

# Adrianna Carrol

The only 2023 convert so far is Ms. Adrianna Carrol! She was baptized in January and is the first of the gymefforts (more later in the report). She is a young engineer who studied, considered and chose Christ!

Adrianna relocated to Nassau on the island New Providence and we have been supporting her in getting plugged in with a congregation there although some challenges exist (more later in the report).

She is in the fold of Christ and we are excited to share the beauty of her salvation with you! Please keep her in prayer.

# MaQuai Matures

You may recall when MaQuai was baptized. She was 23 and it was 2021. She started her walk in Christ as a young, pregnant and unmarried woman unsure about a lot, but who had decided she would figure it all out as a Christian. Her start was slow, but in 2023 MaQuai has picked up momentum and determined that she WILL grow in faith and in her love for Christ. She has drafted a Spiritual Plan and has been doing studies to move forward in her knowledge of the Word. She expressed being tired of not growing closer to God. We are so proud of her and thankful for her persistence in Christ. The sweetheart in her arms is Jiori! She's two.



# New Studies JAN-MARCH 2023

## Ripe Fields

### A New Avenue

I have been getting studies at the gym where I workout each day but realized this year that although most people use Bible apps on phones, and I use e-sword on my laptop, those who aren't informed, wouldn't know that we are in Bible studies. I therefore started opening the Bible on the table and boy has there been a response! I am actively, and I mean actively in studies with five people at the gym right now. People are



asking if I would study with them, the owner encourages the studies, one of them is a man who with his wife have been looking for someone to teach them! That particular study is coming on stream in April. Here are studies in the top two I want to share:

### <u>Lady</u>

Lady is her real name and she is 19 years old. We always study in an open, public place and never in a home or secluded area. In fact, our studies are right there at the gym. Lady has asked all the right questions with a curiosity and "well that's pretty clear" attitude. She has made comments that have left me a bit shocked like "I can't say I love God" and after reading John 14:15, "well according to the Scripture, I don't." Of course I reassure her (as in every study), that as long as there is life, there is hope, and we can correct our behaviors and actively accept the grace of Christ in obedience to God. She is encouraged and consistent and we are hopeful. Please pray for Lady.

## The Gangster

A real-live former gangster has been studying and he has verbalized that he doesn't want me to give up on him. I wont. He is now married with a child but in fear that the past will come back. He is honest and I am hopeful toward his salvation! Please pray for him to stay the course and choose the narrow path.

# Ripe Fields

## **Fauthe**

There is much to tell about Shameika's ongoing study with Faythe. It was mentioned in the previous report and twice each week at 6:30 a.m. they have continued. The authority of God, the oneness of the church, and the Gospel of Salvation have all been taught and next they will be studying, "Counting the Cost of Christianity." The pressing nature of salvation was the last study using the Philippian Jailer and the Ethiopian Eunuch as examples and Faythe verbalized the need to be urgent about her salvation based on what she read. Due to her age and experience (she is in her early 50s), she seems to be carefully thinking before acting so please pray for her to choose the narrow way toward heaven!

### Rosita

Studies with Rosita and also with her daughter, have begun by a member of the congregation who was close to the deceased son of Rosita mentioned in the last update of 2022. Those studies are steady and slow. Please keep them in prayer.

#### Mall Studies

Similar to what I do at the gym, I have been doing at the mall! I've lived in the US and have a picture of

what comes to your mind but think island! Think a very small number of tiny shops, no escalators or department stores.

I have been getting studies with a number of employees of the various shops. We meet on lunch breaks or after work right there



in the food court and it has been so good for the kingdom. It's my office so to speak, because it keeps me from being isolated from the souls I am trying to reach. As a bonus, some invite friends. Please pray for these studies.

# What's happening in the EMR OCC

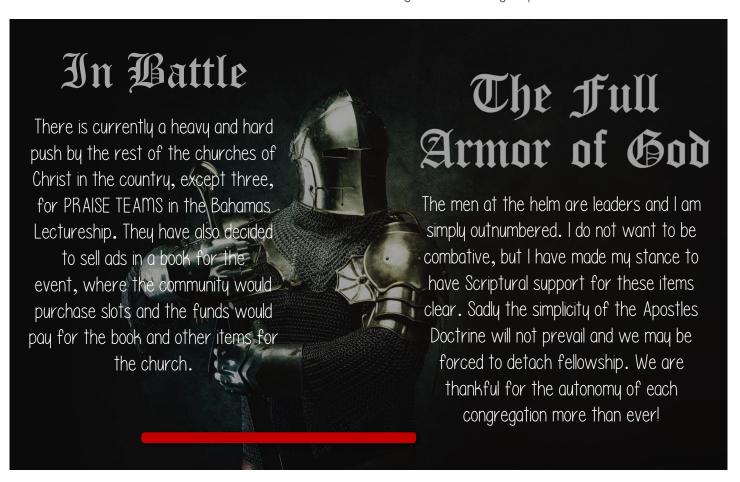
### **WE MOVED!**

We moved and it has been wonderful!

