

Hanna Missions

SEEK • DO • TEACH • EZRA 7:10

Yes! The church here is healthy!!!

As the world goes through the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bahamas is not exempt and I know this is the first question on everybody's mind. The answer is: **No worries! Our family is well and all the brethren are well.**



We had one major concern:

being able to get food imported before restrictions started in March and unfortunately we were unable.

The **Central Church of Christ** in Moore Oklahoma that oversees the work here, was generous in helping the members of the congregation purchase local basics to help in the days ahead when importing food from the US would be impossible and local foods would be too expensive.

As it relates to the status of COVID-19 in our nation:

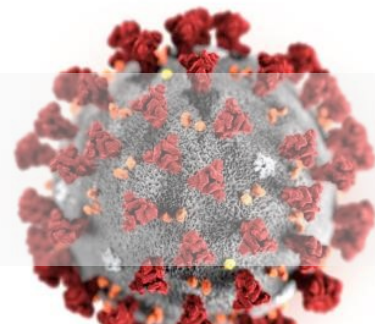
The Bahamas is a chain of islands and only 17 of about 2,000 islands, rocks and cays are inhabited. Ours is the second largest with a population of 40,000. 2/3 of the population live in Nassau the capital city on the island of New Providence. 7 cases are on our island; 64 are in Nassau — see totals in the "Stats" table: →

The government's 5-phase plan toward normalcy is at the end of this report. All public events are suspended nation-wide. There are curfews that begin at 9:00 p.m. each evening and if violated result in fines or prison. These allow activity on a very limited basis for food, gas and medicine. Weekend lock-downs however, are 24-hour and no movement is allowed.

Stats

COVID-19 Measurement	April 30
Population	300,000
Confirmed Cases	81
Related deaths	11

COVID-19 BAHAMAS



LoveMae,

Last year, Shameika studied with LoveMae and although she thought long and hard, LoveMae was unable to decide whether she was ready to pay the cost of the sacrifices that would be required if she chooses to put on Christ.

Her decision was finally made on April 14, 2020.

LoveMae comes from roots deep in Catholicism and she understands the oneness of the church. She has however, still been struggling with the need to commit faithfully in worshipping... being with the Saints.

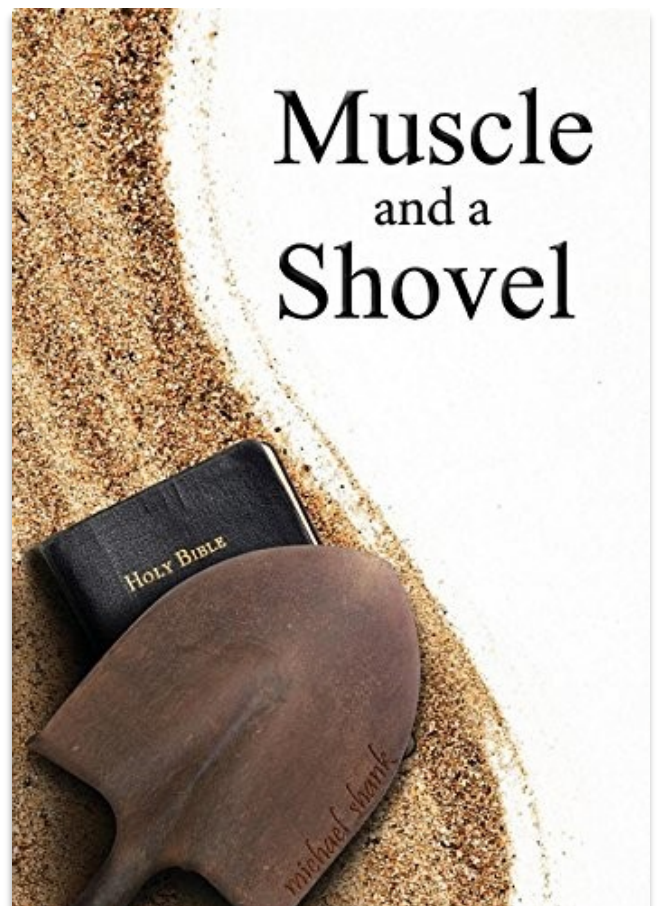
She has a desire to do what God wills but needs to become more diligent in being with the people of God and most of all, present in worship. We intend to teach as much as possible and encourage individual study to aid this new sister.



Remote Studies

We have been enjoying discussions with those who are avid readers once we gift them Muscle and a Shovel. We have been getting closer and closer with these kinds of connections and are hopeful that we will be able to continue to modify the combination of interactions in a way to WIN a soul for the Kingdom!

In one recent case, the book was given to some young ladies with whom we started a WhatsApp chat so they can discuss the book as they go along and ask questions. They have been interested and one said, "I feel like everything I've been taught is a lie!!! How will I know what's true?" Of course she was encouraged to study to shew herself approved so that she can rightly divide the Word of Truth 2Tim. 2:15.



Hurricane Relief Effort Update

2 Pallets Distributed!

Thousands of dollars in peel-n-stick have been distributed. It's the roofing item to prevent leaks.

