

CBACC Newsletter

Brethren Assemblies' News from around the Caribbean and sometimes beyond

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Special Mission Goals

- To facilitate spiritual and numerical growth among Brethren.
- To enable workers from across the region to seek the Lord together.
- To strengthen networking and fellowship.
- To raise awareness of the spiritual challenges of current trends and cultural developments.
- To assist in the coordination of disaster response activities.
- To encourage younger workers.

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We are pleased to advise that we were able to achieve as much as 95% blocking up of the ground floor over the earlier months of this year. The exposure provided by *this* newsletter has contributed to the ongoing awareness of our project in the region, and in some ways to monetary donations *as well*.

Since late last year, much of the focus has shifted to those islands devastated by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Even right here at home in T&T, there was a massive drive to provide assistance to Dominica in particular. We continue to ask God to be merciful to them and to us as we make preparations during this 2018 Hurricane season. We remain very grateful to the Lord for the donations that came our way and for several of the Saints who continued their support. This allowed us to continue paying our concrete supplier, (The debt n o w s t a n d s a t 6,500.00US), and we were able to advance the blocking up works. While we will not be ready for camp during 2018 camp, it does look more feasible for 2019 DV. Below are a couple other recent photos taken of the site.

Major outstanding works include -Rendering of walls and floors, plumbing, electrification, painting, tiling, doors, windows, ceiling, landscaping and security arrangements. Continue to pray for us.

May God continue to bless your work and labour of love. In Christ

Anthony Roberts (See ad on Page. 3)





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Our missionaries need your <u>financial support</u> as well as your prayer support. Make a monetary pledge today to support a missionary near you.



Who is this female missionary?

- Seen here with Brother Eddie in Dominica earlier this year?
- Who was born in June and lives in Trinidad and Tobago?
- Who used to work as a software development engineer?
- Who has now been in full time service for over 10 years?
- Give up? **The answer is . . .**

Deborah Dowlath ddowlath@yahoo.com She would value your financial support.

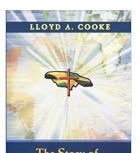
Coming from . . . Grenada

<u>5th Annual Women's Prayer</u> <u>Breakfast</u>

" Kindly click on the Theme <u>"Positioned for</u> <u>Blessings"</u>, for the full program. . ." On Saturday 26th May, 2018, the 5th Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast was convened at the Grenada Red Cross Centre, Upper Lucas Street, St. George's. The Annual Event, sponsored by the Women of the Gospel Hall Assemblies of Grenada, was this year, hosted by the St. George's Gospel Hall. It was a beautiful morning of worship, prayer, praises and sharing, with over 120 women (from various churches and walks of life), in attendance. The Inspirational Message was given by Sis. Priscilla Hopkin of the La Digue Gospel Hall and the Event was chaired by Sis. Marjorie Strachan of the Calivigny Gospel Hall. Kindly click on the Theme <u>"Positioned for Blessings"</u>, for the full program. Photos available on the Home Page Photo Strip.

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The 6th Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast will be convened on Saturday **25th May, 2019**, hosted by the Calivigny Gospel Hall. (*DV*)



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Tribute to Dr Joseph "Joe" Halliday



Dr. Joseph Jacob Halliday B.A., M.A., Dip Ed., PHD, O.B.E.

<u>Tribubte from the St kitts</u> Brethren Assemblies

The St. Kitts Brethren Assemblies were established in 1936 by Missionaries from Canada. They paved the way for other Missionaries from Canada and England who ensured that the work was sustained.

After the last missionary, (Brother Thomas Morrell) died, Brother Halliday ensured that the Brethren movement remained strong and held fast to the Biblical Principles on which they were formed. Brother Halliday's vision was to see a vibrant Brethren movement where its members were grounded in the word and the foundational principles were always upheld. It is probably this which encouraged him to organize several sessions involving Biblical Teachings. One such series was "The Prophecies of Daniel" which he conducted in the 1980s at Olivet Gospel Hall. The spiritual life of the Brethren Family was truly enriched through regular Bible Studies conducted by the brothers who were ably led by Bro. Joe Halliday. He organized what was known to us as "Unity Bible School". This provided the younger believers with strong foundational biblical teachings which is the hallmark of the St. Kitts Brethren Assemblies. Unity Bible School, was to be transformed into an accredited Bible School which unfortunately didn't materialize.

Prior to 1980 there was no organized youth ministry in Olivet but Brother Halliday's desire to have a strong youth arm as part of Olivet led him to organize the first Olivet Youth Group in 1980. Incidentally, his son Elroy is the current chairman of that Youth Ministry.

