

Miracles Still Happen!

Through the great generosity of a dentist in Augusta, Georgia, ACE Wellness Center now has its own two dental units. If you have ever been serving as part of our specialty teams within our ACE family, you will know that for years, we have had our dentists using cardboard and regular chairs to see and treat patients in clinics. Can you imagine pulling teeth and sitting in a chair?

Well, Dr. Scott saw the need and sent us two brand new units to install at the Center where ACE is will be seeing families from all three nearby locations. As our team of doctors and dentists arrive they will be pleasantly surprised by what ACE has to offer them to assist in their desire to serve our Jamaica friends. ACE will be working with the main Dental School in Kingston to begin a partnership of “JAmericans” serving in Rural St. Mary. Pray the partnership develops and events happen. Stay tuned for more on that topic.



A Different Season for Katie Guy



Just when you think you know how summer is going to flow, something changes and a new season blows in for Katie. This is what happened a few weeks ago when Katie was returning from a brief visit to the States.

Katie starts a new season in the U.S. She is still helping ACE stateside in communicating and training our Wellness Volunteers. Here is a word from Katie.....

This past April, I had my usual time home in the states for a couple weeks before the very busy season of summer begins in Jamaica. It was great! I got to spend time with old friends, family, and my boyfriend in the time that I was in Ohio. I boarded the plane, sad to say goodbye, but ready to be back home in Jamaica. I missed my cat, Macy, and all of the ACE and Galina Breeze staff and was looking forward to being back!

Unfortunately when I got to immigration, I immediately hit a wall. There was no line and I met an inquisitive immigration officer. She noticed that I spend a lot of time in Jamaica and had a lot of questions for me. I answered the best I could and she told me I had to talk to her supervisor. I knew at that moment that it wasn't good. I prayed to God for peace, favor, and wisdom to handle the situation the best I could. I talked more with the supervisor and she informed me that she was sending me back to the states. It was an emotional and exhausting day. I kept playing through the conversations in my head to try and figure out what I could have done differently. Finally, I was able to say that I couldn't have done anything different on that day. God was with me and will continue to be with me as I try to pick up the pieces and see what is next.

I've been looking at the options for getting back to Jamaica and seeking the fastest possible solution. We've been meeting with politicians and reaching out to people in the Ministry of Health in an effort to find a way to speed up the process of applying for a work permit. We haven't had any luck in speeding things up, so I'll have to wait four to six weeks to hear if I can get it. While I wait for things to be sorted out in Jamaica, I'll be working part-time for ACE stateside and part-time other odd jobs. I can now share my experience of working on the ground in Jamaica with the stateside staff. I'll be living and working in Columbus until I get word of the results of my work permit inquiry.

Please pray for me as I seek God in this uncertain period, that I can understand my role and what God has for me stateside. I already see God moving through this as the newer staff to ACE are able to shine and learn new roles within ACE in my absence. Mr. Moncrieffe and Saskia will be leading the upcoming medical and dental team and the rest of the staff will be prepping for the beginning of the summer. This will give the staff a chance to build confidence and see what they are really capable of. Those of you that are going down for a mission trip this summer, make sure to give everyone a nice big hug from me, until I see them again.

Lorna's Home is Going Up!

This month, we are so proud to say that because of all of you, Lorna's new home is being built by, frankly, all of us! With the help of the cement mixer, Bullah, Akeel, Yomo, Lorna, and a host of her family and friends all worked hard on getting the footings poured in between rain showers. Lorna is all smiles and continually thanks God for this gift through you.

There are other homes being constructed due to the financial investment from sponsors and friends. We all cannot wait to see you this summer. Bring your smiles, your muscles and, most of all, your love for all that God is doing through these wonderful Nationals!



News

Ms. Piper at the Infirmary transitioned into heaven last Friday. We will miss her and her beautiful knit rugs. I've asked if we can have them - they are in a box at the infirmary - as a fond remembrance of her.

Marla's Minute: Big Up 30!



With this year being ACE's big 30th birthday, we decided to have you share in some very special "firsts" throughout this season. We've aptly given this year the name "BIG UP 30". BIG UP is a term Jamaicans use to show respect to

someone or something and admiration for accomplishment. Just ACE being in Jamaica for 30 years – touching the lives of so many in so many ways – is nothing short of a miracle. The numerous individuals who have committed to three decades of serving with us have literally changed lives and transformed our communities in and around St. Mary.

Two BIG things are happening this year! First, all team leaders this summer will be our Jamaicans who work for ACE – not just work but own the vision we started three decades ago. Second, ACE is making arrangements to bring our ACE Nationals to the U.S. this September to say "thank you" and to see where you live and serve in your communities. While we wish we could fly our staff all over the country, we probably will be able to get them to Atlanta and then drive via bus to finish in Dayton, Ohio, where our main office is located. More details will follow as we will be asking you – our friends – to consider hosting individuals and giving us a platform at your church to see everyone!

Yes, it's an exciting time for ACE turning 30. The next generation is stepping up and we ask that you pray for us, as we begin the transition of changing the guard in Jamaica. This is what every ministry dreams of seeing happen. And it's happening at ACE – BIG UP 30!!!

ANSWERED PRAYERS & PRAYER REQUESTS

ANSWERED PRAYER Lorna's new home will begin construction as soon as the funds are received in office. Many of you felt the call to help Lorna and her family. Thank you and we will keep you updated!

PRAYER REQUEST Continue to pray for funding for our "Shoes That Last" program. ACE would love to have the \$5k necessary by the end of August to provide every one of our 200+ children with a pair of shoes that grow along with them. Please consider giving to this project.

ANSWERED PRAYER Our phones and internet are up and working! For those of you who didn't know the situation, all internet and phone lines were cut in the area. We went up to ten weeks struggling to be connected. It's nice to know we are back in touch with the world.

PRAYER REQUEST Our 2018 I-Quest Interns are preparing to arrive next month for a full summer of leadership training. Pray that they are mentally and physically prepared for the internship and for working in Jamaica.

ANSWERED PRAYER Our first thrift sale of the year was a great success. We made \$1800US and provided much needed clothing and linens to families in our sponsorship as well as the community. Thank you for the generosity. The funds have gone back into the schools we support in Education.

PRAYER REQUEST ACE will be holding its Board meeting this coming weekend in Atlanta, GA. Pray for wisdom for our Board Members and staff as ACE tackles some tough topics and seeks God's will in our movements for 2018.



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