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The Administration of Bahamas Conference Says Thanks

Thanks! Thanks! I Give You Thanks. Conveying a basic message of thanks, these words are not new but are lyrics of a popular song rendered by the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir.

Volunteer Bahamas Adventist Acklins Team

On behalf of my fellow colleagues in administration, I register profound appreciation to a group of volunteers headed by Pastor Royden Hanna, Bro. Cecil Cartwright, Volunteer Bahamas Adventist Vice President, and Bro. Andrew Hanna, Coordinator of the Acklins team. These men supported by a team of faithful volunteers sacrificed time and personal gain for an opportunity to bless the few members in Acklins with a newly constructed church building situated in Lovely Bay, Acklins. This building, which has already been used for service, will be completed shortly and is another to be added to the accomplishments of VBA headed by Brother Winston Ash.

The Conference is indebted to the men and women associated with VBA who provide labor and skill at a reduced cost, and in some instances at no charge to the church. Conference Treasurer, Elder Lewis, will be the first to explain that were it not for this spirit of volunteerism, it would have been impossible for us to have completed The Stevens Church in Long Island, Bahamas Academy Early Center, significant work on The Lowe Sound and High Rock churches in North and South Andros, respectively. Also, it would be hard to put a dollar figure to the work accomplished on the building under construction at the new Bahamas Academy site on Marshall Road.

Contribution of Members

Therefore, I say thanks to all members; for we are mindful of the monetary gifts given weekly and monthly to assist with the capital development projects of the Conference. It may please you to know that we recently received an amount of \$10,000 from an anonymous donor toward the project. Additionally, our pastors continue to give monthly to keep the project on course. Special thanks to Pastor Hugh Roach for his persistent spirit in seeking to raise needed funds. With the appointment of an active Fundraising Committee, we are confident that the funds needed to complete the school will be raised. Be willing to do your part when called upon.

Crusades

As most of our pastoral districts are currently involved in evangelism, this season could rightly be termed a time of harvest and refreshing. In fact, I will lead by example, as I commence a three-week campaign at Centreville, beginning tonight. Pray for and support these meetings at all of our centers. Commendations to Pastor Michael Toote and the Breath of Life members who launched in February and are now finished with nine baptisms reported. Also, Pastor Peter Joseph our Ministerial and Personal Ministries Director, assisted by Bro. Vernal Rolle, baptized over 150 persons in Montego Bay, Jamaica. To God be the Glory!

Pentecost and More

Just a few weeks from now, the Pentecost and More evangelistic drive will culminate with baptisms throughout our Division. On Sabbath, March 24, we believe that The Inter-American Division will reach the three millionth membership mark. It is exciting to think that we in the Bahamas Conference will be a part of this historic achievement. Again, I say thanks for your faithfulness, but above all, we must give thanks to the Almighty God who has blessed and continues to bless His people.

Religious Liberty

Finally, My wife and I are grateful that we were privileged to travel to the International Religious Liberty Congress in South Africa. As a result of this experience, our appreciation for religious liberty was deepened. Let's be faithful in witnessing for the Lord under all circumstances. -Dr. Leonard A. Johnson, President, Bahamas Conference

Urgent AntiCrime Meeting for Adventists Professionals

Attention Family Ministries directors in all of our churches, social workers, psychologist, school counselors, lay counselors, and law enforcement officers. You are asked to attend a very important, urgent Anti-Crime Meeting on Sunday (tomorrow), March 11, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at the New Englerston Seventh-day Adventist Church with Barrington Brennen. This is a very important meeting to discuss the church's response to the increasing crime in our country and to plan for other important events

for the coming months (April to July 2007).

Lovely Bay, Acklins Island Adventist Church Construction

Recently Pastor Roy I. Hanna, Brother O. Darling along with Nine (9) Volunteer Bahamas Adventist (V.B.A.) members left Nassau to go to Acklins aboard Bahamasair. Headed by Elder Cecil A. Cartwright, Vice President for V.B.A., the men arrived at the Airport where they were met by Elder Terrance Collie, Brother Louis and Sister Patricia Cleare who took them to Lovely Bay. Upon arrival at Lovely Bay, they immediately went to work.

