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Hanna Missions

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PTP
SPARK

Bahamas

May 17-20 2024

Polishing The Pulpit!

One of our key points this year was accomplishing the incomplete goals set out in 2023. Finally **PTP Spark is coming to fruition. The Speakers are scheduled to arrive!**

We want to very seriously urge you to join us if you can: Friday May 17th to Monday May 20th.

Our speakers are Gregg Dismuke, and Eddie Gilpin. I will teach as well; we are pending one final response, from Duke Brown of Jamaica. There will be lessons for women by Sister Gilpin and my wife.

We are under the theme: **Truth** Our hope is that much of the community will be part of those days.

The local school seniors, Bible and Bingo group and Gym member will be invited.



School of EVANGELISM

TRAINING THE SAVED TO TEACH THE LOST

Plan in Action

It has started. The Eight Mile Rock congregation enrolled in the House to House Heart to Heart School of Evangelism. We are now part of a six-month training program whereby we strategically implement a soul-seeking culture in the congregation. We have always been working as a family but the entire congregation is being trained with care and precision how to reach the lost.

The congregation has targeted a lady for our combined effort.

- The process begins with contacts. Each person is asked to consider their inner circle as well as people with whom they have regular contact. Assistance is provided through a list of all possible contacts.
- Those in transition such as retirement or job change, facing difficulty related to illness or grief, and new-movers to the area are considered high-priority as they are more inclined to be open to a Bible Study.
- Cards are written for the selected contact and they are bombarded with personalized hand-written cards. This effort has required modification by the congregation since we do not have a mail system like the US. Mail does not come to people's homes and not everyone uses the post office. We have had to personally deliver cards but the consideration is still communicated.

Sermons on Sundays and Bible Class lessons are all related to the effort and provided by the school. The exact tools used in this system are straight-forward even for those who have never conducted a study and the virtual instructor has walked us through each page as if conducting it with someone.

Bible &

The School of Evangelism highlights the reality that many congregations have programs for the youth, women, young marrieds, college-aged and all manner of groups but not for teaching the lost.



The Eight Mile Rock congregation planned before starting the evangelism program, to host an activity specifically for members of the community over 50 years old. This effort was always intended to make contacts of a segment of the community around the building, who are often overlooked but have more time than others to study God's word.

After games go on for 30 minutes, a 15-minute interactive Bible Lesson is taught and geared specifically to reaching the attendees.

Bingo takes place on the last Saturday of each month. Those in attendance have fun while hearing pertinent lessons of truth. We are happy to share that the Bible lessons have been well received each time!



What's happening in the EMR cOC?

Website

We finally got a website up and running please take a moment to check it out:

www.eightmilerockchurchofchrist.com We offer Bible Studies through the website!



Door Knocking We worked in groups of two to three people and ventured into the area just outside where we typically visit. There is a lady who expressed great interest and she provided contact information so we are excited about her future and the chance to share the Word with her.

Young Girls Bible Study

We have had one of what will be a quarterly young girls' Bible Study.



Ongoing Bible Studies

I am currently in studies with two men and three women; Shameika is in two studies with three women. We are understanding the idea of planting and waiting on God to give increase. The encouraging news of the House-to-House method is that the three short booklets used for these studies have an over 90% success rate for those who complete the booklets.

CONSTRUCTION

Construction on the building has been at a stand-still. We have been offered assistance, but must try to match their contribution before we can move forward. More to come by way of update soon.



Kids Movie Night

During monthly Bingo, we project a movie onto a white sheet in the classroom for the children living in the area surrounding the building. We have not been able to attract them and we are trying to determine why because when we stop to invite, they appear excited.

Hanna Family News

Faithful is the center of her Spiritual Birthday because she turned 5! We spent the evening in prayer for her with virtual prayers sent from beloved brethren separate from a night where she had cake with friends.



On March 9th, we celebrated 19 wonderful years of marriage and had one night alone with an uninterrupted supper which was thoroughly enjoyed.



We have been battling illness since October 2023. The hospitalization of Faithful was the worst of it, but the children have been battling bronchitis monthly. We realized this was due to a mold issue (shoes covered in it). We have had to do extensive mold remediation and that effort is still ongoing as it requires washing and scrubbing everything in the affected area.



Prayer Petitions

Please pray for:

Continued momentum with all the good in current efforts.

Health for the children and safe travels this summer.

Growth of the church and unhindered studies.

God bless you and keep you!

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SWEET SPEECH

CHOOSE ANY WEEK IN APRIL
AND TRY TO SAY AS MANY
POSITIVE THINGS AS POSSIBLE!
MEMORIZE PROVERBS 16:24

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