

Hanna Missions

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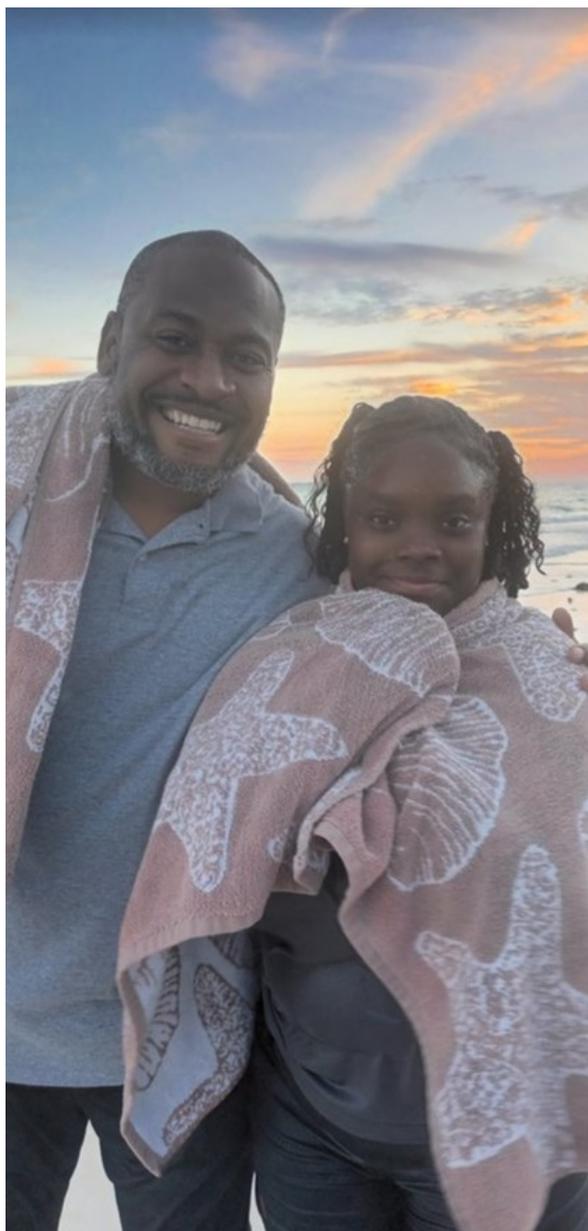


Welcome **Nikero!**

We wrote about the baptism of Felicia Barbes last July. She was a childhood friend with whom my wife reconnected and gained a Bible study. I started studies with her husband in hopes for his salvation and on March 8th he requested baptism. We are extremely excited for his decision as he is the first man to be baptized in years. Nikero is 37 years old, and a boat pilot for guiding large ships into port. He was raised in a two parent home which is a rarity in The

Bahamas and has had spiritual influence from his mother who is active in a Pentecostal-type denomination. Nikero was shocked by what the Scriptures were so clear about and did not have hangups due to his lack of personal conviction in the things his mother taught during his childhood. There was no fight against the Scriptures surrounding the oneness of the church or the way the early church worshipped and one of the things that kept his studies going was that nothing was required of him and nobody was trying to get anything financial from his family. Before Christianity and the days of family and marriage, Nikero was a "bad boy." Partying and revelry are common in the Bahamas and Nikero's closest friends are not Christians. His willingness to turn in repentance and follow Christ like so many, has taken courage and commitment. There is much to learn about living as a Christian and we have continued studies one-on-one weekly. The journey of young Christians has required our patience and understanding but we have steadily seen progress and a willingness to do the hard work of letting go of the life of sin in this young man. His wife is excited for the possibilities of the future now that they are both Christians. She has continued weekly studies with my wife, written spiritual goals and is reading the Bible daily. We are looking forward to seeing what God will do with this couple and their children. Please keep their growth in prayer!

Meet Malea



One of Shameika's studies has been with Malea Neymour. She is a 22 year old who agreed to do a Bible Study and continued for months meeting weekly. In the final month before her conversion on **February 27, 2025**, she was honestly undecided and spent days in deep thought about whether she was ready to change her life. At times she sent late text messages with questions and it was clear this decision was not being taken lightly.