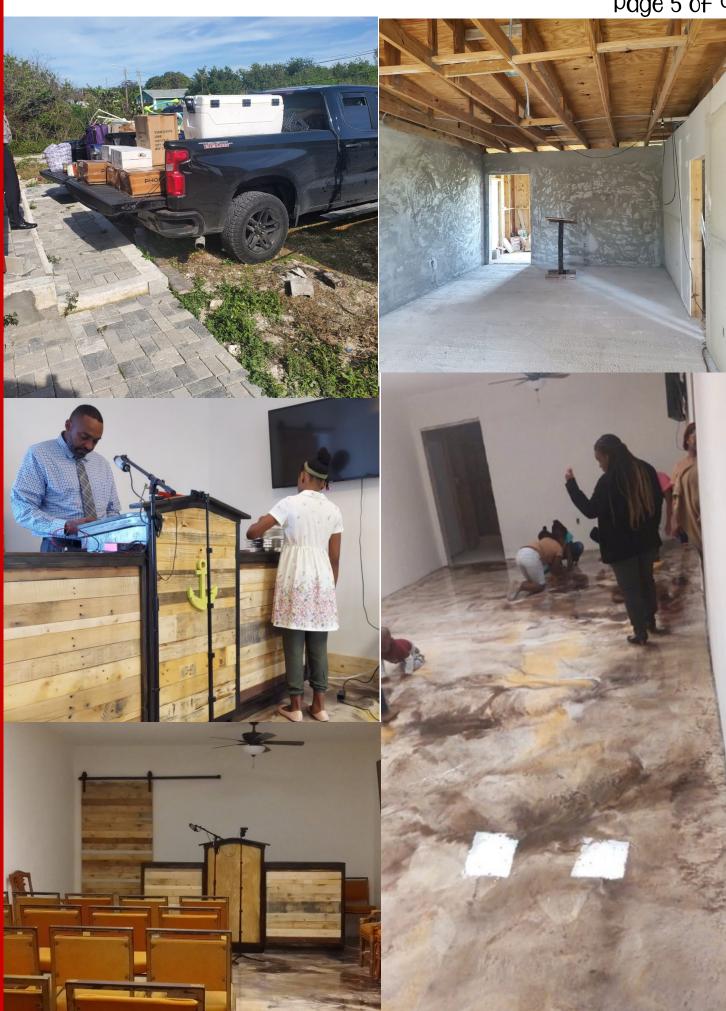
- We have safety at night since we are not beside a bar.
- The bathroom ceiling does not have a gaping hole and we have no roaches or rats.
- We are in the middle of a neighborhood.
- All of the work has been done by the men with only special projects by contractors.
- The floor is plain old concrete with epoxy, but looks like marble.
- Some of the wood you see is free from pallets.
- We have some work to complete, but are 70% there and the auditorium is finished.

God has been good to us!

PS: We have showers and a kitchen being finished for groups to use!



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# Come Work with Us!

In each update we want to extend an invitation to you. There are three congregations slated to come work with us between this and next summer and we welcome as many as will make the journey. We also want to encourage those who have a month to spend for a short-term mission to join us in the work!

The Eight Mile Rock community is 25,000 people strong and the congregation is 15 people so the more workers that come, the more we are able to do. The work can vary from community projects to Bible Study and door-knocking and there is more than enough to go around!



## Hanna Family News

We were not planning on visiting the USA this year but Shameika was asked to speak at Polishing the Pulpit in Tennessee and we plan to attend in August. Please pray for her to teach the Word. We are all very thankful and proud.



#### **ANNIVERSARY**

On March 9, we celebrated 18 wonderful years of marriage. The children were with members of the church for five days and we pretended to be newly weds. A member surprised us with our first-ever anniversary gift. We were so humbled!



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IN API'IL ASK 10 be the BIBLE CLASS teacher's helperi get practice teaching younger children. Tell us about it.



#### SCHOOL & FAMILY TIME

The children are learning about INDIVIDUALITY and it's amazing to watch them discover who they are and what makes them special. We are trying as a family to build them up and show them how they are individually valuable to the family and to Christ.

# Prayer Requests

Please pray for:

Fertile hearts as we study and our impact in the new neighborhood.

A strong godly home.

Growth in the congregation.

God bless you!

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