



"And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow. And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested." Chronicles 4 9-10.

The Information

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VISION STATEMENT

A Church - Transformed,
United, Victorious in Christ

MISSION STATEMENT

By the grace of God, we seek to be faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ; without distinction, we use all that we possess to call all peoples to the truth of the Gospel through worship, evangelism, discipleship and service

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GRENADA MISSION REPORT

January 23 -26th, 2008

Brothers Rowan Simmons and Devon Mannix, the Mission Coordinators, made a trip to Grenada from January 23-26. The purpose was two fold. Firstly, they took toys to distribute to the children in the community. Secondly, they wanted to ascertain the number of persons who would be interested in becoming members of the Moravian Church. This information was to be acquired using an appropriate form called a Prospective Membership Form, specifically designed for that purpose.

When they visited Morne Tranquille on the 24th they took time to distribute the toys. This gesture was well received. However, they had to do it in two phases since there is a noticeable political division between the people living in the community. This will need the attention of the Province as time goes on. They also distributed the forms to friends and took time to explain exactly what the form was asking of them. They organized a meeting for the following day where they would meet with the people of the community to discuss the form in further detail, as well as to deal with any queries/concerns the people had. At that meeting, they were hoping

to get concrete word from persons as to whether or not they would like to become "baptized members" of the church.

Unfortunately, when they returned the day after, it was very rainy and foggy. Only four ladies turned up for the meeting, along with some of their children. Nevertheless, it was a wonderful time of sharing as the form provoked many questions and concerns that were aired. Both pastors sought to clarify the issues in the best way possible. Throughout the discussion, they made sure to allay any fears that the people had concerning the organizational structure, beliefs and practices of our church. Since they were not able to collect the forms then, they left one of the ladies, Ms. Fay Victor, with the responsibility of collecting the same and then mail them to Tobago. When the forms arrive they will collate the data and review them accordingly. If the information received is favourable, the next step would be to organize a special trip with a larger contingent of pastors and laity, specifically to conduct some evangelistic meetings, coupled with baptismal counselling before moving into baptism itself. *This may necessitate another trip before the larger contingent in order to put things in place.* They also followed up on a suggestion from the Tobago Conference to invite a few of the members from Morne Tranquille to our United Service of

PEC NEWS

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Holy Communion on March 2nd, 2008 in celebration of the 551st Anniversary of the World Wide Moravian Church. We are happy to report that three sisters, Fay Victor, Kathleen Celestine and Ann-Marie Celestine, have accepted that invitation. The sisters from Grenada along with the Staff in Tobago will meet with the Chairman of PEC on Saturday March 1, 2008. The sisters will bring greetings from the fellowship in Grenada at the United communion service in Tobago at which the Chairman has been invited to preach. It is now left up to the church to make good on its promise. **It is hoped that from this visit, our friends would be able to experience first-hand our style of worship, the organizational structure at work, as well as the warmth of our Moravian hospitality and fellowship.** From such an experience, it is also hoped that they would become missionaries to others in the community, in spreading what they would have learned about Jesus Christ and the Church.

Bro. Andy Marryshow, our initial contact person in Grenada, made sure that they were well taken care of, as per usual. In fact, he made certain that they had quality accommodation for the lowest possible price, as well as the best car rental rates. We thank God for him and pray that God will continue to bless him in all his endeavours. Brothers Simmons and Mannix also took time to offer him words of counsel as he seeks to cope with ongoing domestic affairs in Grenada.

God has opened up this area of mission for our Church. You may ask, how can I help?

Here are some suggestions/recommendations that we hope would help to facilitate the possibility of having baptized mem-

bers in Morne Tranquille, Grenada, as well as to move the work forward.

- You can support the mission by purchasing copies of the booklet, Christian Living: A Handbook for use in Confirmation Candidates Class and Preparation for Membership in the Moravian Church. These can be procured from the Provincial Office to be forwarded to prospective members at Morne Tranquille.
- You can purchase Bibles, Daily Texts and other Christian Education Materials and make them available to our prospective members.
- By your constant prayers and financial and moral support.
- We challenge members of our Church to set aside some time to join the mission to Grenada on the next Mission trip where we will be engaged in visitation, evangelistic services, counseling and teaching.

PEC MEETING

The PEC met in St. Thomas on February 15th and 16th, 2008.

CONGRATULATIONS !!
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Rev. Lillette I. George was consecrated Presbyter in the Moravian Church on Sunday February 17, 2008 at the

Emmaus Moravian Church in St. John U.S.V.I. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingsley Lewis was the presiding Bishop.