Brother Halliday was a visionary and a strong leader. He was someone who was blessed with many gifts which he used to promote the development of the Brethren Assemblies in the Caribbean Region. In 1993 he led a delegation to the Brethren Conference held in Jamaica and became Chairman of the Brethren Conference Committee that was established in 1993

at the conclusion of the conference. The following year, Brother Joe Halliday, as he still is affectionately known to the Caribbean Brethren, led a

team of dedicated workers in organizing the **Caribbean Brethren Church Growth Conference** at lack Tar Hotel in St. Kitts.

The Brethren movement in St. Kitts was under the directorate of Christian Mission Canada for many years. When it was time for that movement to take full responsibility for the ministry in St. Kitts, Joseph Halliday assumed the role of overseer. This ensured the smooth transmission of responsibility from Christian Mission Canada to St. Kitts Brethren Assemblies. Brother Halliday served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the United Brethren Meetings for many years. He was highly respected and recognized as the Senior Elder/Leader of the St. Kitts Brethren Assemblies. His ethics and the high level of confidentiality which he displayed earned the respect of many persons in St. Kitts-Nevis and he was consequently called upon to provide counseling to many individuals, couples, groups and families. There are testimonies of marriages that were saved/restored/revived through the counseling intervention of Brother Joseph Halliday. Within the St. Kitts Brethren Assemblies, Dr. Joseph Halliday served as Marriage Counselor and Marriage Officer.

Brother Dr. Joseph Halliday has been elevated to a higher calling being absent from the body and present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:1-9 – "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: 3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. 4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. 5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is

God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. 6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present

or absent, we may be accepted of him.

The Believers of the St. Kitts Brethren Assemblies extend sincere condolences to Sister Masie Halliday and the entire family. We truly appreciate the sacrifices made by our brother and the family as he dedicated his life to the strengthening of the spiritual life of the members of the Brethren Assemblies. We have been enriched by his life and ministry. May God continue to sustain you.

Submitted by Glenville O'Flaherty

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Report from Ronald Charles (Guyana)

"<u>Great is the Lord and greatly to be</u>

Praised"

The Lord in His mercy and grace kept us through our six months visit to the United States where we underwent medical procedures as well as ministered in some churches. We returned home in good spirits ready to continue the work the Lord has entrusted to our care.

November 18, 2017: Returned to a grand welcome.

December 17&18, 2017: Dedicated two new church buildings in the north among the 'Macushi' tribe.

December 31, 2017: Convened a grand old year's night service where over 200 persons attended from all walks of life.

In the first week in January 2018, we went to the Amazon capital Manaus in Brazil to take care of matters concerning the registration of a new church plant in Brazil. This is a first for Brethren assemblies and outreach in Brazil. A lawyer was contracted to do the documentation.

On our return to Roraima State, I went to the location where the church is being planted and held a few days of meetings. Six persons were baptized including a man saved from drug addiction.

The last term of Bible School came to an end on March 30, and ten persons graduated after three years of training, having completed 24 courses.

April 1-5, 2018: The Annual Conference among the different tribes was held with 300 delegates attending. Dr. Martin Windle President of BCM International was the main speaker and Jonatan Odicio, also of BCM, did training in children ministry.

May 5-9, 2018: My wife and I left home to visit the mountain people, climbing some 3000 feet of rugged, steep and slippery mountain. A new church building was also dedicated.

May 15 - June 24, 2018: I left home for Wiruni Berbice River some 700 miles away in the jungle in the eastern part of Guyana. It was very challenging and dangerous and there is a lot of demonic activity and witch craft in that area. By the Grace of God, four persons were set free from demon possession and trusted Christ. For three nights I could not sleep and spent the night praying for safety, protection and deliverance. The Lord is powerful and in His name the demons fled. To God be the glory.

Added to the problem of demonism, there was drug abuse almost everywhere. One man, among the many I confronted, had just beaten his mother and wanted to chop her up with a machete. I got him to sit down and shared the gospel with him and as I spoke the demons spoke through him. He said that he had a 101 systems operating in him. I said to him "these are demons not systems." I asked him to give me his drugs which he did. I said to him this is "your lifeline" and I will sacrifice it to God and I burned it in front of him and everyone looked amazed, but God was in control and he was subdued. Thank God.

A few days later he was in church well shaven and clean. His father and mother prayed to receive Christ.

Twelve adults were baptized as a result of four weeks of intense preaching of the gospel.

The new church was completed and dedicated on father's day where over 80 fathers attended from all walks of life. A couple was married two days before my departure.

In July, I am scheduled to return to the Amazon capital to support the registration of the first Brethren Assembly to be planted in Brazil.

September 24: I am expecting to return to the Berbice River for a week of ministry and two weddings.