Malea, like most people in The Bahamas, knew of Jesus and that He was the Son of God. But, as is becoming increasingly more common, she did not know why He was killed, that His life was relatable and filled with emotion (like ours) and that His sacrifice was so personal where He would have died for her *even if she was the only person on earth.*

Malea was talking about the decision with her mother who lives a worldly life and naturally, returned with concerns of more uncertainty like whether she was "too young" for such a commitment because she hadn't "lived life yet."

With this influence at work, and completion of Back-to-the-Bible by Bobby Bates Malea's studies had become extremely customized. She was taught about the brevity of life, the riches of heaven, the gain of brothers and sisters through the family of God, the cessation of shame, and regret that results from a life of sin, and the joy of pleasing God.

After her final study which took place over a lunch break, Malea left the meeting spot determined to be baptized as soon as the workday ended and did just that in her work clothes. She is quiet, kind, and eager to learn. We hope for many years of service to God's kingdom for Malea. Please pray for her.

Ongoing Studies

Studies continue with Mrs. Johnson, the older sister of Felica whom she brought to this point shortly after her own conversion last year. These studies take place weekly and although the process has been long due to delays at times caused by her travels, there is steady progress being made. Even the seven-year-old daughter of Mrs. Johnson who has been watching and knows of her aunt's conversion asked, "so when are you going to get baptized?!"



The reason for the delay according to Ms. Johnson has been because she does not want to commit to being a Christian if she does not plan to be faithful in attending worship weekly. She admitted to having a hard time leaving home on Sundays. She talked about her childhood days where their mother required church-going, but it didn't matter where, so she deliberately chose the Catholic Mass because she could do it on Saturday and keep Sundays for herself. This candor was wonderful to work with because her studies are being customized accordingly and with each week, the lessons are more pointed. She asked what a week generally looks like to get an idea of the time commitment required and she has offered information that she has been buying clothes "in preparation." She expressed wanting to get into the practice of coming to services weekly with her sister to lessen the difficulty she feels at the thought of going out each Sunday after long weeks of work. We understand the shallow parts of her logic and are patiently planning, studying, praying and working on Mrs. Johnson. She is married, so her husband is in our sights for later this year. He has lost faith in God due to the unexpected death of his brother whom he loved with all his heart. Atop this tragedy, neither of us know him personally, so a plan is in the works for making that connection. If Mrs. Johnson becomes a Christian, it will make this a bit easier, but God is able and we will get it figured out. For now though, please pray for her understanding of the word on a deeper level, and for us to have the godly wisdom to provide the knowledge that will help her to see the value in the Pearl of Great Price!

Ongoing Studies



Andre and Rob (the Owner of Croff-fit gym mentioned in previous reports) are the current ongoing male studies.

Rob is in his mid-fifties and has his heart is set on regaining the status of “financially well-off.” Following a setback at some point in the recent past, he is working to rebuild his wealth. We met four years ago and it was

this year, after witnessing me perform study-after-study in the gym, and through consistent conversations he has agreed to do Bible Study. These are short 15-20 minute sessions that I hope will grow to 30-45 minutes. I am thankful for what has started. Rob has seen death close-to-home recently that has started making him rethink his focus, so the impact of our studies now is in this pivotal point in his life.

Andre is in his twenties, unmarried and in college. He is intelligent and interested in learning about spiritual things. Thankfully, he is not strongly associated with any denomination, and has therefore been easy to study with. His biggest difficulty so far has been understanding that Jesus is God, so a special study to more perfectly outline the Scriptures on that topic will be used. We have encountered lost times in our weekly study due to events or matters such as travel, our Gospel Meeting etc. However all in all, the studies have been steady.

Prospects

Influenced by the House-to-House School of Evangelism methodology, we are constantly prospecting the people in our lives. Even new converts are engaged in finding studies in their circles with whom older Christians can make a connection. We have studies to which people have agreed that have not yet begun and an update on the progress of these will be provided in the second quarter.