They laboured until dark, setting up the stud framing for the new church building. They worked hard and long Thursday and Friday, until the building had advanced to the point where the church members along with the members of V.B.A., were able to hold the first Sabbath Service in the new building. Work resumed following the setting of the sun.

The persons going on the trip included Elder Andrew Hanna, coordinator, Elder Howard Barr, Brothers Alvin Collie, Elvardo Perpall, Eglie Joseph, Comfort Miller, O'Neill Miller and Marlyn Taylor. -Cecil Cartwright, Vice President, VBA

The Spirit of Evangelism

The spirit of evangelism is in the air. In fact, one pastor, Dr. Michael Toote, just concluded the third week of a series called the "Abundant Life in Christ Bible Seminar." The meetings were conducted at the Breath of Life Church on Marshall Road. At a service of thanksgiving and praise last Sabbath afternoon, certificates for the nine persons who were baptized in this short series were distributed. Other certificates were given to those who attended the seminar and qualified as instructors. During the testimony segment of the thanksgiving service new and old members spoke of how much they learned by attending the meetings. Congratulations to Dr. Toote and his team!

The other churches started their meetings last week. Most of the meetings are being conducted in the church buildings and will conclude on March 24. This is the date for the conclusion of our Inter-American Division initiated programme, "Pentecost and More." We anticipate the baptism of the three millionth member in Inter-America on that Sabbath. Members, continue to support the meetings in

you area. (See p. 2)

The Spirit of Evangelism (Continued from p. 1)

Your church is depending on you. Do your best to attend the meetings and invite your friends, family members and others to attend. Serve in whatever capacity you are capable of serving, and be a part of the success that your church will experience in this "Pentecost and More" campaign.

Pastor Peter Joseph has just completed a successful campaign in Jamaica. We welcome him back home. The report we received is that 150 souls responded to the invitation to accept Christ as Lord and Saviour. To God be the glory for what has been done. -J. Carey

Children's Ministries Workshop

Creative, engaging, exciting, informative and spiritual are the words that describe a little of what we experienced at The Lower Division Teacher's Workshop. The morning was warm as the Sabbath school teachers from the various churches in Nassau gathered in the main sanctuary of The Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church.

We began the workshop with a vibrant devotional period, which included an upbeat song service, opening prayer, interactive welcome, a soul stirring solo and a most timely devotional thought!

We then divided into our Sabbath school units, as we were told that we would be students for the day. And boy! We were in for a treat! The class activities were well prepared, innovative, artistic, imaginative and of course enjoyed by all. We all co-operated to the fullest - that is all but naughty Sabrina who kept the teachers on their P's and Q's. We then shared our ideas and experiences in an effort to improve our individual Sabbath Schools. At the end of the day, we were all bubbling over with new ideas, resources and first hand experiences on what we as Sabbath School Teachers need to implement in order to be successful!

The next Workshop promises to be even more engaging! Don't Miss It!!! -Antwanette Lewis / Roxann Munroe - Chea

Stewardship Weekend at BOL Church

There will be a weekend of Stewardship emphasis at the Breath of Life Church on Marshall Road March 17 to 18, 2007. Sabbath morning a Stewardship Festival will be held. During the afternoon, a Stewardship Seminar will take place. On Sunday, March 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, a Family Finance Seminar will be held. All persons are welcome to participate and attend these meetings. For more details call Nikki Williams at 324-6753.

New Providence Invite You to AY Hour

The New Providence Church invite you to its AY programme today at 4 o'clock. Officer Elaine Sands will be the guest speaker. Come here her speak on the topic 'Family Violence'.

No Pathfinder Meeting at Centreville Tomorrow

There will be no club meeting tomorrow, Sunday, March 11, 2007, at the Centreville church. Parents of pathfinders are reminded of the club's Track and Trail scheduled for Sunday, March 18. Consent forms should be signed and returned on or before this date. Dress code noted on consent form will be enforced. -Grace Bostwick, Pathfinder Director, Centreville

Pathfinder Corporation to Meet

There will be a very important meeting for Executive Officers of the Pathfinder Corporation on Monday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. at Hillview Church.

