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Pastor Dermoth Baptiste gives food hamper to Peggy DaSilva Chief Nursing Officer

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“As nurses we have been at the core of the pandemic, working across all sectors. Then the explosive eruption of the volcano added an element which wasn’t expected. Through this gesture you the church are highlighting how valuable nurses are to the health care system.”

DaSilva thanked church leaders for demonstrating, in a very tangible way, appreciation for nurses.

“You are a true reflection of what the church ought to be doing, ministering both to our spiritual and physical needs. Thank you for seeing us, thank you for investing in us,” she added.

Senior Nursing Officer for Hospital Services on the islands Viola Richardson praised the commitment of the church in helping so many citizens through tough times. “Activities such as these give an extra push to nurses who may be on the brink of burnout,” said Richardson.

Church leaders also distributed pharmaceutical products donated by the Adventist Community Hospital in Port of Spain, Trinidad, to St. Vincent’s Milton Cato Memorial Hospital medical stores.



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**Care Packages
Prepared for
Children in
Shelters.**

SVG Mission

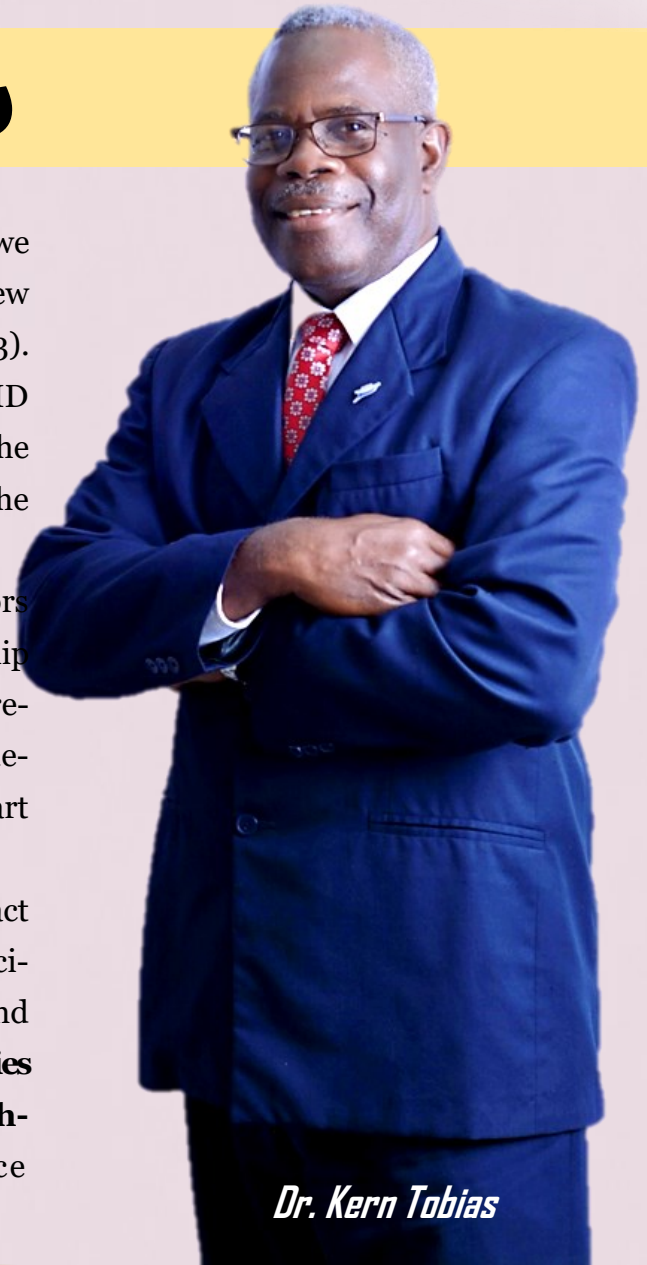


The President Writes

It is very heartening to note that “through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness” (Lamentations 3:22,23). We made it through 2020 despite all the challenges of the COVID 19 pandemic. It is disheartening that 2021 looks very much like the same, and even worse with new variants appearing. However, the mission of the church is being kept in focus.

The power of prayer was very evident as the Prayer Intercessors marshalled by Pastor Ashton O’Neil, mobilized the membership into a vibrant prayer-force. The experience was enthralling and rewarding, especially as the different territories utilized their uniqueness to thrill the hearts of the participants. It provided a great start to the year, despite the COVID 19 anxieties.

We praise God for the successful hosting of the CARU Impact which featured Dr. Claudius Morgan and a host of dynamic participants who worked tirelessly to make a real impact on members and visitors alike. **It was a joy to note the emergence of new categories of leaders who displayed the expertise to utilize the technology** to give Christ and His church a powerful presence in the virtual space.



Dr. Kern Tobias

The Stewardship Impact was another outstanding feature of the year, and Dr. Gandadal Samlalsingh was used by God to inspire confidence in His providence and provisions. Even though the economies of the Caribbean countries were floundering, God provided personal and organizational prosperity to promulgate His work.

As if the pandemic was not enough, the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines were traumatized and paralyzed by the La Soufriere Volcano. God used that mishap, however, to display the love and largesse of His local, regional, and international church, which gave outstanding support to all the people who were affected. **Pastor Dermoth Baptiste must be commended for his sterling leadership and mobilization of the local church to serve its community.**

We praise God for the opportunity, through the many Ministries to keep the mission alive!

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Communication Director

The ten (10) fields that constitute the Caribbean Union Conference have risen mightily to the challenge of staging the historic CARU Impact 2021. The mighty Guyana Conference bypassed its baptism goal with over 1000 persons amid the digital and connectivity challenges. The Suriname Mission, navigating the language and other challenges, realized 33 baptisms. What is outstanding is that amid the COVID 19 challenges there was baptism in each of the territories and this is amazing and rewarding.

Congratulations are in order for all the “techsavvies” in each of our 10 fields. We had just over 80 persons in our technical team and we must admit that the graphics were amazing, the coordination superb and the production absolutely laudable. **Congratulations to this team of professionals.**

We must make mention of the team at the recording site. The musicians: Mike Sealy (Guitar), Joel Thomas (bass), Shawn Mayers (Organ), Asher Maynard (drummer), and Andrew Bradt (keyboardist). The readers: Pastors Leslie Padmore and Shane Butcher and the main reader, the effervescent, Elder David Wood.



Dr. Claudius Morgan

The praise team led by Lisa Johnson included Ken Reeves, Lashana Gittens, Lee-Ann Branker, Suzanne Webster and Juliana Roach. The production crew led by Wayne Morgan comprised Simon Victor, Clifford Trotman, Jared Trotman, Beresford Hunte, Pastor Dayle Haynes and Francena Leacock.

Has this CARU impact changed the trajectory of public evangelism in our Union? What a question!

What is absolutely clear is that if we did it once we can do it again. What is even clearer is the presence of communication professionals (some of whom can be considered technophiles) in our Union and not only are they present, their willingness to participate and to give of their time and resources sacrificially is heartwarming and highly commendable.

Our President was certain that the program would become a reality. He encouraged the preacher and the presidents and even though some fields moved slowly out of the blocks, when the program commenced, it was evident that this is the one thing we do. We had tremendous collaboration and we give praise to God.

From the assessment conducted by Wayne Morgan, the coordinator for the program, we can report some 3

million viewers and every night the attendance kept climbing and the excitement was evident by the many comments that were posted on comments platforms. We had over 130 sites as noted in the assessment, and baptisms were conducted as a result of the program in the USA, Bahamas, Canada and England as well as the Caribbean. The program was dubbed CARU Impact but from all reports and assessments it could well have been dubbed UNIVERSAL impact.

Commendation to the staff of the Caribbean Union who assisted in the management of the impact across each of the 10 fields. Commendations are in order as well for all the Communication Directors and the Assistants to the Presidents in the 10 fields of the Union.

Special kudos to Sister Sheryle Liverpool for her efficiency, effectiveness and cooperation in the management of CARU Impact 2021.

A word of gratitude to the active supporters from the IAD including Drs. Braham and Telemaque and past president Israel Leito who was particularly excited, that his nephew Timothy Leito was shining as one of the hosts. To God be the glory, great things He has done.

DIVINE INTERVENTION

By: Pr. Ashton O'Neil

The Seventh-day Adventist church takes the Gospel Commission given to us by our Heavenly Commander, Jesus Christ, seriously.

