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The Lighthouse Children's Home

The Lord has been so good to us as the Board and the entire Staff work hard to make the Home what God has intended it to be for the children. We express our gratitude to the International Board and all our donors for their love and also pray that the good Lord will continue to sustain them in His grace and make provision for their dreams.

Currently the Home houses seven boys and eight girls in all with a staff strength of seven and one volunteer. As a Christian home, I must say that our daily devotions and Bible study life, counselling by Board Chairman and others coupled



with fellowship meetings at the Love Gate Chapel to mention but a few have added to the spiritual growth and development of the children and the entire staff.

The academic development of the children has gained attention with having Diana a primary student competing in a regional spelling competition organized by the University of Cape Coast Library with student grading far above her level. It was quite a delight to see Diana placing fourth out of over twenty competing schools with more than twenty competitors. I am also glad to say that Bismark Abban is now preparing for his Junior High School Certificate Examination. We are confident for a positive result because Bismark has been outstanding all through his Junior High School. Samuel, Courage and others have also been participating in other UC math competitions as well with encouraging results. To boost up their academic performances, the home has hired the services of two private teachers at the home to assist them in their academic difficulties. The greatest excitement that



has kept smiles on the faces of the children was when they were provided with a school bus to convey them to and from their respective schools. One could imagine how grateful the children were since this provision has also saved them a lot of stress from walking to and from home every day.

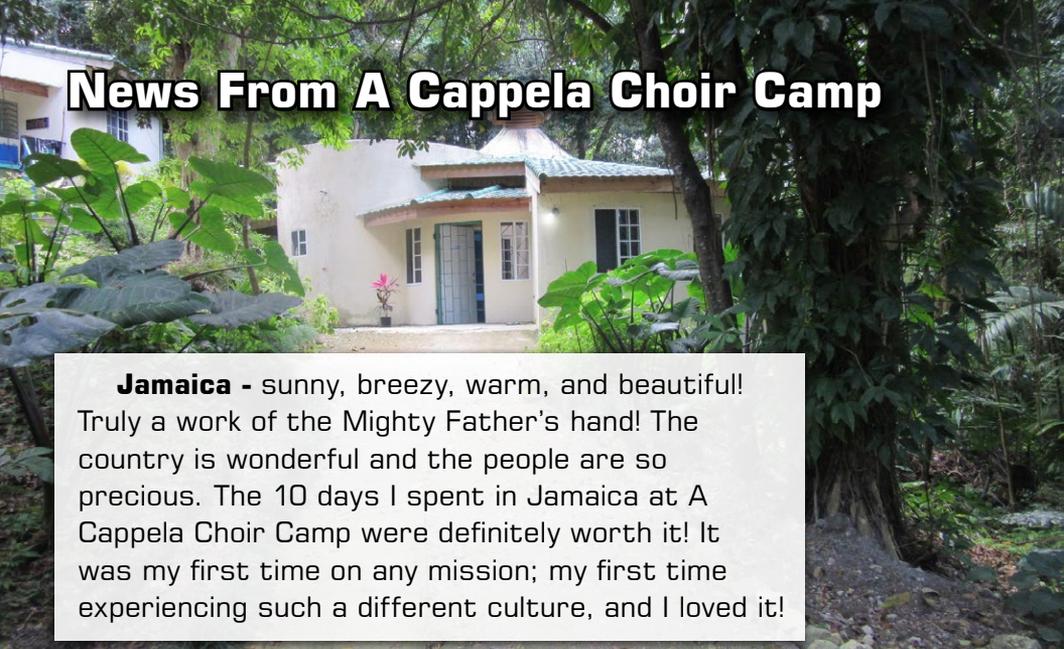
In February this year, we saw the exit of our matron but God been so good, the caregivers (Martha, Celestine and Joyce) and the cleaner (Hannah) willingly assumed the office of the matron and things are running smoothly. We also owe our thanks to the board chairman for his timely intervention of bringing in a welfare officer who has been of immense help to the running of the home. When donors visit

they are amazed at the level of care given to these children especially when it comes to feeding the children. Our monthly menu goes through the hands of Dr. Augusta Adjei-Frimpong – a lecturer at the Home Economics Department of the University of Cape Coast. Our children are healthy, good looking and intelligent because of the of food they eat and the level of hygiene we promote.

Security at the home is at its best added to the fact that our day security Officer (Francis) has accepted to do extra duties over the weekends. Our walls are well panelled with razor wire to avoid thieves and other unlawful intruders. After last board meeting held recently, the board chairman saw the need to intensify our security lightening system and plans are ongoing to get that done immediately.

