

The Information

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction.
2 Timothy 4:2

September, 2015



Is God still in control?

For the first time in recorded history, three Category 4 hurricanes have simultaneously appeared in the Pacific Ocean at the same time, and they're inching ever-closer to the Big Island of Hawaii. The never-before-seen meteorological event involves the hurricanes Kilo, Ignacio, and Jimena, the latter of which has sustained winds of up to 225 km/h. One has to be intentionally dense to fail to notice the trends of weather intensification occurring across the globe.



Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis
Chairman of PEC

The Atlantic Ocean is also warming up. Tropical Storm Danny was a few days ahead of Tropical Storm Erika. Those two storms were seen as the perfect thing to sweep across the Caribbean which has been experiencing a severe drought. Persons were saying all over, Lord, give us the rain but not too much wind. People had become very impatient and some real loose language were being exhibited and expounded in the media.

The demand for instant results is seeping into every corner of our lives, and not just virtually. Retailers are jumping into same-day delivery services. Smartphone apps eliminate the wait for a cab, a date, or a table at a hot restaurant. Movies and TV shows begin streaming in seconds. But experts caution that instant gratification comes at a price: It's making us less patient.

There has been a drought in Antigua and Barbuda and most of the Caribbean for the past 12-18 months. Water is scarce everywhere. Crops have dried up. Animals have died or are dying for lack of water and grass for sustenance. The price of many food items have increased due to scarcity. Many persons in Antigua had been interceding to God on behalf of the nation for rain.

Tropical Storms Danny and Erika had the potential for us to have received much rain.

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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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Is God still in Control?
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Hopes were high and persons paid great attention to the weather reports to ascertain exactly where Danny was going to pass. It was heading our way and then at the last minute it kept South of us and managed to touch Guadeloupe and gave us light winds and a sprinkling of rain. As a result of this, there was much fussing, grumbling and quarrelling with the Weathermen and what the dissatisfied one's perceived to be incompetence on the part of the weather men for predicting rain and none came.

As if that were not enough, a few days later Tropical Storm Erika promised much more. It was due to pass directly over Antigua. Everyone had been prepared and waiting. Erika, which had a mind of its own, kept even further South than Danny and descended upon Dominica like a thief in the night and caused untold damage to that country. Dominica received over 10" of rain in about 12 hours. All the rivers burst their banks and washed away just about everything in sight. Over 25 persons have died and many more missing. A mountainous community named, Petite Savanne has been severed from the mainland and it appears as if the area was uninhabited. There seems to be no houses left. Most if not all of the properties were taken by the flood waters and landslides.

Those who survived had to be rescued by boats. The Government of Dominica has ordered a complete evacuation of Petite Savanne.

There are many who have survived to tell the story. Among those receiving care was Richard Baron, a 51-year-old mechanic who was swept away in a flood with his son as they scooped mud out of their home. "He shout, 'Daddy, Daddy! Daddy, Daddy!' When I look up, I see the whole mountain and everything was coming down toward us," he said. "I was down on the ground, gliding with the landslide."

Baron said he managed to grab onto a tree and then onto his son. "My son was about 10 feet away from the ravine. He would have perished," Baron said, adding that he lost several friends and relatives.

The need for instant gratification is not new, but our expectation of 'instant' has become faster, and as a result, our patience is thinner. Some people seems to have gotten so impatience that they began to fly in the face of God. The Weathermen came under even harsher attacks as if they were God. Storms are dynamic and have a mind of their own. Yes, we need the rain, but I wish our people would be more considerate and patient. Isaiah 40: 31 speaks powerfully to us as to the workings of God and teaches us a lesson in patience. The text says, "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint".

I believe that as a people we really need to believe that God is still in control. Men and women are mere instruments in God's hands. It is amazing to hear people saying, "Be careful what you ask for. Look at what has happened to Dominica. Antigua could not have taken what Dominica got". Since we have seen what happened to Dominica, the airwaves have gone silent. Even those who were so angry with the Weather Men/Women for not forecasting the weather correctly, have gone silent.

Jessica Cooper once said, "When you want what God doesn't want for you, you experience the consequences God was trying to protect you from". Let us walk good and trust God for he knows best what we need most and at the right time.

Members of the St. Kitts Conference are pictured below preparing relief items to be sent to Dominica.



Relief Items to be sent to Dominica



Fulfilling the Mandate - Advance the Kingdom

Ordination to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province

The PEC offers Congratulations to:

Rev. Catherine L. Governor presently serving as Minister of Christian Education and Pastor of the L'Anse Noire Moravian Church in Trinidad, was ordained to the Diaconate of the Moravian Church on August 16, 2015 at the Montgomery Moravian Church in Tobago.