In keeping with its mission, the Caribbean Union Conference decided to venture into a four-week Good News Virtual Campaign with International Preacher Dr. Claudius Morgan. This campaign was to be the most significant, fiercest, and greatest spiritual warfare ever fought.

Therefore, the Caribbean Union Prayer Coordinators immediately set plans in train to use the church's most potent weapon - prayer.

Pr. Ashton O'Neil, the Caribbean Union Prayer Coordinator, in consultation with the ten Field Prayer Coordinators, developed the following Strategic Prayer Plan:

To have 40 Days of Prayer from January 6 – February 14, 2021, from 4:30 -5:30 a.m.

1. The first eleven early morning prayer sessions to be joint Caribbean Union Sessions.

2. The Caribbean Union plans and coordinates the first session on January 6 and the 10 Fields to do the same for the remaining ten joint sessions. Each field assigned one session.

3. Of the remaining 29 sessions, 20 were Conference/Mission Sessions, four Zonal and five more joint Caribbean Union Sessions.

4. To establish the following Three Zonal Prayer Groups:

Zone #1: Guyana Conference, Suriname Mission, Tobago Mission

Zone #2: South Caribbean Conference, Grenada Conference,

St. Vincent & The Grenadines Mission

Zone #3: East Caribbean Conference, Saint Lucia Mission, South Leeward Conference, North Caribbean Conference

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IT'S HERE
THE LAUNCH OF THE 40 DAYS OF PRAYER
START YOUR YEAR RIGHT IN PRAYER!
SATURDAY **02** | **TIME** 4:30-5:30AM
JANUARY

Presenters
[Three portraits of men in suits]

Intercessors
EPL BERTIE HENRY – TREASURER – CARLI
ELDER JOEL HAZELWOOD – ASSOC TREASURER – CARLI
SIS FAITH RAMDAT – ADMIN ASSISTANT – CARLI

Musical Renditions
The St. Hilaire Brothers | Sis Avril John

All Are Invited
Includes Training for 1,000 Intercessors and Members

Zoom ID: 4103500430
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From Devout Roman Catholic to the 28th President of USC



Earlier days—Dr Hilary Bowman and his wife

By Hayden Mc Kenna—USC Editor and writer

At the end of June 2021, there will be a changing of the guard in the Office of the President of the University of the Southern Caribbean (USC). The well-choreographed changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace is apparently an elegant spectacle to behold. For the first time in quite some time, a presidential change at our university is transpiring with comparable finesse. Dr. Hilary Bowman provided the university community with a year's notice of his intention to demit office and in so doing, permitted the Board of Trustees to engage the tedious process of finding a worthy successor with more than adequate time on the clock for a seamless transition.

Dr. Hilary Bowman, the first person of Indo-Caribbean heritage to become President of USC, came to the presidency of our university in 2016 under quite challenging circumstances. There had been rapid and sudden changes in top leadership, financial instability, incomplete capital projects and decaying campus infrastructure among other

serious challenges. USC's two accreditations were also up for review. So difficult was the inheritance, that a past president and a career denominational worker remarked in a private note to Dr. Bowman, "I feel that I would not be far off if I say that at the moment you are facing one of the most serious challenges ever to be faced by any President in the 93 years history of the institution." By all accounts, USC is in a better place today than it was in 2016. **(Continued on page 62)**

Dr. Hilary Bowman at a glance:

Dr. Bowman is the serving Education Director of CARU and the outgoing President of USC.

He has been married to Mrs. Verina Bowman nee Bacchus for the past 47 years. They are parents of two adult children: Dr. Kurt Bowman, a pulmonary critical care doctor and Karen Swan a business-woman. They have five grandchildren.

Dr. Bowman enjoys cooking, entertaining friends and gardening.



HISTORIC ORDINATION SERVICE FOR SDA CHURCH IN SAINT LUCIA

Written By: Nathaniel S. Emilien



Left to Right, Top to Bottom receiving certificates from Mission President Roger Stephen, Pastors Quigley Morris, Devron Thomas, Rod Rene and Richard Randolph.

On the afternoon of Sabbath 22nd May, the island church and the rest of the world, witnessed the first-ever virtual ordination service held in the Caribbean Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The service was held at the Castries Seventh-day Adventist Church and saw four pastors and their families of the Saint Lucia Mission or-

dained to the gospel ministry. The ordinands were Pastors Rod René, Devron Thomas, Richard Randolph and Quigley Morris. It is customary for officials of the Caribbean Union to attend such ordination services. However, the travel restrictions brought about by COVID-19 pandemic did not provide such an opportunity.



ORDINANDS' BIOGRAPHIES



Pastor Rod Rene hails from the picturesque community of La Croix Maingot. He has served the church in the capacity of elder and youth leader at his home church, L'Abayee (Zion) SDA church prior to receiving the call to ministry. His greatest joy is being married to the effervescent Alecia Charlery-Rene and being the father of the audacious Ariel Melody Rene. Pastor Rene has served a total of 7 churches and 1 group as Senior/District Pastor, including his current assignment at the Derriere Fort District of SDA and former assignment at the Maranatha District. Pastor Rene holds to the view that all of his accomplishments as a minister, including baptisms and the implementation of relevant contemporary initiatives, should be attributed to those who worked tirelessly with him—church boards, crusade teams, club leaders and directors, and by extension, all the members of the congregations he served. To them, he says, WELL DONE! Rod Malone Rodney Rene aims only to make it to the kingdom, everything else is secondary!



Pastor Rod Rene with his darling wife Alecia Charlery-Rene along with their daughter Ariel Melody Rene.

Pastor Devron Thomas was born and bred in the community of Laborie. He currently serves as the lead pastor for the Desruisseaux District of SDA which comprises, Agape, Belle-Vue, Grace and Cocoa SDA Churches. He has served as lead Pastor for the Marc and Sarrot SDA Churches, the Gros Islet SDA Church and the Maranatha District of Churches. Pastor Thomas is the tele-evangelist for the Saint Lucia Mission and speaker for the Open Bible Telecast (The official television program of the Saint Lucia Mission of SDA) which is aired weekly on HTS, one of Saint Lucia's premier TV stations. Throughout his Christian walk, his personal mantra remains "What shall I tell young people who are about to enter the ministry that shall be more useful to them than this? Keep to the cross, Keep to the cross!"



Pastor Devron Thomas along with his adorable wife Bethia Thomas and their son Benjamin Thomas. Daughter Megan Thomas not in picture.

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HISTORIC ORDINATION SERVICE FOR SDA CHURCH IN SAINT LUCIA



Consecration Prayer for Ordinands

After much deliberation, the Inter-American Division granted permission for fields to conduct their ordination services virtually. As such, the Administration and Ministerial Department of the Caribbean Union joined with the leadership of the Saint Lucia Mission via video conferencing to conduct this historic event.

There was prodigious support for the pastors from their colleagues in ministry and church members. The service was not only infused with humour and good-natured Christian fellowship, but it was blessed with a series of melodious musical items from Shirleyann Cyril-Mayers as well as Agape SDA Church Group.

The sermon was presented by the President of the Caribbean Union Conference Dr. Kern Tobias, who shared a practical message about the challenges of being in ministry but coupled this with the encouragement that even in hardships, we can still “rejoice in the Lord always” (Philippians 4:4). Dr. Tobias explained that the joy we have in God is not altered by what is going on around us, as joy is about “knowing who you are and whose you are.” Therefore, the joy that God places in our hearts cannot be changed by the challenges we face, a message which resonated with everyone.

Pastor Roger Stephen, President of the Saint Lucia Mission said, “It was a historical event for us. I

am happy that we are starting to recognize that God can use anyone for His work. May we seek God's wisdom to know His purpose for our lives and how we can live accordingly, so that on that glorious day of Christ's appearing, He may say to us, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.’”