School of Evangelism Postponed

The School of Evangelism classes are postponed until April, 2007, owing to the various church crusades. Teachings on Discipleship will be presented by Pastor Peter Joseph. -Pastor Peter Joseph, Coordinator

Parkgate Walk-a-thon

Parkgate 'GATORS' Pathfinders Club Walk-a-thon, March 11, 2007. Beginning at 5:30 a.m. -Route : leaving the Church parking lot, walking East along Parkgate Road, to Village Road, walking North on Village Road to Montague, then West on Montague to Long Warf, returning from Long Warf, heading East along Bay Street onto Village Road, south on Village Road onto Parkgate Road, West on Parkgate Road to Church Grounds.

Youth Ministries

Please take note of the following events/activities:

Listen Up goes to the big screen on April 1, 2007. Plan to join us for the first airing of the Listen Up TV show. The jingles competition will follow that airing at a venue to be announced.

Listen Up Fun Day will be held on April 8th at Nirvana Beach from 8am to 8pm. Bring the whole family and especially your volleyball team. Please see the Listen Up website by going to bahamasconference.org.

Listen Up goes to AY will next be hosted on March 24th by the Johnson Park Church. See you there for a Holy Ghost time. -Dillette

The Mass Choir will be meeting on Sabbath at 3:30 p.m. at the New Englerston Church. All interested persons are asked to be on time. Plans for the upcoming year will be discussed, including a mission trip to Abaco and Atlanta, Georgia.

Sports Council to meet Saturday, March 24th at BA Gym at 8:30 p.m.

1. **Adventist Volleyball Season** begins on April 14th. Teams can begin registration for volleyball by contacting their local AYS Leaders for the registration form or coming to the Office. All teams should be registered by April 6th. Games begin Saturday, April 14 at the Bahamas Academy Gym.

2. **Youth Bible Bowls** Please note that the Bahamas Conference Youth department will be participating in two separate Bible Bowls. These are as follows:

a). The Inter- American Division Sponsored Bible Bowl. The books of study for I.A.D. Bible bowl are Songs of Solomon, Ecclesiastes, and Proverbs. (N.I.V.).

The Bahamas conference run-offs will be held on Friday, April 13. Each church is asked to have their own run-offs and prepare one person between the ages of 16-30 for the conference run-offs. The A.Y. leader must submit the name of the participants, who must hold membership in the local church, to the Conference Youth department by March 12, 2007. No names will be accepted after this date.

The winner of the conference run-offs will represent the Bahamas conference at the West Indies Union Level in June, at N.C.U. in Mandeville, Jamaica.

The winner at the union level will represent the West Indies Union at the IAD finals to be held during the Youth Leadership and prayer Convention in Colombia in July of this year.

b). The West Indies Union Bible Bowl. Each year, West Indies Union host a Youth Weekend for the entire union. This year's weekend will be held from April 27-29th. During this weekend, the W.I.U Bible bowl will be held. The books of study for this Bible Bowl are the four gospels. The categories are as follows: Ages 6-9 Mark, ages 10-15 Luke, ages 16-22 Matthew, ages 23-35 John. Each church is asked to have one youth in each category prepared for a local competition to be held at the end of March. Venue and time to be announced. Winners from each category will represent the Conference at W.I.U. youth weekend in April. Please note that this Bible bowl is a separate event from the IAD Bible Bowl

5. Listen Up

Check out the Listen Up website at the www.bahamasconference.org. Click on the logo and you just might see yourself!

To join the Listen Up Club, please call 393-1493 or email dillette2002@yahoo.com. -Pastor Andrew E. Burrows, Youth Director, BC

Hour of Gospel Music

The Hour of Gospel Music at the Mary Ingraham Home continues weekly on Sabbaths from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Today, March 10, Francophone Church is expected. Next week Sabbath, March 17, Gambier Church is scheduled.

Attention All Health Professionals

Coming up soon is the first health professionals meeting for 2007

Cat Island Easter Homecoming

The Cat Island Advancement Society is hosting their annual Cat Island Homecoming April 6 to 9, 2007. Persons interested in attending this homecoming are invited to call and register with Elder Norman Seymour at 324-6744.

Sun sets today at 6:16 p.m.

Sun sets next Sabbath at 6:20 p.m.