Fulfilling the Mandate - Advance the Kingdom



Hymn of the Month for September, 2015
by Rev. Dr. Mikie Roberts
Director, Provincial Hymnal Committee.

September signals the start of another school year. With students and teachers heading back in the classrooms, parents too resume their daily routine after a long summer. This includes getting the children up and out of the house to beat the early

morning traffic. In the next few weeks, after-school activities will be in full swing as the academic year picks up speed. And before you know it is time for Christmas break. As our children head back to school whether it is at the primary, secondary or tertiary level our hymn of the month of September is # 645 – **IN OUR WORK AND IN OUR PLAY** written by W. C Piggott. The suggested tune is **BUCKLAND**.

The six verses of this hymn explore the many experiences that our youth will confront as they are engaged in the process of being formally educated. The central message of this hymn is for them to always be mindful of the presence of Jesus in all that they do, be it work or play. At the same time, we see represented in the hymn an image of a human Jesus who enjoyed a balanced life as a youngster. He was a student himself in that he was taught the skill of carpentry by his early father Joseph. But we do not only see the student Jesus, we also are confronted with an image of a playful Jesus. Life cannot be all work and no play! With the example of Jesus set before us, the hymn shifts in tone and becomes intercessory in nature. Our children now voice a prayer in which they are seeking the help of Jesus in keeping a similar balance between their educational pursuits and moments of relaxation as they play. This prayer embraces having a correct attitude even in sports activities whether win or lose. There is also the all important element of asking for a mind that is teachable and alert.

In the month of September, might we sing this as a prayer for our children and youth as they embark on the 2015 – 2016 school year. Might this hymn be a reminder to them that in all of their learning to keep two goals before them: (1) academic excellence and (2) attaining the ultimate goal of eternal life that Jesus offers.

Below are the words and music of this hymn:

In our work and in our play,
Jesus, be thou ever near;
Guarding, guiding all the day,
Keep us in thy presence dear.

Help us, that with eager mind
We may learn both fact and rule,
Patient, diligent and kind
In the comradeship of school.

Thou, who at thy mother's knee,
Learned to hearken and obey,
Then, work done, ran happily
With the children to their play;

Help us, too, in sport and game
Gallantly to play our part;
Win or lose, to keep the same
Dauntless spirit and brave heart.

And by Joseph's bench did stand,
Holding his edged tools, as he
Guiding them with skilful hand,
Made a carpenter of thee;

May we grow like him in grace,
True in mind and pure of soul,
Meeting life with steadfast face,
Run its race and reach the goal.

In Our Work And In Our Play

BUCKLAND
77.77

1930, W. C. Piggott

Leighton G. Hayne, 1863

1. In our work and in our play, Je - sus, be thou ev - er near;
2. Thou, who at thy moth - er's knee learned to hear - en and o - bey,
3. And by Jo - seph's bench did stand, hold - ing his edged tools, as he
4. Help us, that with eag - er mind we may learn both fact and rule,
5. Help us, too, in sport and game gal - lant - ly to play our part;
6. May we grow like him in grace, true in mind and pure of soul,

Guard - ing, guid - ing all the day, keep us in thy pres - ence dear.
then, work done, ran hap - pi - ly with the chil - dren to their play;
guid - ing them with skil - ful hand, made a car - pen - ter of thee;
pa - tient, dil - i - gent and kind in the com - rade - ship of school.
Win or lose, to keep the same daunt - less spir - it and brave heart.
meet - ing life with stead - fast face, run its race and reach the goal.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER

for the People of Dominica

The Moravian Church Eastern West Indies Province, sympathizes with the Government and people of Dominica on the destruction of life and property brought on by Tropical Storm Erika on Thursday August 26, 2015. We are saddened by the number of lives lost from the onslaught of the storm and our prayers go out to all of the affected families. The latest news received is that over 20 persons are confirmed dead and several unaccounted for.

There is a saying that *"when your neighbour's house is on fire, wet yours"*. What happened to Dominica could have occurred in anyone of the Islands. Let us not take God's favour for granted. God has been good, but sometimes we become very ungrateful.

What can we do to help and alleviate some of the stress and pain of our brothers and sisters in Dominica? While we wait on the Government and people of Dominica to indicate their most pressing needs, we can begin to get into action to help. The writer of Ecclesiastes 10:19 declares, *"Bread is made for laughter, and wine gladdens life, and money answers everything"*.