Appointment
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Your prayers are requested for the Rev. Winelle Kirton-Roberts who has been appointed Acting Superintendent of the Virgin Islands Conference with effect from March 01, 2008.



The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province extends an invitation to the women of our church to be a part of its Women's Conference which is due to take place on the Campus of the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad.

The Theme of the Conference is :

Windows on Womanhood (WOW).

The Conference will run from July 16–20, 2008. There is a registration fee of US \$300.00 if registered by February 29, 2008. The late registration fee is US\$350. More detailed information appears on our website: www.moravians.net.

Please direct all inquiries to the Coordinator of Christian Education in the EWI Province, the Rev. Julie-Joefeld Parris at:

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Come be a part of (WOW)

Condolence

We express condolence to the Family and Friends of Rev. Albert Frank who was truly a Servant of God who passed at his home in Germany on February 4, 2008. Rev. Frank served as a Pastor in this Province for a number of years at the Montgomery Moravian Church in the Tobago Conference and as a Student Pastor in the Virgin Islands Conference. We will long remember his life and times and for the many lives he touched and won for the Master. On behalf of the Eastern West Indies Province, we express sincere condolences to his family and the Moravian Church, Northern Province. May he find rest in the nearer presence of Almighty God.



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MORAVIAN 550 CRUISE

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Bethel Moravian Church



Bethesda Moravian Church



Zion Moravian Church



Worshippers at Bethel



Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis - Pastor
Bethesda



Zion Sanctuary



Rev. Deslyn Belle-Watson - Pastor
Estridge



Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis
Administering Holy Communion



Cruisers at Zion Sanctuary



Estridge Moravian Church



Rev. David Wickman and
Rev. Deslyn Belle-Watson



Sis Louise Isaac - oldest member
Bethesda



Cruisers having a snack



*Bishop Clennon and
Rev. Deslyn Belle-Watson*



Worshippers at Estridge Moravian Church



Rev. Denise Smith-Lewis with Sis. Carole

In the next issue we will feature photo from the Virgin Islands.

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PEC News/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Unity Sunday

Unity Sunday is March 2, 2008. On this day a special Unity offering will be taken which will go towards the construction of the Mbeya Girls' Secondary School in the Tanzania South West Province.

Closure of Unity Printers

The PEC at its February 15–16 meeting, made a decision to temporarily close Unity Printers from, February 18, 2008, until the Annual General Meeting is called to examine and deal with the challenges being faced by the Printery.

Theological Education Sunday

Theological Education Sunday 2008 will be celebrated on March 30th, 2008. This is a day of prayer for all our Ministers in Training. It is also the day when we encourage and challenge men and women to respond to the call to full time ministry. Please remember the following in prayer:

- Sis. Cherice Job-Lewis
- Sis. Liselle Roberts,
- Bro. Nevin Lewis.

Moravian Music Sunday

Moravian Music Sunday will be celebrated on April 20, 2008. On this Sunday, we will focus and highlight music that has been produced by Moravian Composers past or present. The Rev. Mikie Roberts will provide more details to all Superintendents.



Birthday Greetings for the month of February go out to:

- Bro. Dufferin Culpepper 1
- Sis. Adelyn Mgonela 3
- Bro. Cortroy Jarvis 7
- Sis. Shirley Joseph 8
- Bro. Willard Prout 10
- Sis. June Mcmillan 17
- Bro. Errol Connor 21
- Sis. Esther Moore-Roberts 24
- Sis. Deslyn Belle-Watson 27



Anniversary Greetings for the month of February go out to:

- Bro. Ray & Sis. Shirley Joseph 7
- Bro. Kingsley & Sis. Maureen Lewis 19



Birthday Greetings for the Month of March go out to:

- Bro. Derick Forrester 4
- Sis. Alicia Ross 7
- Sis. Elva Kitson 7
- Bro. Jeremy Francis 9
- Sis. Eulencine Christopher 18
- Bro. Gaveston David 19
- Bro. Kingsley Lewis 20
- Sis. Denise Smith-Lewis 20
- Sis. Vera Waithe 29



Anniversary Greetings for the month of March go out to:

- Bro. Ralph & Sis. Prince 02



To

Bro. Alvin Barker who celebrated his birthday on December 25th.

Watchword 2008

As in former years the Unity has been honored to draw individual watchwords for the Provinces of the Moravian Church and for the Unity Undertakings. This was done in Herrnhut by Sis. Annegret Scholtz as member of the Provincial Board, by Bro. Theodor Gill as Bishop and his wife and by Bro. Michael Salewski and his wife. The watchword chosen for the EWI Province is the one for May 2nd, 2008 which reads:

Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. Psalm 111:3