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THE WEST INDIES MISSION COUPLES' NEWSLETTER

Message from the Mission President

Dear Couples,

This morning I was impressed by the writings of Paul to Timothy in the greatest collection of missionary letters ever written (according to President Hinckley). In Chapter 4 of 1st Timothy, we learn of the great miracle that takes place in the lives of these young men as well as in the lives of those they teach. *"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."* (verse 16). Sister Robison and I believe that this is the impossible mission without couples. Thank you for loving these elders and helping them realize the miracles they can become. In the process, they are experiencing miracles as they bring souls unto Christ.

The writings of Paul apply to each of us as they do to the elders. In verse 14, we read: *"Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery."* We were given authority and this great gift, as were each of the elders, as we were all set apart.

May the Lord bless each one of you in your ministries.

With love and appreciation,

President and Sister Robison





A Day in the Life of

SISTER FARRER IN ST. LUCIA

Justina has been a member for three months. She had arranged for us to pick her up and then meet the Elders after their 11:00 appointment at the bottom of O'Riley road. This we did. She then directed us up one of the many narrow steep roads that make up St. Lucia. As the small roads vertical incline increased we parked the car and made the rest of the way on foot. Justina led us off the road between two once upon a time shacks, one still being lived in and the other waiting for the next strong wind to finish the demolition. We now hiked down some very slanted cement slab steps into the world of jungle and poverty. Justina's grandmothers small house was at the bottom of the long steep steps. Laundry hanging everywhere and a darling great, great grandson at play with a cricket bat. Justina's aunt lets us in and the poverty continues, but Grandma sits in a well worn chair with the bright colored head scarf of St Lucia atop her head. A great smile appears as Justina kneels before her and asks if she is recognized. In a quiet voice her affirmative answer is in Patua, the native language of the island. Justina cradled her Grandmas face and kissed her several times and tenderly stroked her thin arms. Grandmother is over 90. Justina's eyes moisten as she talks to her in Patua. We all find a seat and watch the sweet reunion unfolding before us. They talked in quiet tones and then came some quiet moments and I wondered what now? Why had she brought us to her grandmothers. She told her she had been thinking and thinking and being urged to come. She later told us she hadn't seen her grandmother for over three or maybe it was five years and now that she had joined the church she had to see her. Her grandmother was the one that taught her how to pray and made sure she attended Sunday services. This old woman had worked very hard her whole life but as the pictures all around the room indicated, Jesus Christ was the main stay in her life. Justina continued to express her loving caresses and invited her to come to her home for a visit. Grandmother said she would like that. I smiled at the Elders and they smiled in return and I think we all wondered why we were there but grateful we were able to witness this reunion. Justina then turned to Elder Heslop, "Would you like to share and teach something?" Without missing a beat Elder Heslop said yes and opened his scriptures saying at the same time, "As we enter your home today I felt and witnessed a great outpouring of love with much honor being given to you. In 1John 4:7-9 we read: "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." Then he bore testimony of Jesus Christ. Elder Jenkins spoke up and bore testimony that what Elder Heslop had said was true and at that moment I knew we needed to sing "As I Have Loved You Love One Another". I looked at Pres. Farrer and said we need to sing. So in this most humble of homes we sang. Tears rolled down Justina's face and grandmother's bone thin little face radiated. My heart was filled with love for this 90 year old woman who had taught her grand-daughter to love God. I was thrilled with our spiritually guided Elders who knew just the right words to say.

A Warm Welcome to our new Couples

Elder and Sister McGhie



Elder & Sister McGhie are working in the office and with the branches in Trinidad. They have 5 children, 14 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild, and have lived in California most of their married life. They taught English on a previous humanitarian mission in Tbilisi, Georgia, (Armenian Mission).

Elder and Sister Whiting

Elder & Sister Whiting come from Seattle, Washington, and have 6 children and 15 grandchildren. They were humanitarian missionaries in Mozambique, Africa before coming to this mission, and are currently serving in St. Kitts.



Elder and Sister White



Elder & Sister White are from Pocatello, Idaho, with a family of 5 children and 12 grandchildren. They will be serving in Georgetown, Guyana, helping with the missionaries and branches, and we are glad to have them here.

And a final note (from the Lockharts in Guyana):

Isn't it great to be able to work with the Elders! They have so much energy, excitement, and dedication to serve the Lord and the wonderful people here in the West Indies Mission. It is a privilege to be with them!

HURRAH FOR ISRAEL!!!