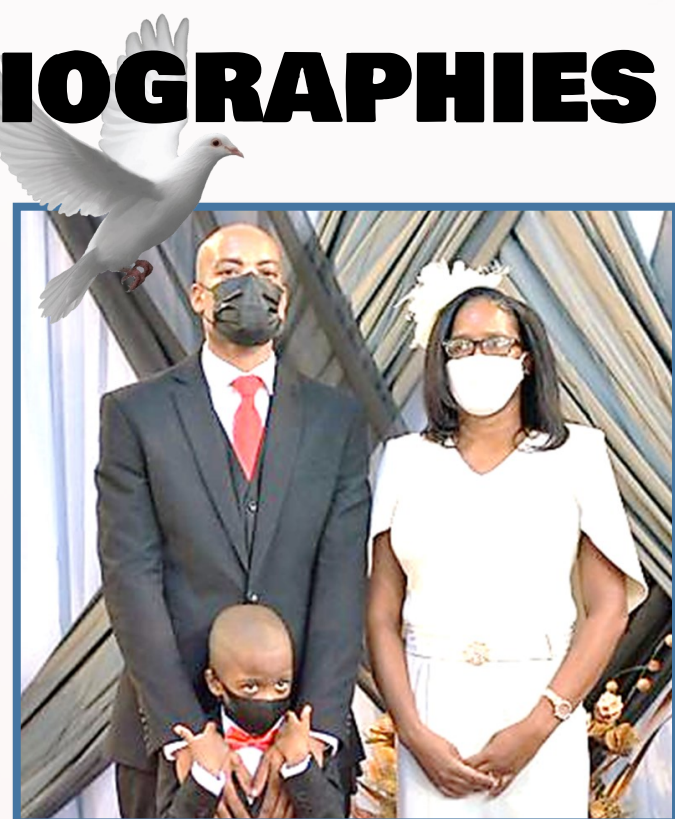
The wives of the pastors were welcomed to the fraternity of ministerial spouses by Sister Linda Tobias, Associate Ministerial Secretary of the Caribbean Union, and Sister Priscilla Stephen, Shepherdess Co-Ordinator of the Saint Lucia Mission. They were also recognised and affirmed for the years they have spent supporting their husbands in ministry – each receiving tokens of appreciation. Although being a 'shepherdess' may not be their primary occupation, the wives of the ministers play a vital role in supporting the pastors in their work.

We are grateful to God for the opportunity to commit these faithful servants to life-long ministry and affirm the calling of God upon their lives. It was a blessing that the service, being the first of its kind went through without a hitch, so that these families could be set aside for ministry. We believe that heaven rejoiced with us to see the workforce of God increase in number and strength, especially as we draw closer to the return of Jesus Christ. Our joy would be to see these young ministers continue to impact the lives of God's people, building the Kingdom till He comes.



ORDINANDS' BIOGRAPHIES

Pastor Richard Randolph born in the picturesque community of Ti Rocher. After surrendering his heart to Christ as a young man, he was an active member of the Micoud SDA church, his home church. It was during that time of service he received the call to ministry. Subsequently, he matriculated to the University of the Southern Caribbean – an affiliate of Andrews University at the time. In 2012, he graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology from Andrews University. Through his ministry, over 400 souls have been led to the lord. His vision is to empower and mentor the youth for ministry. He lives by the precept that “circumstances should never be allowed to shape who you are. However, circumstances should be used as a tool for your future empowerment.”



Pastor Richard Randolph with his adoring beauty Unester Rene-Randolph. Richard Jonathan holds firmly on

Pastor Quigley Morris hails from the community of L'Abayee. He started pastoral ministry on the 1st of January 2012 in the Castries District, and was transferred the following year to the Micoud District. His first assignment as a District Pastor was the five-church district of Babonneau. At present, he functions as the Pastor of the Maranatha District. His mantra: “In my 10 years in ministry, having discovered the pain and pleasure that define it, and having decided to give it my best, like Jesus, I want to be remembered as a man who cares about people.”



Pastor Quigley Morris and the joy of his life Joan Perineau Morris. Quintan Ethan is not in photo

The simplicity of this first ordination service is startling given its impact upon the future of the gospel proclamation. There is no costly temple, no dazzling rituals, no dignified guests in attendance. The order of service is unadorned and straightforward.

SOUTH LEEWARD CONFERENCE HISTORIC ORDINATION

“What was so special about this particular Sabbath?” You might ask. Well, let me hasten to tell you that the South Leeward Conference of SDA aired its very first virtual ordination service. Covid-19 thought that it had us trapped, but our leaders pushed fearlessly ahead. Not only were ministerial families in Antigua in attendance at this ordination service but officials from our other territories in the South Leeward Conference (SLC), the Caribbean Union and congregations across the globe.

We were treated to a five course meal, with the appetizer being the prelude performed by the St. John’s SDA praise team. With pomp and style, the Administrators, Directors, pastors and all spouses proceeded up the center aisle, being serenaded, as it were, by the praise team. Once everyone was in their respective positions, we were greeted by Dr. Wayne Knowles, Executive Secretary of SLC.

Each item added a special touch to the serenity of the service, from the scripture reading of 1 Timothy 1: 12 – 17 to the prayer offered by Pastor Bertie Henry (Treasurer, Caribbean Union Conference) and then to the remarks by our President, Dr. Carson L. Greene. We knew that we were about to receive a special blessing. Sis. Tiffany Smith reminded us that ‘People need the Lord’ as she served her item on a silver platter with lots of praise sauce.

Dr. Kern Tobias, President of the Caribbean Union, presented the first power-packed entrée under the title, “Follow me, only if I follow Christ.” He admonished the ordinands to forget selfish ambitions and attitudes and to focus on Christ. His charge was simple, yet profound: “Believe in Christ. Belong to Christ. Behave like Christ.” He assured the ordinands and all pastors that if this becomes their mantra, anyone who follows them will indeed be following Christ.

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Pastor Armory and Sister Nickeitha Walker



Pastor Chalvar and Sister Nadia Henry

SLC HISTORIC ORDINATION

Entrée, part two, was the presentation and ordination prayer of the candidates and their spouses. Imagine with me, a wedding processional with the bride and groom being escorted down the centre aisle! This is what we experienced! The spouses were decked in their royal garb with matching fascinators and masks, and the men were suited as kings. Pastor Johnson Frederick, Executive Secretary of the Caribbean Union, laid down a prayer as was never heard before. He petitioned God to make them become more powerful preachers of the gospel who will be bold servants in delivering persons from the enemy. He reminded everyone that the darker the times we live in, the more powerful is the light of God which these pastors must shine wherever they are called to serve.

Pastor Ammaran Williams, Ministerial Secretary and Family Ministries Director of the Caribbean Union, served the ordination charge as he reminded the ordinands that they have been called to be servants. A servant, he stated, is one who is called to be like Jesus, to know what he teaches and whom he teaches, and finally, to live like his Master.

Pastor Laurence Challenger, one of the ordinands, was chosen to give the response and that he did from deep within his soul. Recognition was given to family members, mentors and other church members who have made an indelible mark on their lives and shaped them to become the pastors that they are today.

Sisters, a female group of pastoral spouses, served the toast in a song entitled, 'Touch me Lord,' while official words of welcome were given by Dr. Carson Greene, Mrs. Michelle Greene (Pastoral Spouses Coordinator for SLC) and Mrs. Linda Tobias (Shepherdess Coordinator for the Caribbean Union). These greetings were followed by large servings of love which were poured out in the form of gifts of all shapes, sizes and colors. When we thought that the meal was far more than we desired, we were swept away by the dessert, the icing

on the cake as it were, by a pastors' quintet as they sang, 'Go Preach the Gospel'.

Having experienced and enjoyed a well balanced meal, we were ushered out with the words of 'So Send I You' and a final prayer by Pastor Charles Heskey, Retired Ministerial Secretary of SLC.



Pastor Prince and Sister Yuliecia Harris



Pastor Laurence and Sister Makeda Challenger

DIVINE INTERVENTION

By: Pr. Ashton O'Neil

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2. 1,000 Strong Intercessors Movement

The Caribbean Union Prayer Director and team formulated the 1,000 Intercessors Movement in the ten geographical areas. The intercessors were assigned to pray individually, by families, groups of twos and in churches at least three times a day.

Prayers were offered every day, before, during, and after the campaign for Dr. Claudius Morgan and his family, the crusade team, the church preparations, technical team, field preparations, the visitors, decisions, baptism, and salvation of souls. The 1,000 intercessors also offered special prayer sessions for members and visitors with prayer requests.

The Prayer Coordinator of CARU and the ten field Prayer Coordinators launched the prayer initiative on Sabbath, January 2, with Dr. Samuel Telemaque from the Inter-American Division as the devotional speaker.

Dr. Kern Tobias delivered the first powerful message on January 6 to begin the 40 Days of Prayer Initiative and culminated the Prayer Session on February 14, 2021.

Every morning at 4:30 – 5:30, powerful messages came from dedicated preachers. It was a daily divine-human encounter. The response was beyond our expectation. Over 2,000 persons were in attendance each morning, and many sessions over our 3,000 limit.

