

American-Caribbean Experience



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It's been a long time coming, but we're finally in the new ACE Campus! After months of negotiations, fundraising, and paperwork, we were able to take possession of the property in March, and move in.

Now, keep in mind that our budget limits our video production to an iPhone camera and "B" grade actors and actresses... But we're so excited to share this with you!

To view the video tour, visit the blog page of our website at acexperience.org/blog.



People and children are all alike when it comes to meetings and food. In the adult world we call it meetings and in our student's world, it's called Summer School.

Let us begin by saying a BIG THANK YOU for all of you who contributed to the 2016 Summer School/food initiative. Thanks to your generosity our kids didn't go hungry but looked forward to

learning with food in their bellies. When Summer school began at 12:30 pm, the children were fed juice and PB & J that our volunteers have left behind after serving with ACE throughout the year. At 4:00 pm they are given a boxed dinner consisting of chicken, rice, and salad to share with their family.

Then there was 2.5 hours of learning about sounds, letters, and themes. Jamaican students like American students love to create. Keeping the theme of literacy is fun when you can design an art piece to show what is being taught.

Our 4 teachers invested much this summer to insure when school starts in September, our little ones will be prepared to move right into their grade and eager to learn.sponsorship3

Did we mention that the school bus is running great??? We were able to pick up all 41 students each day transporting them to school and back. Uncle "Romie" as they refer to him was the driver and the singer all the way to Preston Hill. One of our staff asked Romeo if he liked his job. (He works for Galina Breeze when not driving) He just smiled and said, "Remember I have triplets coming up..., I'll be driving them to ACE School one day...." Triplets indeed...

Contact us today to find out more about how you can join us in our mission to change lives and transform communities in St. Mary, Jamaica!

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Marla's Minute



Many times I come across skeptics when they are visiting ACE in Jamaica who share with me the reason they “don’t” sponsor children “anywhere” in the world.

Where does “my” money go?

Is the child getting my letters?

If I come “there”, can I see them?

All I can say is yes, yes and all of the money goes towards the child!

That sounds incredible doesn't it? It's true, just ask any of our 200 sponsors who regularly write letters, send monthly support and visit their wonderful child in their homes.

Now, there are some risks involved in sponsoring an ACE child.

Risk #1 – You might fall in love with him or her.

Risk #2 – You might spend more money than you anticipated as the child grows into a better place of literacy, and living

Risk #3 – You might get a phone call after some time that your child's parent is not fulfilling their

commitment to keep your child eligible for sponsorship and is being dropped from the program or for some other reason that just doesn't make sense to us in middle class America.

Risk number three is a hard one. We feel that our children are as special as the many friends and families that support them. We also have a commitment that our sponsors are as valued as our children. We have to be honest even when the story stinks. If you are some of the sponsors that have been through this, we understand and appreciate what you are doing to make a difference in Jamaica and for sticking with us even through the bumps in the road.

Some of you have been blessed to sponsor the same child for years and can see the changes and the smiles and the growth. We would love to share your stories and pictures on Facebook with the others that are still thinking about the risks.

Living on the edge is a good thing, and more often than not, the results are life-changing.

Prayers Answered & Prayer Requests

Prayers Answered It has been a great summer! We've had no injuries or incidents and have been continuing to make an impact in our communities!

Prayers Answered We have received rain! Drought makes it tough and we are thankful to have received rain.

Prayers Answered Pastor Watson closed on the property for a new location for ACT's church. More information to follow soon!

Prayer Request It's been a great summer for our interns. They've worked hard and learned a lot. Transitioning back to the U.S. can be extremely difficult. Please pray for them as they adjust back into American culture.



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