

Hanna Missions

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Studies

COVID-19 made this period unavailable for prior-year comparisons with 2020. However, ongoing studies have been lower than at this same time in 2019. I am currently in a study with the mother of one of the members. The study is moving along well and she is understanding, but it is drawn out due to delays in her availability. One other member has two ongoing studies and the studies who agreed with Shameika have been pursued but again, are finding a hard time scheduling.

The Ladies Class launched an effort for more studies by hosting a Bring A Friend to Class Day on April 27th. At this time, a lesson on

The Importance of Studying the Scriptures

was presented ending with a call to action encouraging the guests to accept their friend's offer to study when it's presented. Before the invitations went out, the ladies were on one accord understanding that this evening would be geared at opening the door for studies so it would be up to them to ask!

Guests consistently expressed appreciation for the invitation and conviction in a need to study which was encouraging. **Eight first-time guests** were present and the men are seeking to adopt the idea! Here listed is the personalized e-invite sent to each guest and one of the guests.



Guest: Danielle

Member: Derisse



What's happening in the EMR cOe

FASTING

The congregation participated in a two-day fast that led up to the monthly fellowship night on Friday April 30th. There was no pressure to participate, but all members joined in. Some for one day and others for two. It was the first time for some who were so glad they took part. Prayers were focused on delinquent members, the climate of the world as it relates to COVID and our work in the local congregation.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden has been a great focus of our energy and time in the past two months. The land was cleared in the previous report and since then, pathways and giant garden beds have been formed and rich planting soil purchased and delivered. The first tree has also been planted. The fence is being erected in May and full scale gardening will begin.

A name has been suggested: *Papadillies* Community Garden

There were many wild papaya and sapodilla trees on site and the name, suggested by a seven-year-old, is a mixture of these plants.



Planted Tree

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CLOTHING DRIVE

Everything is setup for our clothing drive mentioned in last month's report. Clothes were collected in the month of April from each member and Saturday May 8th is the date set for the event. The congregation will be split into two groups

1) those managing the clothing drive and meeting people to gain studies and 2) those helping at the Garden.

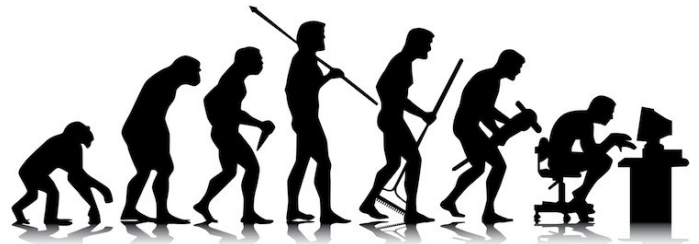


APOLOGETICS SERIES

Historically, the Bahamas was a Christian nation.

Even now, there is a national "Christian Council" who makes decisions on certain matters and is consulted by political officials. There is nonetheless, an increasing number of atheists or otherwise religiously confused individuals throughout the country as more people complete university abroad and have less interest in religion in general.

As a result, sermons on Sunday mornings (also on Facebook Live) have been on Apologetics topics surrounding God, Bible Contradictions, the Bible Bang, Evidence for Our Faith etc.



THE MEN PROGRESS

Since we started the work, having a limited number of men has been difficult. Studies and conversions are heavily female and of the few men that have converted, only three have remained faithful. It was mentioned that the Smith family was at one point having great difficulty in their marriage, but made a 180 degree turn. In the past year they have been consistent and faithful. The husband started teaching Bible class (under my watchful eye) a few months ago and is currently giving an overview of each book in the Bible. He has been growing immensely as a Christian and leader.



HANNA FAMILY NEWS

We celebrated 16 years of marriage in March and spent a few days alone with one child (a substantial break when there are five children).

Faithful Leigh turned two years old on January 31, 2021, but her mom was in the hospital delivering Honour Able so her birthday had not been celebrated. She had a party at her aunt's house with cousins and children from the congregation at the end of April which left her extremely happy. She is watching the video of her Happy Birthday song regularly and reliving the joy! Birthday Season is therefore officially over for the children until September. Shameika and I will have our birthdays in May and June



Honour Able is now three months old and healthy in every way. He is still not sleeping throughout the night but he is certainly increasing the number of night-time hours which is good for us all. He is recognizing my face and my voice and is gaining lots of weight.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for the:

- Clothing Drive to produce new contacts and studies
- Papadilly Community Garden to open doors for studies
- restrictions to continue being relaxed
- men of the congregation to convert more men
- Church to continue to grow

Please email me personally at lavaehanna@gmail.com, call me in the Bahamas at 242-801-4602 (cell) or 242-602-4262 (home) or add my cell on WhatsApp to talk free.

Thank you for reading, encouraging, praying and supporting this work!

God bless you!

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