These early morning prayer sessions brought the entire Caribbean Union membership together. Additionally, the presence of the Holy Spirit generated a passion for involvement in the campaign.

The leaders and members realized the following goals:

- ◆ The power of prayer broke down many barriers and walls and provided opportunities for membership involvement and positive community response to our invitation to attend.
- ◆ Answered prayers and miracles received.
- ◆ Our members experienced revival and reformation.
- ◆ The heart-searching and surrendering messages

were impacting.

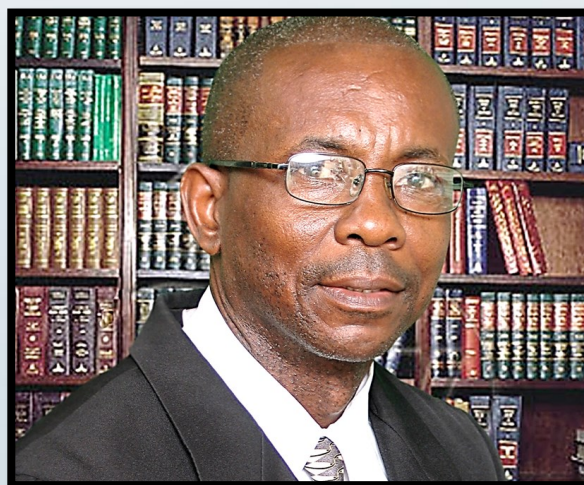
- ◆ The team and members were empowered and readied for the campaign.

The Pen of Inspiration reminds us, “The greatest victories to the church of Christ or to the individual Christian are not those that are gained by talent or education, by wealth or the favour of men. They are those victories that are gained in the audience chamber with God, when earnest, agonizing faith lays hold upon the mighty arm of power” (Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 203.1.).

The prayer initiative was a phenomenal success, members gained many victories, and the membership and leaders realized a tremendous prayer momentum. Some of the testimonies received were:

- ◆ My family was blessed and revived.
- ◆ I was personally drawn closer to Jesus.
- ◆ These were power impacting sessions. I was slipping away, but now I am refreshed and revived.
- ◆ I was very discouraged and about to give up. Now my faith is strong in the Lord.
- ◆ I got my prayer answered. My prayer life and family worship have been revived.
- ◆ My life has changed.

Praise God! These 40 Days of Prayer were meaningful, spiritually reviving and most impactful. **Prayer indeed works and has proven once again to be our most potent weapon as a church.**



Ps. Ashton O'Neil Prayer Coordinator CARU

SVG MISSION BIG RESPONSE TO THE VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS

By Pastor Dermoth Baptiste



Dr. the Honorable Ralph Gonsalves speaks to the worker at the Mission Office

Mother nature was in magnificent, splendid display on April 9, 2021 when the La Soufriere Volcano in St Vincent and the Grenadines woke up furiously, after lying asleep for 42 years since the last eruption in 1979. It terrifyingly assaulted the population with its fatal, lethal, deadly punches; on the left and the right, over the river, on the banks, north, south, east, west, as far as St Lucia, Barbados, Grenada; no one escaped its wrath and fury.

Oh! what a night, what a Saturday night, when on the 10th after the Sabbath hours ended, it blasted off like an inter ballistic missile with earth trembling noises to a height of 51,000 feet, far beyond the flying space of commercial jets. Sunday morning was like midnight, as the entire island was enveloped in dust, gas and ash. Ash blanketed the country with deposits ranging from 2 inches in the safe zone to more than 2 feet in the red zone.

The water system was immediately decommissioned, electricity service was shut down, the entire country was plunged into darkness, unidentified flying missiles were hitting you in the face, mask wearing became a must and every man, woman, child and beast was marooned to his own

corner.

The air quality had been severely compromised due to toxic gases floating in the atmosphere and noxious sediments deposited on every street, backyard and building in SVG. Conditions became rife for respiratory ailments, allergic reactions, skin irritation and post traumatic disorders of the highest degree.

Coupled with COVID 19 still lurking around and a current outbreak of clusters in some shelters, this has become a double-edged sword knocking with blunt force on both sides of the neck as it were. The nation is crying relentlessly, "I can't breathe. I can't breathe! Take your knees off my neck! I can't breathe!"

After 31 continuous occurrences of explosive pounding from April 9-22, the nation has been left bruised, battered, beaten and broken like the proverbial man travelling the perilous road from Jerusalem to Jericho who fell among thieves and was left to die. The following statistics present a very compelling and revealing narrative:
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SVG RISING FROM THE ASH



Rising to the challenge of cleaning of ash from every house roof in SVG

1. The entire country has been petrified and paralyzed by the damaging, detrimental, destructive energy which mirrors the eruption of 1902 in which 1600 persons perished.
2. Over 100,000 cubic meters of poisonous gases, ash, rocks and magma were emitted into the atmosphere, with their accompanying currents of mud-streams, pyroclastic flows and lahars which became tumultuous threats to human habitation.
3. Preliminary estimates put the destruction to the economy at 50% of GDP, which can retard the development of the Country by 10 years. Every sector of the economy has been affected with agriculture taking a good beating, tree crops destroyed, fruits ruined, vegetation stripped, livestock destroyed, valleys transformed, houses disintegrated, and road network derailed.
4. Some 15,000 persons had to be evacuated with little more than the clothing on their backs to the green and yellow zones. Instantly their world turned upside down with their mental horizon blurred and emotions running high. They found themselves living in 87 Government designated shelters, or among families and friends, waiting on hand-outs by State agencies and other humanitarian NGO'S.
5. Schools are closed, and are used as shelters in the green and yellow zones as many of the buildings are uninhabitable in the orange and red zones. Thank God there has been no loss of life, but the social disruption has been undeniably astounding and the psychological trauma unquestionably shocking. The national back may have been broken, but the resilient spirit of survival exists.

A massive relief program had to be implemented immediately to take care of the displaced residents, in which the Seventh-day Adventist Church, from a 'duty of care' is performing a significant role. The Church's intervention to the relief exercise is in six (6) distinct, defined areas:

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Adventist in North Caribbean Islands Collect Tons of Supplies for Volcano Victims



Pastor Trent Berg and volunteer workers stand with relief supplies in Virgin Gorda for St. Vincent.

Seventh-day Adventists across ten islands in the North Caribbean region recently joined forces to provide urgent assistance to the hundreds of people displaced by the eruptions of La Soufrière Volcano in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The volcano, which had been dormant for more than 40 years, sent lava streaming down the mountain and engulfed the southeast Caribbean’s atmosphere with toxic ash last month.

“We have discovered there are still major gaps in basic needs, including food, water, hygiene, cleaning kits and personal protective equipment,” said Pastor Alexander Isaacs, health ministries director for the church in the English Caribbean territory. “The needs are widespread, and we are working around the clock to get these essential items to those impacted.” At the start of the eruptions on Apr. 9, 2021, more than 20,000 people were displaced and unable to return to their homes.

Relief supplies collected in Sint Maarten are loaded up on a truck headed to the port for shipment

into St. Vincent and the Grenadines. [Photo: Christina Blythe]

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), through its local North Caribbean Conference Director Wilmoth James, collaborated with the region’s Community Services leaders to commission a prompt response to alleviate the discomfort of residents on St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Leaders also collected a special disaster offering throughout all of its congregations on Apr. 24.

Four 20-foot containers filled with supplies were collected in St. Croix. Other containers collected last month in St. Eustatius, Anguilla, Tortola, and Sint Maarten, included thousands of cases of water, personal hygiene care packages, cleaning agents, toiletries and clothing. In addition, church members in St. Thomas raised thousands of dollars for St. Vincent. More shipments were sent this month as well, church leaders said.

