

PTP Spark Bahamas

Taking the island by storm

In the Spring of 2021 we will be hosting Polishing the Pulpit Spark Bahamas.

We would like to flood the island with members of the Lord's church. Please come to be part of a weekend of spiritual enrichment!

We have already contacted speakers including brethren from sound congregations in Oklahoma, Tennessee and Alabama!

This will be an opportunity for the communities in Grand Bahama to hear the Gospel and for the churches here in the main city of Freeport and in Eight Mile Rock to be encouraged and where needed, revived!

There are many moving parts to PTP Spark and the team led by Allen Webster has been very helpful in ensuring we have all the necessary information to deliver a successful event.

It is most cost effective to travel in groups but individuals and families are just as welcome. People often hear the name of our country and think only of vacationing but there are so many in need spiritually and we hope you see this as the chance to help make an eternal impact!

If you know very little about Polishing the Pulpit, please take a minute to look at their website:

<http://polishingthepulpit.com/>

Ongoing Bible Studies

Personal Bible Studies are the most important part of this work. We are currently in studies with **nine** individuals, some of whom are the result of the work of the last group from Alabama. In addition, one of our new converts has two ongoing studies!

We are realizing as we study more and more that people have been so distracted by cares of life that the urgency of salvation is set aside or put in the list of things they need to get to. Sometimes people in weekly studies reschedule for frivolous reasons and we hope this improves as they learn more about what is at stake.

One of the individuals approached said she was too busy to study but agreed to listen to sermon videos online. She was given a lesson by Bro. BJ Clarke called, *What Church to Join?* She was so enthusiastic that she took notes and is questioning the way she has always looked at the Bible.



What's happening in the EMR COC

IMPROVEMENT



There is no Eldership yet since the congregation is just one year old. Still, we do see

the need to continuously grow and improve as Christians and as a church. As a result, we have been evaluating ourselves using a set of Bible-based questions to determine where we need to grow and where we find strengths. We'll compare results to an evaluation to be taken in three months which will show how much we have grown as individual Christians and as a congregation.

This has been a way for us to be accountable and our brother's keeper. I sat with each member and all the men (the three others) will evaluate me this May. It has been useful for us all and hopefully much good will result!



Other News

Our family is doing well overall. We have been slowly paying on a small piece of land on which we hope to build a house. People here do not generally buy homes. We will be getting approval to build soon and hope to be hospital to you in the future!

Shameika has been home-bound struggling for the past month with sick children. The girls shared the flu for three weeks in April and had scabies mites for five weeks since the end of March.

Baby Faithful is three months old and healthy as ever.

Prayer Requests

Please pray that:

- 1) The studies gained will bear fruit.
- 2) The girls to be scabies free for good
- 3) The congregation will find land to purchase.
- 4) This work be of God and not of men (Acts 5:38-39)!

We love you and thank God for you always
(Philippians 1:3).

Tavare Hanna

and Family