The image here is just a typical roof damaged by the storm. Blue tarp like this indicates to us, where there is a need for the materials we have!

The lockdown has certainly stopped a lot of the hurricane-relief work of the congregation but in the last week, I realized "construction work" is deemed one of the essential services which means as a preacher distributing Hurricane Relief supplies for construction, I may be exempt!



This roofing material has been issued at a great time. The rainy season is upon us and many unrepaired roofs are spread throughout the communities on Grand Bahama. This need is being met by the efforts of the congregation using funds so many generous brethren have contributed. We hope these efforts will present opportunity to teach or open the door to a study.

There are many others who have heard about our work and looking for assistance so there is more work to be done in this area. With a new hurricane season approaching, we will meet the needs as long as finances allow.

Reusable Grocery Bags

Although the big grocery distribution effort was completed, we will be adding another phase where we grocery along with reusable shopping bags. These are in demand now since the local laws have changed to ban plastic bags in stores. Most stores have not switched to brown paper bags but have instead required shoppers to bring bags. We are providing these items free to the local community because the effects of the storm have left so many with financial strain. Now with COVID-19 related layoffs, we expect an increase in the need for food among the local populous. Like Jesus, we have every intention of using that audience to make way for the Gospel. Feeding the stomach is of little value if the soul is starved.



What's happening in the EMR coC

ZOOM Worship & Studies

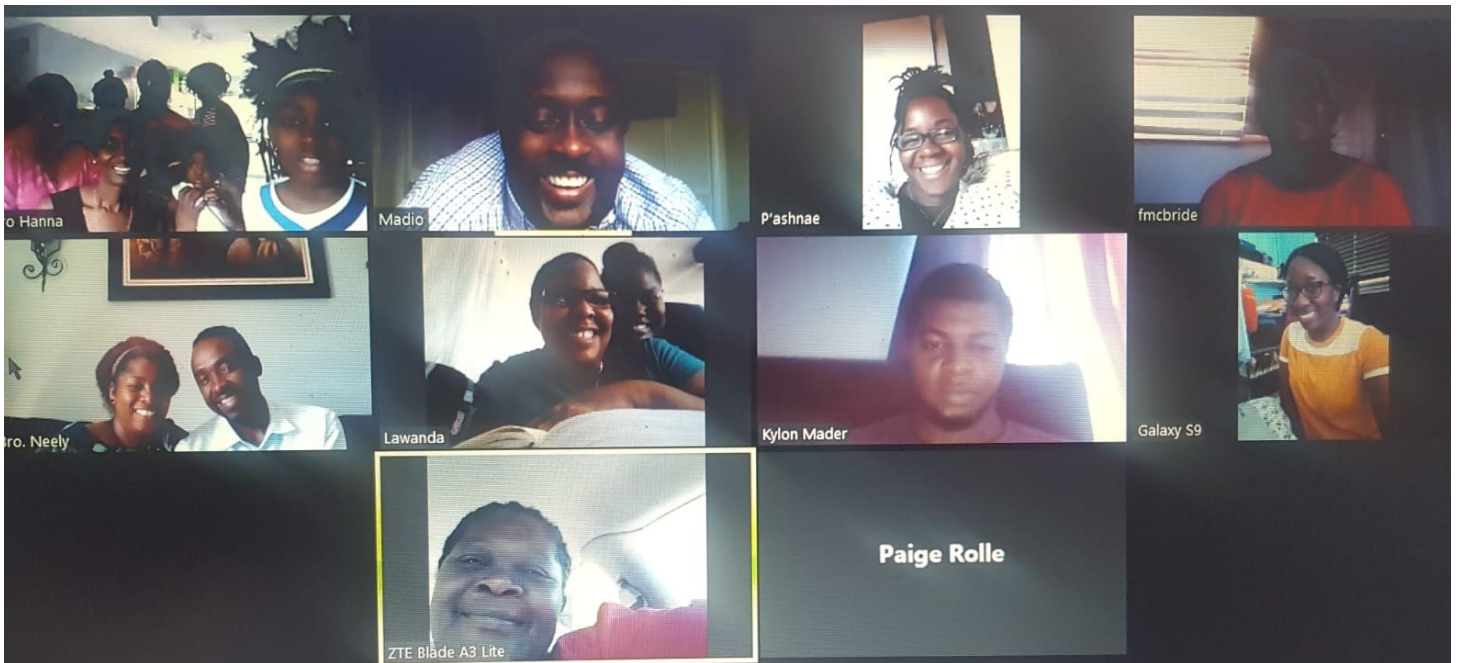
For the first time, like many congregations, we have had worship on Zoom. This has been a blessing. It is more interactive than the one-way Facebook Live or Livestream platforms. We are able to take the Lord's Supper at the very same time while seeing each other! We are so blessed by this but long for the day our hope to reunite is realized. When the time comes for the sermon, we add in Facebook Live while on Zoom for those outside.

