among us!

The Jamaica Deaf Village: An Oasis



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The JDV: a place where the Deaf can live, work, and grow...and you can share in that experience too.

As you drive or walk up the winding driveway of this jewel of a place, a feeling of peace and tranquility floods your soul. The view is breath-taking and the untouched beauty of the Jamaica Deaf Village (JDV) makes you stop and take it all in.

The Jamaica Deaf Village got its start in 1991 when one hundred acres of land was donated to the CCCD. Over the years, through the tremendous efforts of both Jamaican workers and overseas volunteers, the JDV has taken shape into a beautiful property providing both housing and businesses, serving the Deaf adults of Jamaica. Little by little, we have continued to grow and continue to learn (www.cccdjamaica.org).

The JDV is indeed an oasis. It is a place where the Deaf are free to live, work and grow. Approximately 20 families live in community in a place where they can express their Deaf culture, including their language, their faith and their lifestyle. Our Social Enterprise programmes help these families to live sustainable lives because our Deaf-led social businesses provide jobs for them and generate revenue to support our ministry.

Today we employ around 20 people through livestock and agriculture production; sewing/textile craftsmanship; facility rentals and business partnerships construction, woodworking, sewing, catering, and cattle rearing. Through both the work and the discipleship that happens on campus, we are seeing God move in the lives of the Deaf.



What's happening at CCCD Montego Bay?

Meet 24 year old soon-to-be chef Donavan Hibbert. Donavan is CCCD Montego Bay's star student. He works full time but still manages to maintain a 90% average in both the practical and theory areas of the Commercial Food Preparation Level 2 course offered in collaboration with CCCD's Career Adult Deaf Education (CADE) programme and Heart Trust NSTA.

This month he will become a qualified Commis Chef when he completes his final assessments. This means that he will be able to work under a station chef and learn the station's or range's responsibilities and operation.



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SAVE THE DATE



CCCD 62nd Annual
General Meeting
January 19, 2021

Donavan could be Jamaica's next top chef

We think so! He was awarded as the most dedicated student in his class and this young man is determined to fulfil his lifelong dream of becoming a chef and owning his own chain of restaurants.

Donavan says he likes the Commercial Food Preparation programme because he learns about different cuisines and gets the opportunity to prepare them; and he is exposed to different sectors of the hospitality industry. He puts into practice what he has learned because he works at a restaurant called Café Mocha. He adds, “[I like] the flexibility of the programme [because] it allows me to work full time and study at the same time.”

The aspiring chef has many dreams. He plans to continue studying by completing Commercial Food Preparation Levels 3 and 4 while working. He also would like to become a part time teachers assistant in Commercial Food Preparation or be a demonstrator for practicals. He actually plans to save his money so he can open a small restaurant with the hope of expanding in the future where he wants to hire mostly Deaf persons

Donavan gives the CADE/HEART Trust NSTA programme a big thumbs up!



What's happening at CCCD Knockpatrick?



Potatoes galore! One of CCCD's L.I.F.E. teams, the Campus Church of Christ in the US sponsored a farming project that our Knockpatrick campus has efficiently capitalised on. This summer, with the help of local farmers and National Youth Service workers, a field of potatoes was planted. According to Campus Manager Trudy Powell, "We have reaped over 500 lbs to date and we are still reaping!"

News Tidbits from Knockpatrick:



Staff members deep in concentration as they do their HEART Trust NSTA assessment to qualify for the Vegetable Crop Producer certification.



Staff member, Richard Stephenson busy at work repairing the pig pens after a successful animal and crop production season.



What's happening at CCCD Kingston?

Shaneil Rhule is CCCD Kingston's shining star! She gained five CSEC subjects: EnglishA, Social Studies, Principles of Business, Office Administration (2020) and Food & Nutrition (previously) from the Caribbean Examination Council (CXC).

Shaneil says, "I was nervous but I tried my best to remember all that I learnt through all of my classes that I went to and from when I did my SBAs [School Based Assessments]. Sometimes I had doubts but I did not allow that to stop me from passing all my subjects. I just believed in myself and although it was hard, I just did my best".

This high achiever likes to read all kinds of books. She also loves to study and learn new things, which help her to remember well. Shaneil added that she likes to research subject areas related to her school work.



News Tidbit from Kingston:



The winning team with Mr. Earl Daley (Principal), Mrs. Antonia Thompson-McCalla (Guidance Counsellor) [above] and Mrs. Tashi Widmer (Executive Director) [below]

Our house mothers from Kingston and Knockpatrick recently participated in a series of Positive Behavioural Intervention and Support (PBIS) Sensitisation workshops. At the end, participants from both campuses took part in a poster competition. They had to use the word FRIEND and the CCCD initials to show positive behaviour practices between staff and students in a number of areas. The team from Kingston (Charmaine Anderson, Vivinne Brown and Yvette Linares) came out as the winners!

Prayer Requests

Pray for:

Spiritual intentionality in applying Christ's love, grace and truth as well as decrees for daily and righteous living for all staff members.



Wisdom and clarity on how best to nurture the Deaf with spiritual care and discipleship.



Continued leadership wisdom and staff teamwork to mobilise all the resources required for physical reopening of schools in January 2021.



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