



From Bean to Bar...

By now you should know that ACE is always looking for ways to get people working in Jamaica, especially in sustainable jobs. Jamaica has many natural treasures that are grown and produced on this island. It just so happens that St. Mary, our parish, produces some of the best chocolate in the world — that’s right, in the world!

Our cocoa trees produce a bean known as Creola, a very dark and well sought-out bean for making chocolate. ACE, through the help of friends, has decided to test our taste buds by producing our own chocolate bars. We are still playing around with a name for the bar. Right now, however, we are going to class in the states to learn the art of taking a cocoa bean to a chocolate bar called “Cloud 9”. Atlanta happens to be the city that offers world-renowned training classes on making chocolate, so we sent Allen and Bruce (a volunteer and chocolatier) for the week.

While this is a challenging start-up, we’ve stepped out in faith and bought the equipment ACE needs to teach, train, and develop a great Jamaican chocolate bar. Some of you — our supporters — have partnered with us in this venture by investing your treasure. Thank you! We are still seeking funding to get the equipment shipped and cleared and the room set up for production. We hope to hire a mother of one of our sponsored students. Remember, we go deep. If a mother or father can work, the entire family is affected. Would you help us accomplish this start up? Think about it. Pray about it. (Did we mention it’s a “sweet deal”?)



iQuest 2.0

The interns this year were fantastic! Of course, I say that every year as God chooses these young adults to spend 75 days with ACE in Jamaica.



This year was no different. We had a returning intern, Tahj, who worked as our Inventory Coordinator and Trainer for this year’s team. Anthony, our 16-year-old sponsored student and beehive honey expert wannabe, joined our iQuest team as a 4S student. (Second Story Summer Series).

Many things were different this summer versus past summers. These interns leave having

established a new series — the next generation — for iQuest: iQuest 2.0. Our Jamaicans led the teams for most of the summer, while the

American students supported the leader. Volunteers were great in trusting the process and our Jamaican staff from “hello” at the airport to “we will miss you” at the departure. Certainly, ACE has come of age.... and it’s all good.

If you or someone you know is interested in interning with ACE next summer, please contact Susan in our stateside office at susan@acexperience.org. We will be accepting applications starting September 1st.



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Edge Hill Gets a New Stove!

Special needs schools are rare in Jamaica. However, in St. Mary, there is a special needs school near the ACE campus. It's called Edge Hill, and ACE has had a student in our Child Sponsorship Program attending school there for two years. Just the other day, we learned that the school was in need of a gas stove for training students to cook. Without a second thought, ACE jumped at the opportunity to give back to this school that is making a difference in St. Mary to those less fortunate. We bought a beautiful gas stove with a full oven. As the ACE staff was taking it off the truck and unpacking it, we saw the smile of the Vice Principal, Mrs. Charmaine Palmer Lee as she helped point to the location of install.

Thank you all for your treasure. This is one of the many reasons why we do what we do. It makes a difference.



Marla's Minute: Second Story Summer School (A Big First)

When Amanda, one of our newest board members, rolled on the ACE board this year to serve, the first thing she and her husband, Digger, requested to do was to provide Summer School for our Second Story students in the Child Sponsorship Program.

I have never seen our students so excited as I did this summer, as I watched our eager teenagers coming early each day to attend class. You see, Amanda, Digger and their team of teachers have a unique way of teaching topics that make anyone want to learn. And learning



is exactly what these students did. Amanda put an entire mystery together for the students to figure out how to find the thief who stole Ms. Shirley's cookbook.

Even Mr. Moncrieffe had fun! Every day as I passed him leaving in the parking lot, he just shook his head with a big smile and said, "Wow! What a great day. I'm learning so much about making subjects fun for students. We hope this is just the beginning."

Thank you to Amanda and her team and to all for investing in this wonderful 30-year-old ministry called ACE — where the learning never stops and we always find the fun!

Always grateful for you,

Marla and Allen

ANSWERED PRAYERS & PRAYER REQUESTS

ANSWERED PRAYER We have finally closed on the Campus! We all rejoice over this long process. Remember when we were just speaking it and claiming it as we drove by each day to Hampstead? God is true to His word.

ANSWERED PRAYER We just returned from traveling in the U.S. visiting friends of ACE and friends of ours. It's been great sharing vision and socializing. Thank you to everyone along the way for making us feel special.

PRAYER REQUEST Now that we have the Campus, we need to complete

the water tank up on the hill. Pray we will get in funds to complete the structure and pour the floor. Approximate costs \$2000 US. This will serve as our irrigation system for watering our crops.

PRAYER REQUEST Pray our crops will develop well and be protected from thieves. We've got pineapples, tomatoes, greens and lots of canning ideas for the fall season.

ANSWERED PRAYER What a great staff we have at ACE! And some of them are learning to drive!! Big surprises coming when you come to Jamaica this winter.