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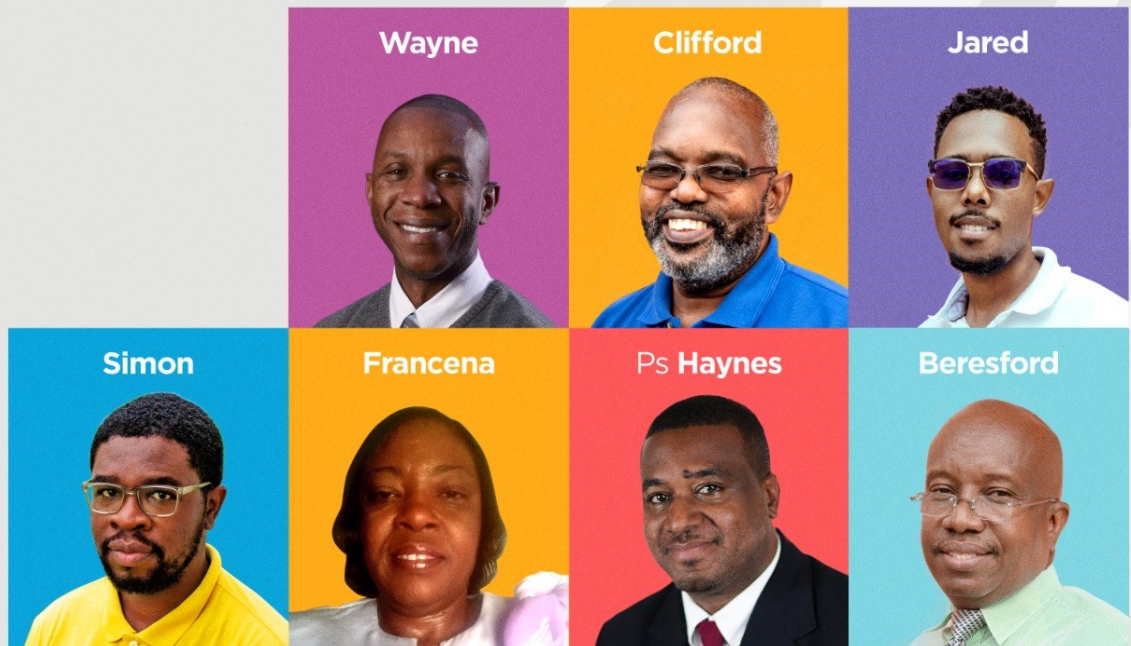
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The Band





IAD ADMINISTRATOR PERSPECTIVE

The recent evangelistic outreach of the Caribbean Union was impactful, engaging, exciting, spirited and Christ-centered. Featuring solid biblical preaching interspersed with lively singing by Pastor Claudius Morgan, over two thousand souls were led to Christ. Drawing from all sections of the Bible, and from his own conversion experience, Evangelist Morgan held his audience for the full duration of the four-weeks campaign. My wife and I adjusted our schedules in order to view the nightly and Sabbath meetings as they were refreshing and uplifting. Apart from the preaching, there were Bible-based teachings on such topics as tithing and the Spirit of Prophecy. The music which emanated from all sections of the Caribbean Union, was stirring and moving.

CARU Impact was indeed impacting for the Caribbean Union as it allowed for involvement across the union territory, spilling into neighboring countries, the Americas, Canada and the United Kingdom. Were it not for Covid-19 we would not have witnessed an Impact of this magnitude, displaying organization, unity and technology at its best. Though the meetings have ended, CARU Impact continues to reverberate throughout the region. I imagine there is already talk of CARU Impact II. Let's go for it!



Dr. Leonard Johnson



Studio Team, Praise Team, Reader with the members of the Band at the studio in Barbados.



Brining Cultural Differences To Share Christ

By Samuel Telemaque

The Good News Campaign bridged cultural differences through the efficient use of technology. This is a historical achievement. All previous Good News Campaigns were conducted at locations. However, this Good News Virtual Campaign bridged distances, cultures, and religions in the Caribbean Union Conference to communicate the gospel to different people groups.

The Caribbean Union consists of ten fields. Each field has its unique national pride, values, language and styles of worship. Previous Good News Campaigns adapted to cultural differences at geographical locations. On the other hand, meeting needs, tastes and expectations of the Caribbean Union's people in a virtual campaign presented the organizers with a daunting mission task.

The organizers used innovative strategies to overcome intercultural issues. These strategies included singing of the theme song in different moods and languages; participation of hosts and hostesses from different countries; persons of different ethnicities receiving the offerings and rendering musical items; special "shout out" to church leaders with an occasional invitation to a holy dance with Evangelist Claudius Morgan. All these strategies helped organizers to bridge the cultural differences of the Caribbean people in worship styles, generations, ethnicities, values and emotional state - the "cowness". It appears the organizers made many people happy despite the differences.

The campaign made me happy. I looked forward each night to the theme song, inspirational preaching, and spontaneous singing by the evangelist and appeal singers. The campaign taught many lessons. I will list tersely these lessons:- Collaborative dialogue bridges cultural difference; Caribbean Union members are creators of new



Dr. Samuel Telemaque

knowledge; prayer influences innovations in evangelism; visibility increases motivation; leaders who share power gain power; sermon preparation and delivery are two sides of the same coin; faithfulness in evangelistic preaching prepares a person for defining moments in history; and the Holy Spirit works to accomplish God's mission inspite of our limitations.

The Good News Campaign ushered the Caribbean Union Conference into a new era of evangelism. The future will shine brighter for its members, leaders and institutions. Evangelist Claudius Morgan and his team bridged the cultural differences to lead people of many ethnicities to Christ in baptism.

Jesus also bridged the gulf between God and sinners to reconcile us unto his Father from every nation, tongue and people (Revelation 14: 6).

Good News Gospel CARU Impact—Grenada Conference

By Oliver Scott - CD Grenada Conference

CARU Good News Gospel Explosion was preceded by great planning and preparation. Our Conference President, Dr. Clinton Lewis, Assistant to the President for Evangelism, Pastor Elvis Hillaire, and Communication Director Pastor Oliver Scott attended different meetings hosted by the Caribbean Union as we sought to cooperate with the Union for the execution of an effective and successful evangelistic series. This was going to be the first Union wide virtual evangelistic series.

According to the guidance from the Caribbean Union, each field was to have a management team in place with the Assistant to the President for Evangelism as chairman and the Communication Director as vice-chairman. Within our conference the management team included the other members of the conference evangelism council.

A promotion team was put in place to help execute the promotional aspect of preparations for the series. We were able to promote the series using both social media and traditional media. Hard copies of promotional material were also distributed. We assured the populace that there would have been good gospel singing, prayer sessions, special features, powerful preaching from the man of God, the free gift of salvation, and that it would have been thrilling and exciting! Indeed, all of these occurred when the series took full swing. Many people became acquainted with the name Dr. Claudius Morgan even before the series began. We were ready to have the messages traverse the length and breadth of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

The media team was at work producing and selecting videos for submission to the Union as part of our conference contribution to the nightly and weekly Sabbath meetings in the series. Our experience as a conference with local virtual evangelistic series aided well for the CARU program. We were able to upgrade our existing registration links, prayer cards and decision cards to make them more relevant to the new program. Hundreds of persons were registered for the series. We were



Pastor Jerome Gordon with one of the baptismal candidates in Grenada

able to send the nightly links to these registered individuals via WhatsApp, having chat groups for this purpose and also via email.

Lots of prayer combined with a very strong prayer structure was in place which began in 2020 and continued into the series. The prayer intercessors met on zoom for every night's meeting and before each Sabbath's meeting.

Pastor Hillaire was diligent in having the Bible workers and pastors organized and ready for the Bible work which was a great blessing to the series. The Bible workers were able to complement the ministry of the evangelist and be used by the Holy Spirit in helping persons to cross over from darkness into an acceptance of the light of God's Word and salvation.

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President Dr. Clinton Lewis Honoured By The Queen Of The British Empire

By Pastor Oliver Scott



Dr. Clinton Lewis OBE, President of the Grenada Conference

After more than 35 years of pastoral ministry and over two decades of leading the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Grenada, Dr. Clinton Lewis is about to receive special honour from the queen of the British Empire. On Friday, June 4, 2021, the Governor-General's Office gave government notice to the Grenadian people that the queen of the British Empire has been graciously pleased to give order for the appointment of Dr. Clinton Lewis to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire [Civil Division] for services to the humanities. The president of Grenada Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will therefore be vested with the letters OBE to His already prestigious title and position.

The membership of Grenada Conference of Seventh-day Adventists congratulate our president and wish him God's continued favours, leading,

blessing and anointing as he serves God and humanity. We also extend congratulations to his wife sister Femma Lewis and his three children (Sheriba, Merlika and Tinisha) for this prestigious honour bestowed upon him. "See thou a man diligent in His business? He shall stand before kings. He shall not stand before unknown men" [Proverbs 22: 29]. "A man's gift maketh room for Him and bringeth him before great men" [Proverbs 18: 16]. We give God the praise for fulfilling His Word and for His working through this humble man of God.