As we remember our brothers and sisters in prayer, we are invited to take a special offering on Sunday September 13, 2015 to assist our brothers and sisters in Dominica in their recovery efforts.

Kindly forward all monies collected to the Provincial Office by September 20, 2015 for transmission to the people of Dominica.

Quote of the Day

The only difference between a
Good Day and a Bad Day
is your **ATTITUDE...**

Condolences



1. The PEC expresses sympathy on behalf the EWIP to the family of the late Bro. Clarence Edwards O.H. of Antigua.

Bro. Edwards served as an Acolyte at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church for upwards of 25 years. Indeed, as a man of God, he served the Moravian Church in Antigua with distinction.

Brother Clarence Edwards passed into the nearer presence of God on Tuesday August 18, 2015, in Antigua.

The Service of Thanksgiving to mark his life and witness was held on Monday August 31, 2015 at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church in Antigua.

2. The Moravian Church EWIP expresses sympathy on the passing of Ms. Clarice Browne, the Aunt of Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis. Sis. Clarice Browne passed into the nearer presence of God on Sunday August 23, 2015, in Antigua.

The Service of Thanksgiving to mark her life and witness will be held on Thursday September 10th, 2015 at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church at 2p.m.

3. The PEC expresses sympathy on the passing of Sis. Euretha Ramsay the Mother of Bro. George Ramsay.

She passed into the nearer presence of God on Sunday August 30, 2015 in Barbados. Sis. Ramsay was 104 years, 10 months, 12 days and would have been 105 years old on October 18, 2015.

The funeral service will be held on Friday September 11th at 2p.m at the Sharon Moravian Church in Barbados.

Let us remember the family in our prayers



**Birthday Greetings
for the month of
September
is extended to:**

Bro. Collin Matthew	2
Bro. Samuel Jacobs	7
Bro. Walton Frederick	7
Sis. Myrtle Isaac	8
Bro. Keith Horsford	10
Bro. Devon Mannix	23
Sis. Lynda Prout	29

**Anniversary Greetings
for the month of
September
is extended to:**



Bro. Ezra Parris & Sis. Julie Joefield-Parris	5
Bro. Conrad & Sis. Sonia Spencer	24
Bro. Keith & Sis. Cicely Athill-Horsford	30

Day of Prayer for Widows of Ministers

Sunday September 20, 2015 is the annual day of prayer for the Widows of Ministers in the EWIP. On this day we will remember the following persons in prayer:

Frances John	- Tobago
Margaret John	- Tobago
Dorothy Graham	- Barbados
Ida Brown	- Antigua
Deborah Challenger	- Antigua
Myrtle Miller	- Virgin Islands

As we remember them in prayer, a special offering will be taken on this day as a token of our love and appreciation to our sisters.

Scripture Sale



he owner of an old-fashioned corner grocery store in a small country town was fond of quoting a scripture after each sale. He had three old friends that would sit around a pot-bellied stove, playing checkers on a faded board. His ability to produce a scripture for all occasions never ceased to amuse the old timers, and they would listen to see what verse he would come up with relevant to the sale made.

A lady purchased some material and he said, "She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands." A man bought a sack of flour; he said "Man does not live by bread alone, but every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." A little boy bought some candy and as he rung it up he quoted, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me."

It was nearly closing time when the chimes over the door jangled loudly. A well dressed young man, obviously a stranger from one of the larger towns down the road, entered.

"Help you?" offered the proprietor. "I need a blanket for my horse," said the man. "He's out in his trailer and it's too cold for just one. Bring me the nicest one you've got!"

The store owner went in the back store room and came back with a brown blanket. "That'll be five dollars."

"Five dollars? You've got to be kidding!" said the man. "This horse is a thoroughbred. He gets only the best! He wouldn't stand still for an old five dollar blanket." Without comment, the store owner took back the blanket, then merely selected a different color and brought it out. "This one's \$25 dollars."

"Now, look," said the young man. "Perhaps I didn't make myself plain. This isn't just any old horse! He's worth thousands! Now I want the best, most expensive blanket you've got! Comprene?" The owner once more went into the store room, pulled out another color of the same material and brought it back. "This is the only one left, and it's \$100."

"Now that's more like it!" enthused the fellow as he paid. Throwing the five dollar blanket over his shoulder, he left. The old timers stared silently at the shopkeeper as they waited to see what possible scripture he could come up with for that sale! Going behind the register, he rang up the hundred dollars and said, "He was a stranger, and I took him in."



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