

American-Caribbean Experience



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When Sponsors Become Family



We'd like to share two stories among many of where the sponsors not only insure the children get what they need to go to school and learn but get an above-and-beyond gift that is hard to beat.

Meet Damonick. He's young, he's cool, but he was bathroom-less. That's right. Had to go? Go outside. Need a shower? Go to the creek. Schedule your other business around school bathrooms... until his sponsors decided that everyone deserves at least a toilet. We agreed.

With the funding for the bathroom and a little more help from ACE, this child and his mother now tinkle inside and, well, what can we say other than a big "Thank You" for recognizing this need and making a huge impact on the family life at home.



Meet Tyrick. Tyrick is 10 years old and has never attended school because he was born with no feeling from his stomach down. This means, he cannot control his bowels and must wear a diaper all his life. He cannot walk, but, boy, he is smart, and thanks to his sponsors, Scott and Jill Springer, they decided to do what they could to get this sweet child out of the wheelchair at home and into the classroom at Galina. We had some hurdles to jump through, though. The school had no way of changing him, and it was difficult getting him to and from school. That's where his U.S. family stepped in, along with Lecepth and other ACE staff members

who pushed to get the school to take Tyrick; arrangements were made to employ his uncle (who had not been working) by paying him to take Tyrick to school. Now, each school day, Uncle Randel puts Tyrick on his back and walks him about a half mile to school over the coral, drops him off and goes back at lunch to change him. Then, in the afternoon, he goes back again to pick him up and carry him home. Tyrick – for the first time in his life – is now a student and not just a child. He's thrilled and we are too, as are his uncle and family.

It's not magic; it's just a God thing. Don't ever stop caring. It changes these children's lives and the lives of their families. Thank you, supporters, for helping without hurting.



BY PASTOR WINSTON WATSON

When we first came to Jamaica, the Lord shared many things of the fruitfulness and the blessing we would be to many whose paths we would cross. One desire he placed within me was to eventually purchase ground that would solidly show our presence on the island. Like Isaac, we found challenges that at times were formidable. After completing the purchase of the land for the Ministry, one morning I awoke hearing an old church word repeating in me – REHOBOTH – REHOBOTH. So profound was the sound that I had to find out more about it.

Not really knowing much about its meaning I went searching and found it recorded in Genesis chapter 22. The summarized meaning: "a broad place" or "room." The Lord has made room for us, a broad place of opportunity for us to grow and be fruitful.



We have started limited construction and we have our plans before the Saint Mary Parish Council. The core church family of children, young adults and adults has been inspired by the tremendous move of the Lord in providing the finances and support for the Mission of Acts Church. The Parish Council meets monthly but did not convene a session in August,

so we have been delayed by at least thirty days with our building project.

As the Lord has made room for us, and He is making room for you. He is making a place for your gift to be used; he is preparing opportunities of service for you. Be encouraged, Abraham's gift was twenty-five years in the making, ours was only sixteen. Never GIVE UP your DREAM, for its manifestation is inevitable. Continue to pray for us as we build and develop Acts Church to be a strategic influence in our community with the Love of God.

Marla's Minute



"Lecepth Gets All The Good Stuff!"

To any of you who have children or even remember being one of several siblings growing up in a family, these words may ring a bell-- Here at the ACE office in Jamaica, we get the same type of comments when a team leaves and specifically gives or buys things for one ACE employee over the other. Now don't get me wrong, it's not that our volunteers are breaking

rules. They always are respectful and ask either Althia or me if they can leave something behind for someone specific.

But I have to tell you, it's tough to say "sure" when we have so many other ACE employees that work so hard that are not in the limelight of a team and have the same need or greater for their families. So, how do we fix that and not put Lecepth in a tough spot? Here are a few suggestions we would recommend.

- Only give a gift if it's a birthday or Christmas and be mindful of how much you are spending for that gift.
- Think about Dacia, Kesha, Saskia, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Myers, Easton, Katie, and Beth. While they may not be in your line of sight, they really would love to feel special once in a while by you and your generosity.
- Never give money.
- Read our book the Mango Tree Gospel and ask God to quicken your heart on giving and why.

We love our ACE staff in Jamaica as well as the US. But as you may remember your mother telling you... "Share with your Sister or Brother"...guardian doesn't fulfill his or her obligation; we just have to show our love in a different way. Compassion and Commitment – it really does still exist and is growing stronger in the ACE family.

Prayers Answered & Prayer Requests

Prayer Request - Please pray for safe travels for Marla, Allen, and Althia as they visit some of our partner churches for some fellowship and the opportunity to see some of our ACE friends on their own "turf".

Prayer Request - Please pray for Beth as she returns back to the US for a few weeks, and that she is able to able to recharge and refresh after an extremely busy summer.

Prayer Request - Pray that the long awaited court date for the caveat preventing us from closing on the campus will happen as scheduled in October.

Answered Prayers - We are so excited to share that Katie Guy arrived safely in Jamaica, and is already jumping into her new role as Healthcare Services Coordinator!

Answered Prayers- The children have had a wonderful start to the school year! Thanks again to all those that donated and all of the teams that carried school supplies down this summer.



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