We look forward for that day when Dr. Lewis will hear the well done from the King of Kings and be ushered into His Most Excellent Order of the Eternal Empire. In the meantime, stay committed and faithful Doc! Congrats!

CROSS CULTURAL MISSION IN ORANGEFIELD

The first Life Hope Centre in the Union was the Orangefield Life Hope Centre in Chase Village, Central Trinidad. This was designed to be the Mission Training headquarters and the pulsating model for the spawning of similar institutions throughout the Caribbean. Director of CSAR(CENTRE FOR SOUTH ASIAN RELIGIONS) Dr. Clifmond Shameerudeen came with a unique bridge-building, cross-cultural evangelistic strategy. There were computer classes, health fairs, nutrition seminars, counselling and family enrichment initiatives. Then the Centre was closed as activities shifted to Brickfield. Thank God, after one year we experienced Operation Resurrection. Pastors Kevin Mohammed, Teelbaney Singh and Jayden St. Hill were among the early pioneers.

Entered Religious Educator, Noelia Southwell. She received the baton and with the energy associated with a nuclear bomb has moved into the territory and captured souls for Jesus. Vacation Bible School was introduced and the children came with the blessing of their parents. Noelia launched a mega Community Services initiative, revived the NEWSTART programme and the HOMEWORK CENTRE.

She went from home to home until she touched the last home. Though attacked by the enemy, she proved that "no weapon formed against us shall prosper."

Then Pastor Kevin Mohammed left for New York and Pastor Brian de Freitas entered the Central Mission field and increased the momentum. There was a major anti-drug march and rally involving Friends Forever and Dr. Dottin. Orangefield returned with a bang!! Beyond Orangefield, Noelia always saw the intrinsic value and church planting potential of the Korea village. With a keen eye for mission expansion, Pastor de Freitas jumped into the cross cultural waters, not to swim but to fish.

Together with Jennifer Patrick and Noelia, they formed a winning team. When the CARU Impact 2021 was launched with legendary evangelist Claudius Morgan, there was great excitement in the community. The first miracle was the permission that was granted to use the Community Centre. Soon Hindus came, the Spanish came, Muslims came and other Christian groups arrived. Pastor Cordell Williams provided linguistic support speaking in tongues, since he speaks Spanish fluently.

Souls gave their hearts to Jesus!! Families were reunited. The Spirit of Pentecost prevailed!! The sick were healed as the gospel of health enhanced the prophetic preaching. Acts of Kindness were performed and a new church is on the horizon. This is just the beginning of a diverse and amazing church planting and reaping strategy! To God be the glory!!



Pastor Cordell Williams translating Dr. Morgan's sermon for the Spanish visitors during the impact. This was conducted at the Community Center in the Korea Village, Central Trinidad



SCC ADRA/ODPM COLLABORATE

By Deborah Ferreira—CD SCC

The South Caribbean Conference was honoured to be the vehicle that the Office of Disaster Preparedness and Management (ODPM) chose as one of their sites for preparation of the shipment of needed items to St Vincent and the Grenadines. These items were desperately needed to bring relief to our neighbouring territory in light of the eruption of the La Soufriere volcano.

Spearheaded and supervised by personnel from ODPM, the SCC Office sprang to life as corporate citizens and church members rallied to the call and generously gave towards this needed project. We say thank you to all who donated.

This activity saw the coming together of different

classes of people from all walks of life working together and even throwing in humour at times to make the task lighter.

Amid the excitement and enthusiasm there was the grim reality that we are still in a pandemic and operating in less than ideal conditions. Even though the threat and scare of positive contact threatened a few staff members and volunteers, persons continued to press forward and gave yeoman service in making this project happen. It was a reminder that as a people under God, once we place our hands in His Hands, great things can be accomplished.



SCC Office staff and volunteers packing items to send for SVG volcano relief.



Amid lockdowns and a Pandemic, over 2000 baptized in the Caribbean Union's online Crusade

By Byron Hunte CARU Communications

The CARU Good News Impact 2021 program came to a grand close on Sabbath March 26th 2021 with a candlelight ceremony from various locations. In this campaign over 2,000 persons were baptized, culminating the four-week evangelistic campaign with International Evangelist Pastor Dr Claudius Morgan, Communications Director and Evangelism Coordinator of the Caribbean Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The program began on February 26th, 2021 and was launched by a virtual Union-wide rally on 20th February 2021.

This was a first of its kind program held in the Caribbean Union as it was a Union virtual event and secondly the first Union wide evangelism effort involving all ten fields of the Caribbean Union as one event. Members and ministers from the various Conferences and Missions within the Caribbean Union provided special music, prayer, and the various features for the nightly 7:00 to 8:30 pm broadcast. The program was run five nights per week with Thursdays being the rest night. The first three Sabbath evenings featured a concert entitled Caribbean Praise, showcasing various artistes, many of them youths from across the Caribbean.

The program began with the sermon topic "Are we ready for COVID-20?" and was followed by topics such as "What is the big deal about baptism", "What makes God so Great?", "That is Lie! You Hear Lie!", "Does God Care What Day We Keep?". All programs are available on the Caribbean Union Conference's Youtube page and the details about the program can be found on the GNCARU 2021 event page (<https://shorturl.at/emFG5>) which provided various assets including event news letters and messages. There were also presentations on "The Christian Lifestyle", "The Gift of Prophecy" and "How to Keep the Sabbath" by Pastor Anthony Hall, Youth Director of CARU and another on 'Stewardship and Tithing' by Pastor Terrence Haynes, Stewardship Director of the St. Vincent & the Grenadines Mission. All recordings are available on the Caribbean Union's YouTube channel.

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Intern Pastor Sean Shephard from Barbados/Guyana gives vows to candidates for baptism in Dominica



Good News Impact: The SLC Experience

After months of preparation, the GNCARU Good News Impact virtual evangelistic campaign, with Evangelist Claudius Morgan, has come to an end. The Caribbean Union of Seventh-day Adventists (CARU), consisting of 10 fields, collaborated to make this effort a tremendous success. The South Leeward Conference, one of the 10 fields, participated, and from all accounts a significant impact was felt. The campaign ran from February 26 to March 27.

The South Leeward Conference (SLC) devised intentional strategies to position individuals before and during the Good News Impact to make decisions for Jesus. These activities included a Bible work strategy, switchboard operations, video promotional ads, SLC Media behind-the-scenes activities, crusade watch parties, platform chats and the Victory Prayer Hour nightly program.

Before the campaign commenced, the SLC launched, the "What the Bible Says" Bible lessons for adults, and "the Children's Good News Impact" Bible lessons. These lessons, conducted weekly, prepared persons for baptism. Additionally, during the campaign, pastors and full-time Bible workers worked assiduously to prepare children from the Seventh-day Adventist Schools. Bible workers also worked with contacts from the Second Advent Radio station, missing members, former members and visitors for baptism.

A critical, behind-the-scenes component of the SLC evangelistic approach was the switchboard team. This team's function was that of a hotline, connecting the felt needs of individuals to the relevant personnel. The switchboard featured contact numbers from each territory in the SLC, Antigua & Barbuda, St. Kitts & Nevis, and Montserrat. The switchboard activities were extended beyond SLC. By utilizing WhatsApp numbers, the reach was expanded. Some nights recorded individuals con-

necting from Dominica, Guyana, Trinidad, the UK and the USA. When contacts outside of the SLC territory were received, the Personal Ministries director, Pastor Kay White, directed these precious souls to the nearest field. Truly networking at its finest for the Kingdom!



Lavyne Hutcherson, one of the sweet singers from the SLC. She resides in St Kitts

The local churches had a number of approaches toward ensuring maximum benefit from the evangelistic series. Observing COVID-19 restrictions, some churches utilized Facebook watch parties, some utilized the Zoom platform, others sent links nightly through various social media formats, while a few capitalized on lighter restrictions by having the series viewed at local church sites. Whatever the approach, it is evident that the churches were adopting methods that were best for soul winning. **(Continued on Page 31)**

TOBAGO WAS IMPACTED



Baptismal Candidates Tobago

By Annette Lewis—CD Tobago Mission

In this year 2021 we have been faced with many challenges, but God has been good to his church. We have seen governments across the world roll out many different measures to help safeguard its citizens from this global pandemic, many businesses have been affected, the livelihood of many has been otherwise hampered, and even the Church of the living God has felt the impact or the ripple effect of this deadly virus. However, if God be for us then who can be against us?