The home is attracting the attention of the Government (Department of Social Welfare) and the like stakeholders because day in day out they refer people to the home with letter heads of notable government institutions for us to take in children on temporary basis.

News From A Cappella Choir Camp



Jamaica - sunny, breezy, warm, and beautiful! Truly a work of the Mighty Father's hand! The country is wonderful and the people are so precious. The 10 days I spent in Jamaica at A Cappella Choir Camp were definitely worth it! It was my first time on any mission; my first time experiencing such a different culture, and I loved it!

Monday afternoon the campers started arriving. There were 24 altogether- 11 boys and 13 girls. Being there for the first time, I was at a loss as to where I should be or what I should do! Breathing a prayer to God that He would work through me this week, I went to meet them. Some of them were more scared than I was! By evening everyone was more relaxed and getting to know each other. The Jamaican activity directors did an awesome job of planning games, etc. to break the ice.

Every morning at 9:15 we had chapel. To me, that was a very special time. It started out with a traditional Jamaican praise and worship session led by either a few of the campers or Jamaican counsellors. Matt Frey led chapel sessions. It was wonderful to

hear God speak through him to the campers. Most of them have some knowledge of God, but still have a lot to learn about what the Christian life all involves. I pray that what they heard in this week would stay with them, that they would continue to seek God, and that each one would come to know Him as their personal Saviour.

At A Cappella Choir Camp, we don't sit around and relax all week. It's a week of hard work and gruelling choir practises, one after the next. The Jamaican youth love to sing and it's inspiring to see them give it everything they have to learn these songs as well as they can by the time the week is over! They put their all into it, and even sing between practises! Music is like second nature to them.



They sing while they wash dishes, while they play games, and when they have nothing else to do! Sometimes they need to be reminded to let their voices rest at least some of the time so that they won't wear them out.

On Friday night, after a week of practise, we had our concert at Church on the Rock in Ocho Rios, about 25 minutes from camp. The youth all sang their hearts out. It was wonderful to see them sing for an audience after all their hard work! My prayer is that the words of the songs we sang spoke to the hearts of those in the audience and that they took the message of the songs home with them.

The time we spent all together back at camp on Friday night and Saturday morning was so special. When you interact closely with individuals for a whole week: eat together, play together, work together, sing together, pray together: you make strong ties quickly, and it's hard to say goodbye. Some of the campers were ready to go back home and see family, but some of them found it very

difficult to leave. That's when you can only wonder what type of home life they have, and what's awaiting them when they go back. A lot of these youth come from broken or less than ideal home settings. I pray that the words of the songs they learned would stay with them as well and speak to their hearts when they need it most. And even though we are far away from them now, prayers still follow them.

It was a blessing and a pleasure to serve at A Cappella Choir Camp this year, and I know it was a growing experience for me. I pray that God would continue to bless the work there and that He would be with each of the youth that have spent a week at the camp.



Thank-you to each one that has offered support and prayers! God bless you for that! I ask that you would keep on being prayerful for the work in Jamaica, and especially for those youth that gave their hearts to the Lord at camp this year.

-Rosalyn Frey

Board Report

But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: His righteousness remaineth for ever. 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

In 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 Paul puts forth a specific plea to the wealthy Corinthians to give of their abundance to the needy Christians in Jerusalem. Several earthquakes had lead to widespread crop failures which resulted in a prolonged period of real hardship leaving many people to rely on the support of the extended church.

As I reflect on the success of the recent Lighthouse Ministries Fundraiser Auction I am truly humbled by the generous support from all corners of our community. Thanks to all of you, the work in Ghana, Haiti, and Jamaica can go on. The children, many of whom have experienced hardships to which we can relate only distantly, are fed, given a home, and provided an education due to the support of people who they will probably never meet. Like the church at Corinth, our community is blessed with abundance that we many times take for granted and it is a heartwarming experience to see people come together to help those who are in need.

On behalf of the board I would like to extend a sincere thank you to each one who contributed to the auction in any way. We are deeply grateful for the support of the donors, buyers, events committee, volunteers, and those who simply breathed a prayer on our behalf. Through you God has provided abundantly beyond all our expectations. We ask for your continued support in this work.

On behalf of the board,

Colin Shantz

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered and attended to make our first Charity Auction, Bake Sale, and Pulled Pork Lunch event a success!

Annual Fall Beef BBQ Supper

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Tuesday, August 28, 2018

At Calvary United Church St. Jacobs

Supper from 5:30-7:30

Program starts at 7:45

Singing starts at 6:30

Singing before and after the program (check next newsletter for more details)

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