It has been nearly one year since the first Polishing the Pulpit Spark lectureship-style conference took place and the 2025 event will take place in just over one month from **Thursday evening May 15th through Sunday May 18th**. We are working feverishly on the preparations but the speakers' tickets are already purchased and the necessary printing and advertising is underway.

Speakers are American Gospel preachers from faithful congregations:

Greg Dismuke, his brother Eric Owens, and husband-wife team Eddy and Jeanie Gilpin.

Except for Eric, everyone was with us last year. We are looking forward to another phenomenal and encouraging series of lessons which will impact the community and strengthen the church..

Our ultimate goal is to impact the congregations around the country with reminders of the foundational truths of The Apostles doctrine that make us, as various churches of Christ's body, strong in the Word. To this end, we have invited and paid for the transport of preachers from most islands and if funding comes through before it is too late, we will sponsor the remaining three which will cost \$1,500 in total for their tickets and housing.

We will provide a fully detailed report on Spark in the next quarter. Lessons from the event will be recorded.

What's happening in the EMR CDC?

Gospel Meeting

We were blessed to have Brother Dan Jenkins from the Palm Beach Lakes church of Christ with us for the first Gospel Meeting of the year.

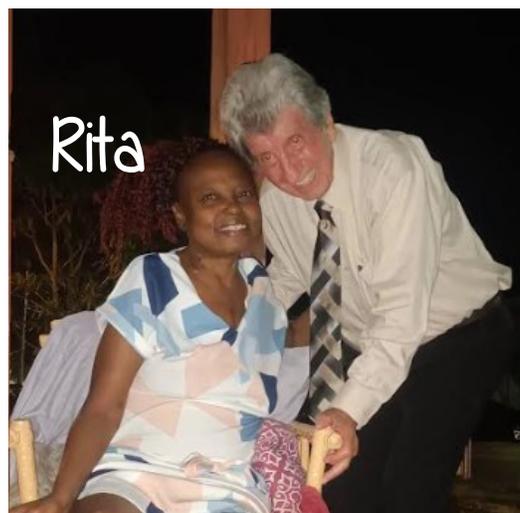
We plan to have three in total since PTP Spark will take place in the second quarter.

This first meeting took place in the Eight Mile Rock region in the area called Pine Dale. One of the members of the Freeport church of Christ whose daughter is a member of the Eight Mile Rock congregation, lives in Pine Dale. This sister has become a shut-in due to heart failure. We have been visiting her weekly to administer the Lord's Supper as part of a short service. She allowed us to use her yard space for the tent meeting since the home is centrally located in the middle of the community. Freeport members came in support of the effort.

The lessons were basic truths and inviting listeners to reexamine what they have always been taught about salvation. We saw the neighbors on the porch and noticed residents listening around the community. We know seeds were planted.

We were enriched by Brother Dan's visit which was made possible by the Palm Beach Lakes congregation who supplied his airfare and accommodations.

Finally, the cost of the tent was greatly discounted. A 15X15 tent with 30 chairs costs \$245 per night. A commercial tent was required due to high winds preventing use of the church tent. We were allowed to use the tent and chairs for a one-time \$275 for all three nights. God is faithful.



Hanna Family News

Honour-Able and Faithful Leigh had birthdays on January 30th and 31st closing out birthday season and making them 6 and 4 years old. We had home parties with homemade cakes which they both loved.



Providence experienced an excessive outbreak of plantar warts in the tips of her toes for a few months before we knew what was happening. It was scary and moreso when a local dermatologist recommended laser treatment. We tried an alternative natural approach and the warts fell out and her skin has fully healed.



On March 9th, we celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary. Big trips at this stage in our lives are not possible, but we got a local Air B&B near home and spent much-needed time alone. Since the Wedding Vow renewal in December 2023, we try to spend a Christmas weekend together allowing two opportunities a year to take a breather without the children.

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OLDER FRIEND
DURING APRIL Find a friend
who could be your grand-
parent and sit by him or
her each Sunday
MEMORIZE LEVITICUS 19:32

Prayer Petitions

Please pray for:

New converts and ongoing studies.

More men to convert.

Upcoming PTP Spark.

Wellness for the children.

God bless you and keep you!

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