The Seventh-day Adventist church has openly declared, “We will not give up, we will not cower, and we refuse to go silently into the night!” Rather we have chosen to embrace the sentiments echoed in Matthew 24:14 which says, “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”

The Caribbean Union held nothing back as we launched out in the very first Caribbean wide evangelistic online campaign hosted by evangelist Claudius Morgan. The Tobago mission of Seventh-day Adventists held up the prophet's hand in realizing thirty sites of which eighteen of them were open air viewing sites. The clergy and the laity came together in a remarkable display of their love for the master and their commitment to calling

men and women out of darkness into God's marvelous light. Men and women worked day and night to see these sites fully erected and established, then they went as far as was permitted and possible into the highways and byways and called men and women to come and be a part of this event. Some did come out of curiosity, but they stayed because of the experience.

At one of our sites, we had several children that attended, so our efforts were concentrated towards them. At the end of the campaign, we made special hampers with school supplies, steps to Christ, and other items, that were shared. As the word of God went forward nightly from His manservant, indeed it did not return void, for we witnessed unique baptisms. On one occasion we were able by the grace of God to baptize a family of nine comprised of a grandmother and her eight grandchildren who all surrendered to Jesus together.

The campaign ended with the season of jubilee where the Tobago mission as a field realized one hundred and ten (110) precious souls for the Kingdom of God. To God be the glory. Great things He has done.



HOLY CONVOCATION

By Byron Hunte—CARU Communications

The Stewardship Department of the Caribbean Union recently conducted a Stewardship Impact program under the caption of "Holy Convocation". The program was held from April 17 to April 24, 2021.

The speaker for the Convocation was Pastor Dr. Gandadal Samlalsingh, Stewardship Director of the Caribbean Union. According to Pastor Samlalsingh, "The focus of the Holy Convocation was spiritual renewal, with an emphasis on in-reach more than outreach. Its goal was to renew each listener's covenant relationship with God." Although the focus was sharing with members about the "seven C's of stewardship" the power of God's Word within the message resulted in over 30 reported baptisms across the Union with the South Caribbean Conference, St Lucia Mission, North Caribbean Conference, and Grenada conference reporting.

The program was a union-wide one-week event where all entity fields were responsible for a segment. The North Caribbean Conference hosted the first program with the South Caribbean conference assigned the last Sabbath. Pastor Samlalsingh also stated that the Convocation was originally planned for last year, 2020, but was postponed to 2021 and delivered online. This proved a blessing as the viewership extended outside of the

Caribbean Union territories as well.

Through the series, Pastor Samlalsingh expounded on the "seven C's of stewardship" which are as follows:

1. Calling- Our unique calling to stewardship discipleship.
2. Compassion - our unquestionable character
3. Commitment -Our unquenchable compassionate stewardship
4. Character - our unreserved and undying commitment character
5. Commission - unparalleled commission to save humanity
6. Conformity - our unwavering conformity to a stewardship lifestyle
7. Celebration - our unending celebration in worship and giving

The entire series can be found on the Caribbean Union's YouTube channel.

The impactful sermon series was punctuated with notable quotes such as 'mission comes before money', 'one cannot outwork God', 'the nexus between stewardship and mission is our commission', 'when God blesses you it is not to hoard, but as an instrument to share' and 'when we use the term given, we are really using the term returning'.

During the various sermons, the pastor also reminded listeners that there are different aspects of the Christian lifestyle in relation to our eating habits as "even what we eat is an act of stewardship."

Pastor Samlalsingh indicated that 'the seven C's of stewardship' sermon series will soon be expounded on in a book he is currently working on that is expected to be published soon.

We give God thanks for this series and for His continued blessings on the Church.





WATER MINISTRY DURING THE CRISIS

(By Kerry Kerr (CD, SVG Mission))



Water brigade on the road distributing cases of purified drinking water to communities

Churches in prolonged crisis settings take on multidimensional roles in responding to the diverse needs which arise due to the crisis.

After the eruption of the La Soufriere Volcano, on April 9th, 2021 after 42 years of being dormant, The St. Vincent & the Grenadines Mission has become extremely active in offering hospitality to displaced people, doing relief and development work, and offering solidarity in suffering. One way this is done is through what they term as “Water Ministry”. The Bible alludes to water especially in Revelations 22:17, “And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.” Water flows throughout the scripture, and this should remind us of its importance both spiritually and physically.

With disruptions in the water system throughout St. Vincent, portable drinking water became an item most coveted. The Mission saw an opportunity to meet some of the needs through the donations which came from the sister fields.

Vehicles were loaded up with water and the team would drive to different communities and distribute to the residents.

One resident is recorded as saying, “We thank God that the church has thought of us. We are without water since the volcano erupted and it was hard getting water to drink. Thank You very much.”

Pastor Brent St. Jean, who piloted the intervention, remarked, “Today may just have been one of the most rewarding days I have had in a long time. It was a blessing to see people almost to tears when they received something that should be so common; water.”

When asked how often the church plans to accommodate this “Water Ministry” Pastor St. Jean said, “We hope we can do this at least twice a week.” He also noted that the church is actively involved the provision of meals which takes up some of the transportation resources.

The Church continues to offer hope through services at the shelters, and the provision of support for the sick and vulnerable.

An important area for which the church plans to be active is the psychosocial support for trauma relief. Since the call for evacuation on the 8th of April as many as four thousand persons are currently in shelters with another twelve thousand or so in private homes, hotels and guest houses.



Good News Gospel CARU Impact—Grenada Conference



O Happy Day. Pastor Marlon Peters carries one of the baptismal candidates. Inset - Assistant to the President for Evangelism, Pastor Elvis Hillaire.

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This life changing gospel series began on Friday, 26th February and continued nightly at 7:00 pm. It was broadcasted on our Conference Mission Live GND platform via YouTube and Facebook. It was also broadcasted on our online radio. We used other media, both traditional and social to broadcast the series. FLOW Channel 31, GFN Radio 91.3fm and 100.3fm, CM Ministries social media platform, Real FM Radio, GBB Ministry, Sylvanus Live and Pulse Radio all broadcasted the series. With God's help, we were able to have a very large viewership for this series.

The chairman of the management team, Pastor Elvis Hillaire was very committed to his responsibilities and was a great motivator throughout the duration of it. God be praised for Pastor Hillaire's leadership of Grenada's part in this grand evangelistic initiative.

Our media team worked diligently both in preparation for the series and throughout its duration. They rotated nightly and on Sabbaths to ensure the series was streamed on our platforms. The Conference administration was in practical sup-

port of this endeavor. Our Office Secretaries were very committed to their responsibilities and responded to calls from interested viewers.

We are elated about having baptized 168 persons for the kingdom of God. Conservation packages of Bibles, hymnals, and other religious and doctrinal material were prepared and given to our new converts. We pray for the faithfulness of these new believers and for the church to do what it can for their conservation.

God be praised for all that he has accomplished within Grenada Conference through the CARU Impact 2021. God be praised for the way he used our leaders and membership in Grenada and around the Union. God be praised for using Dr. Claudius Morgan as His mouth-piece for the proclamation of His Word. God be praised!





Good News Impact: The SLC Experience

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Some major highlights for the SLC approach included the daily advertisements, virtual war room, and the Victory Prayer Hour. Pastors encouraged their congregations to flood the social media platforms with the ads. These ads, at times, featured high-profile personnel, including a former West Indies cricketer, a disaster relief coordinator, an attorney at law, a medical doctor, the president of a netball association, and the like. Reports across the Conference revealed that church and community members were filled with anticipation over who would be next to make an appearance. Additionally, there was a virtual prayer room, which persons could access at midday, 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. to meet their needs outside of the 6 p.m. Victory Prayer Hour time period. The Victory Prayer Hour featured live interaction, power-packed testimonies, soul-stirring prayers, and children's Bible

trivia. This was an excellent prelude to the nightly online evangelistic meetings.

Long in advance of the start of the Good News Impact evangelistic series, the South Leeward Conference media team (SLC Media) was ready for the task of spreading the gospel. Through the use of the radio (Second Advent Radio, 101.5 FM) and video platforms (SLC Adventist YouTube Channel and Facebook page), many persons were able to participate nightly in the GNCARU programs. SLC Media's contribution over the four weeks, saw an 11 percent increase of subscribers to the YouTube channel. The SLC Media looks forward to providing many more excellent programs to the church and community.