We have had an interesting set of series including:

- 7 Things Denominations Don't Want you to Know (2 Parts) and
- Let's Make Marriage GREAT again! (3 Parts)

It has been a shock to see the amount of people we have been able to reach. Family and friends of members listening in and asking questions directly to us. The Gospel here is being exposed on a wider scale than we have reached before. We are praying for seeds to be planted through this means. Flyers we have used for these are included at the end.

We have started Zoom Bible studies too. Shameika is tutoring a lady on Zoom for her CPA Exams and has gained a study online with the lady. The first study went well and we are excited about the possibilities.



ZOOM Fellowship

For first time, we had Fellowship night on Zoom! What an experience. It was full of laughter and good, godly fun. One of the members even invented a Bible Game we played in virtual groups!

We plan to have another on Friday May 8th, 2020!





A Measured Plan for Re-Opening Economy

Contingent on advice of Health Officials

27 April 2020

Phase 1a	Phase 1b	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5
<p>ESSENTIAL SERVICES & HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS</p> <p>Economic</p> <p>Essential businesses.</p> <p>NGOs & churches providing food to the needy by permission.</p> <p>Home & Hardware, nurseries and auto parts stores permitted 2 days in store.</p> <p>Property management, and Landscaping, Monday - Friday.</p> <p>Manufacturing of PPE and sanitizers, Monday - Friday.</p> <p>Social</p> <p>24-hour curfew, Monday 5 AM - Friday 9 PM.</p> <p>Exercise 90 minutes in neighborhood, Monday - Friday</p> <p>Lockdown Friday 9 PM - Monday 5 AM.</p> <p>Exercise on own property.</p>	<p>DELIVERY & CURBSIDE SERVICE & CONSTRUCTION</p> <p>Economic</p> <p>Businesses that can provide goods and services through delivery and curbside pick-up, Monday - Friday.</p> <p>Home & Hardware, nurseries and auto parts stores can expand to 5 day online delivery and curbside services.</p> <p>Permit construction in Nassau with Industry Protocols, Monday - Friday.</p> <p>Social</p> <p>Relax restrictions on exercise.</p>	<p>EXPANDING OPERATIONS</p> <p>Economic</p> <p>Resume business operations in Family Islands with no presence of COVID-19.</p> <p>Increase businesses that can scale up to operate via delivery and curbside.</p> <p>Add service, healthcare and manufacturing industries that can develop industry protocols to maintain social distancing and safety precautions.</p> <p>Social</p> <p>Worship services with strict social distancing and masks.</p> <p>Relax restrictions on exercising even further.</p>	<p>BEGINNING THE NEW NORMAL</p> <p>Economic</p> <p>Introduce non-essential storefront business operations with essential staff required to allow the business to function.</p> <p>Must have posted protocols and train staff. Number of customers limited based on store square footage.</p> <p>Manage lines in store and outside with markers and security staff.</p> <p>Social</p> <p>Limited educational operations (including national examinations based on appropriate social distancing and masks).</p> <p>Relax restrictions on weddings, funerals and social gatherings.</p> <p>Re-open beaches and public parks with social distancing.</p>	<p>MOVING FORWARD</p> <p>Economic</p> <p>Introduce restaurants, cultural facilities, gyms, movie theaters and entertainment facilities to operate with social distancing protocols inclusive of masks.</p> <p>Resume office operations with strict social distancing.</p> <p>Personal services such as hair care and nails with PPE.</p> <p>Social</p> <p>Expanding educational operations with social distancing protocols.</p> <p>Domestic travel to commence with strict screening and protocols.</p> <p>Group exercise or recreation with social distancing.</p>	<p>RE-STARTING TOURISM & OPENING THE BORDERS</p> <p><i>Currently working with industry and regional partners to ensure a strong rebound that will meet global health standards and protocols.</i></p> <p>Economic</p> <p>International travel resumes with strict safety protocols to ensure The Bahamas is a safe destination.</p> <p>Hotels in full operation with appropriate safety protocols.</p> <p>Tourism and transportation related businesses resume with safety protocols.</p> <p>Social</p> <p>Public transportation resumes with safety protocols.</p> <p>Restrictions lifted on movement.</p>

THE EIGHT MILE ROCK
Church of Christ

PART III

LET'S MAKE MARRIAGE

Great Again

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2020

LIVE

THIS SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM

BROADCASTING FROM EIGHT MILE ROCK
CHURCH OF CHRIST GROUP

Church of Christ

Part 2

7 Things Denominations Don't Want You To Know

 **LIVE** This Sunday April 12th 10:30 am.

Broadcasting From: EMR Church of Christ Group
See group page for part 1



Prayer Requests

Please pray that:

- The Brethren here will stay healthy.
- New converts and restored brethren will not turn back but instead remain faithful despite inevitable challenges.
- We will return to normal soon so the community efforts can be resumed and Bible studies can possibly increase.

Thank you for reading this update.

Thank you for your prayers and support!

Message me on Facebook, call me in the Bahamas at 242-801-4602 or add me on WhatsApp to talk free.

We want you to always know what is happening in this work and we hope to come to the US soon to be refreshed by the Brethren there.

The Lord Bless you,

Tavare Hanna