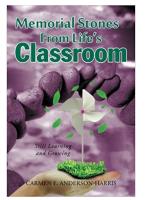
October 2018: In the will of the Lord we will commence the construction of a new church building to accommodate 350 seats at Lethem where I minister. This "Project of Faith" will cost US\$120,000. Please pray

with us that the Lord will provide this sum. Pray for our health, because sometimes we

are doing well and other times not too well. Also, pray that the Lord will provide for the cost of the registration and travelling expenses for the many projects among the Indian tribes within the Amazon rainforest.

In the Battle Field, Ron and Zita.

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Baptism in Barbados

Easter is the time of year when Brethren world wide celebrate the bodily resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our entire faith would fall apart if there was no bodily resurrection of Christ, as some erroneously teach. (See Corinthians 15:12-23

14 And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. . 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and

become the first fruits of them that slept.

IRessurection is indeed a vital part of our faith and is commemorated wherever there are Brethren. Various assemblies across the Easter Sunday is unsurpassed by very few other Caribbean and beyond celebrate with some Brethren in Barbados are no different. Every Grace Gospel Hall, Fitts Village on the West Coast and every Easter Monday, there is a conference at Ebenezer in Bridgetown. It is usually a very exciting time. This year was even more exciting. Six teenaged persons were baptised at Dayrells Road on the Saturday bread for the first time with the saints on an



experiences. One experience that may top that type of convention or conference. The thrill is when one of those being baptized is the physical offspring of the Baptist. Seen here is Good Friday is marked by a United meeting at Brother Joshua Millar about to be baptised by his biological father Brother Kenneth Millar, one of the elders at Dayrells Road Gospel Hall. Many were in attendance for the special occasion including Dr. Hadyn Marshall, who addressed the candidates just prior to their passage through the waters of Baptism. It was following Good Friday. The thrill of breaking such a wonderful occasion. We believe the angels were in attendance as well.

Caribbean Brethren Assemblies Conference Continuation Committee (CBACC) was established at the end of the conference held in St. Kitts from July 13th to 17th, 2014"

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Brethren Camping Facility (..." for great is our God above all gods" -2 Chron. 2:5) Estimated cost: USD\$300,000.00 **Contact Brother**



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Report from Daniel Ross (Grenada)

Strengthening the things that remain.



Dear Fellow Saints,

We greet you in the ever loving and precious name of our great God and our Saviour lesus the Christ.

Brethren we are bound to give thanks for you all for your continued and consistent financial support and especially your fervent prayers for us over the past year 2017. As another year has sped its way into eternity we are reminded of the proximity of our Lord's return and admonished to serve Him with renewed passion and anticipation. We praise the Lord for His bountiful kindnesses and His mercies and His grace.

We are always humbled that the Lord has chosen us to be in the school ministry which continues to be encouraging. The Radio ministry attracts listeners of all ages and walks of life. We continue to share the gospel and teach and encourage the Saints all over the island. Just a few days ago we spent a week in Carriacou with the Believers there. We are planning to make it to Carriacou on a more regular basis. The Lord has placed in our hearts a huge love and concern for the Lost and so every opportunity that presents itself we share the gospel with those we come in contact with.

We do not want to give the idea that all is fine all the time. We do have our share of challenges and struggles. but we continue to trust the Lord and believe in His Word and His promises. We are still praising the Lord that Sherma's health report in the third quarter of last year turned out to be favorable. Praise His Matchless Name!

We praise the Lord too for the help given with our Conference held on April 8th 2018. Brother Weekes from Barbados and "yours truly" were the two speakers.

The Lord has opened another door for sharing His Word on FM radio station with Enos McDonald who is my cousin who lives in NJ. It is a 5 minute program called Good News heard on Sunday afternoons. Pray that all the logistics would be worked out. The evil one does not like the Gospel to pierce his domain so he will put up a fight

but we serve a Great and Almighty God. We covet your sincere and fervent prayers for a week of Crusade to be held at the Bronx in NY the last week of July 2018. (See ad on Page 3) Pray that the Lord will fill my heart and mouth with the right messages and that I will speak well of Him. Pray that the Word will reach the hearts of the listeners and they will be converted. Pray also for a propose week of Gospel meetings in Carriacou sometime in October 2018. Details are still to be finalized. Saints we covet your continued prayers for our son Joshua. We thank God for him and for the musical talent which he is blest with. We are happy that he is using it week by week. Pray that he will develop a

greater appetite for the Word of God. We do value your partnership with us in the Gospel. We are fellow labourers together with Christ. May the Lord richly bless and prosper you for 2018.

Because of Calvary, Daniel & Sherma Ross

The Caribbean Brethren Assemblies Conference Committee (CBACC) headed by Dr. Hadyn Marshall of St Vincent was born out of the need to unite brethren in the Caribbean and to prepare for future Brethren conferences. This Newsletter is the committee's way of linking Brethren in the Caribbean and beyond.

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