Pastor Nixon Louis with two of the baptismal candidates—Montserrat



**Pastor Kishford Frank baptizes Claire Sandra Smith– Richards
at the Laventille SDA Church, Trinidad.**

CARU GOOD NEWS IMPACT

By Deborah Ferreira—CD SCC

Heeding the commission of Christ as found in Matthew 24:14...“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come” and adjusting to the new normal, the South Caribbean Conference joined with our brothers and sisters in the islands of the Caribbean to spread the “Good News” Gospel Extravaganza via the Online Media Platform.

Despite the many challenges and thorns in the path thrown by the evil one, this series was successfully aired during the period February 27 to March 28, 2021. The team worked assiduously to provide the links before time making it available to be shared with members, friends and families.

The Word delivered nightly by Dr. Claudius Morgan resulted in transformation of lives through the working of the Holy Spirit.

The South Caribbean Conference hosted 126 sites. One of these sites coordinated by the Malick SDA

Company invited members of the community to view and participate in this awesome experience in an open air forum.

Our Sabbath worship sessions gave us a slight glimpse of what heaven would be like when all the saved of earth gather around the throne to worship God on His Holy day. We realized that race, skin, colour nor nationality, can separate us from the love of Christ because we serve one God.

What a Holy Ghost time was experienced as God’s truth was presented with alacrity and Holy Boldness. Hearts were indeed blessed as testimonies came from individuals throughout the island whose lives were transformed to a new life in Christ.

This online transformational evangelistic experience resulted in an expansion in God’s army. Three Hundred and Sixty Five precious souls gave their lives to Jesus. To God be the glory, Great things He has done!

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NORTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE TEAMS UP WITH THE GOOD NEWS GOSPEL IMPACT CARU 2021

The Covid-19 pandemic has had both a negative and positive impact on the life of the church. While the physical doors of the church were closed for various periods of time, the doors of the church remained open to the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In fact, it allowed the church to conduct evangelistic campaigns not just at one physical location, but to reach a wider audience both regionally and globally through a virtual platform.



By Andrew E. Burrows—Executive Secretary

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Husband and wife emerge from the water after being baptized

NEW MOU SIGNED



Pastor Dermoth Baptiste, President of the SVG Mission and Mr. Kenson Stoddard, deputy director of NEMO display document which represents the 3rd MOU signed for the continuation of the feeding program for approximately 33,000 meals to be served to evacuees who are still living in public and private shelters. This 3rd MOU which is from June 13 to July 09 will see the Mission completing 100,000 meals served since the eruption of the La Soufriere Volcano.

Over 2000 baptized in the Caribbean Union's Online Crusade

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The program's main livestream point was the Caribbean Union's YouTube channel but was re-streamed by the various Conferences and Missions via YouTube channels and in some cases Facebook pages as well. Other restreaming points included the University of the Southern Caribbean Caring Church, ASI Tobago Live YouTube channel. Even locations outside of the Caribbean Union, such as Jamaica and specific locations in North America were streaming. There were over 100 restream points including websites, Zoom and radio and television stations. The number of churches in the Union that offered in-church streaming was 268 with the South Caribbean Conference (121) and the Guyana Conference (57) having the largest numbers. The nightly viewership averaged over 25,000 and the Sabbath programming was viewed by an average of 50,000 persons.

Of the more than 2000 persons reported baptized, the largest number was from the Guyana Conference. It is to be noted that the Caribbean Union is a collection of various island nations with a range of COVID-19 protocols such as restricted indoor and outdoor gathering and closed churches. The Church is grateful to Almighty God for those baptized given the varied national restrictions.

According to Pastor Claudius Morgan, "the initial program concept was expected to run five (5) or possibly six (6) weeks under the auspices of the East Caribbean conference, with the Caribbean Union being responsible for the first 4 weeks." However, with the various COVID-19 restrictions and protocol adjustments, the program that was originally intended to be streamed live from the Oldbury Campsite, Barbados was transitioned to a fully online program, composed of various taped segments with the preaching segment being taped in the studios of the East Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Barbados. It is a testament to the professionalism of the team that only once was there a major hitch and the various epi-



A happy Dr. Howard Simon with two of his candidates in Anguilla

sodes were delivered smoothly.

Pastor Dr. Balvin Braham, assistant to the IAD President in charge of evangelism shared with the CARU Communications team that "this program was part of an initiative approved and voted by the IAD for collaborative evangelism efforts to be conducted by every member union."

The program engaged various elements such as collaborative social media messaging, graphic artists, video and digital production specialists, project management, strategic planning, website management, data analytics and online support that elevated the program from a live-streamed crusade to a full-scale digital production. Many who freely gave of their time, talents and skills were young people; this bodes well for the work of the Adventist Church in the Caribbean in the arena of digital evangelism. The Caribbean Union's team owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to the Evangelism team that created the supporting BO-VI app and digital evangelism platform.

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SVG MISSION HONORS NURSES AND FRONTLINE WORKERS WITH CARE PACKAGES



SVG Mission President and Chief Nursing Officer, along with other officials at handling over ceremony of 100 hampers to nurses displaced from the eruption of the Volcano.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in St. Vincent honored dozens of nurses and frontline workers for putting their health and lives on the line every day for the citizens of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. The special ceremony highlighted their tireless work in fighting an increase in the number of dengue fever cases, the COVID-19 pandemic and injuries caused by the recent eruption of the La Soufrière volcano.

More than 100 cases of water and care packages were handed over to the island's health officials at the church's headquarters office in Old Montrose, Kingstown, on May 12 commemorating International Nurses Day. The event focused on providing care packages for nurses and health professionals who have been displaced due to the volcanic eruptions.

"Today is a very important day in the calendar of nurses in St. Vincent and the Grenadines," said president Pastor Dermoth Baptiste. "We would

like to congratulate you nurses for the tremendous work you have been doing over the years. We recognize that this is a difficult time for those displaced and those who ensure the nation's health must also be taken care of."

"We hope this small gesture will bring them a moment of comfort and self-care, for we appreciate all that our nurses have done and will continue to do," said Baptiste. He was joined by the church's health ministries director and National Adventist Health Professional Association director on the islands who also offered their appreciation for the outstanding work nurses have continued to do.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Chief Nursing Officer Peggy DaSilva praised the Adventist Church for the kind gesture and the humanitarian service provided to the community.

By Kerry Kerr - CD SVG Mission

THE METAMORPHOSIS OF TRANSFORMATION

Lock Down Yuh Game! – Virtual Social.

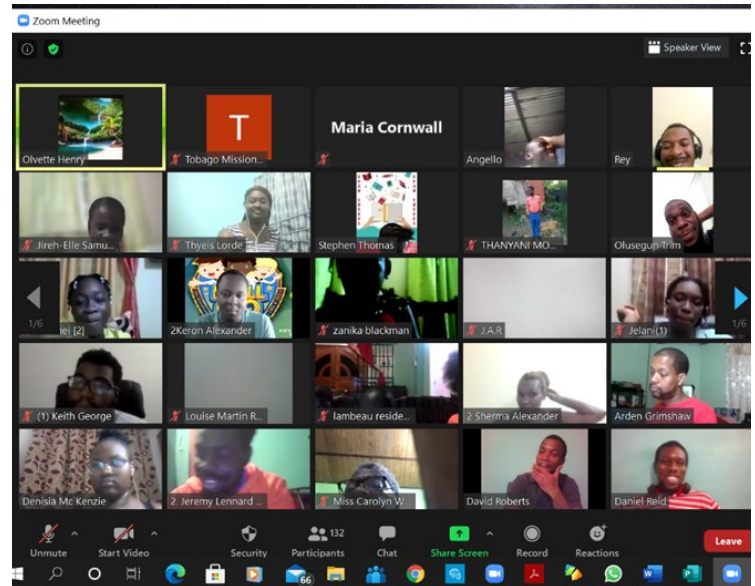
By Annette Lewis CD Tobago Mission

Our God is an awesome God! In His wisdom He created man with strong social urges and needs which are an integral part of man's personality and make-up. Each year, the Tobago Mission hosts its annual Sports and Family Day Event bringing all the members of the Tobago Mission together for fun and games, to laugh and play and compete in a friendly way for the famous Youth Department Challenge Trophy. Like all other activities, our in-person social event has been put on pause due to the covid and the restrictions. This did not stop us! L.E.G.A.C.Y. