

THE EVANGEL

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Personal Ministries

Last weekend I had the opportunity to lead a delegation from the North Bahamas Mission to the Personal Ministries, Sabbath School, Community Services and Bible School Congress hosted by West Indies Union in Mandeville, Jamaica. The delegation included Elder Eugene Taylor, Elder Aileen Sands, Sis. Miriam Thompson, Sis. Pauly Johnson and Sis. Jacqueline Collie. The Congress was designed to highlight the aspects of the initiative "Tell The World", which is the thrust for the Seventh-day Adventist Church over the next five years. Participants were trained for service, in order to come back to their local fields and not only inspire, but train the members of our Mission territory in how they can become engaged in service through Tell the World. Each of our delegates were inspired through what they received from the various training sessions, and have returned with a passion to set our field ablaze in "Telling the World". Beginning this Sabbath and continuing on, they will be sharing various components of the concepts of Tell the World and how you can get involved. It is only as friends of Jesus realize that they have a duty to tell their friends about Jesus, that the work will be finished and we can really go home.

As we seek to implement the goals and objectives of Tell the World in the North Bahamas Mission, The West Indies Union Conference will host a special "Tell The World" Summit here in Grand Bahama on Sunday, May 7, 2006 beginning at 9:00 a.m. to officially launch the initiatives of Tell the World in the North Bahamas Mission. Dr. Enell Hall, Vice-President and Ministerial Secretary of the Union, Dr. Wendall R. McMillan, Field Secretary and Stewardship Director of the Union, Pastor Joseph Smith, Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Director of the Union and Ms. Vivienne Quarrie, Associate Sabbath School Director will be the featured presenters for the Summit. The Summit is open to all members of the Mission, but the following officers are urgently requested to be there: All Pastors, Elders, Personal Ministries Leaders, Assistants and Secretaries, Community Services Leader and Assistants, Sabbath School Superintendents, Assistants, Unit Leaders, Teachers, Secretaries and all Youth and Pathfinder Leaders, Assistants and Counselors. Let us do our best to come and be apart of this great Summit.

All Personal Ministries Leaders, Assistants and Personal Ministries Secretaries are asked to meet with Pastor Moncur on Sunday April 23 at 4:00 p.m. at the Shiloh Church.

All Sabbath School Superintendents and Assistants are asked to meet with Pastor Moncur at the Shiloh Church on Sunday, April 23 at 3:00 p.m.

All Community Services Leaders and Assistants are asked to meet with Pastor Moncur at the Shiloh Church on Sunday, April 23, at 2:00 p.m.

All members of the North Bahamas Mission Church Planting Committee are asked to meet on Sunday, April 23, at 5:00 p.m. at the Shiloh Church.

Stewardship Certification

All Elders, Stewardship Directors and Treasurers are asked to attend a special Stewardship Certification Programme April 28 -30, 2006 as follows:

Friday evening at Shiloh beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Sabbath afternoon – Joint Service at The Freeport Church at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday morning at Freeport Church at 9:00 a.m.

Evangelism

Take the Message to Every Person – The gospel commission is the great missionary charter of Christ's kingdom. The disciples were to work earnestly for souls, giving to all the invitation of mercy. They were not to wait for the people to come to them; they were to go to the people with their message.

God's messengers are commissioned to take up the very work that Christ did while on this earth. They are to give themselves to every line of ministry that He carried on. With earnestness and sincerity, they are to tell men of the unsearchable riches and the immortal treasure of heaven.

The commission given to the disciples is given also to us. Today, as then, a crucified and risen Savior is to be uplifted before those who are without God and without hope in the world. The Lord calls for pastors, teachers, and evangelists. From door to door His servants are to proclaim the message of salvation. To every nation, kindred tongue, and people the tidings of pardon through Christ are to be carried. Not with tame, lifeless utterances is the message to be given, but with clear, decided, stirring utterances. Hundreds are waiting for the warning to escape for their lives. The world needs to see in Christians an evidence of the power of Christianity. Not merely in a few places, but throughout the world, messages of mercy are needed. *Christian Service pp.23, 24*

Pastor Johnson Appointed to Division Committee



Pastor Leonard Johnson, president of the Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, has been appointed a member of the Inter-American Division (IAD) Committee. He will be attending his first committee at the Mid-year Meetings on May 14-16, 2006 at the Division headquarters in Florida. The IAD is the largest Adventist Division in the world with more than 2.7 million members. It covers all of Central America including the Caribbean and Mexican and the English, French, and Dutch Guyana (The northern tip of South America).

Pastor Leslie McMillan Receives Honorary Degree



On Sunday, April 9, 2006, Pastor Leslie V. McMillan, former president of the Bahamas Conference, Cayman Island Mission, and Communication Director of the Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventist, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Divinity from the Florida Chapter of

Cumberland University of North Carolina in association with Jehovah Jireh Non-Denominational Institute of Theology, Counseling & Christian Education. We congratulate you Dr. Leslie Valentine McMillan. Dr. McMillan is a vibrant Bahamian leader who is know best all over the Inter-American Division and Europe for his zeal and energy in successful evangelistic crusades and his great emphasis in Christian Stewardship. He is a gifted singer and also speaks Spanish. Currently, Dr. McMillan is retired from active ministry and living in South Florida with is wife Wealthia.

Pastor Smith Accepts Call to North Mission

Pastor Michael Smith, former Ministerial Director of the Bahamas Conference and pastor for the Grant's



Town and Johnson Park Seventh-day Adventist Churches, Nassau, accepted a call to the North Bahamas Mission of Seventh-day Adventists to be the pastor for the Freeport Seventh-day Adventist Church, Grand Bahama, The Bahamas. He will also serve as the Director for the Mission's Stewardship, Family, and Education Departments. The appointment came into effect April 1, 2006. Let us pray for Pastor Michael and Mrs. Lynn Smith as they continue to advance the cause of God in Grand Bahama.

Happy Sabbath!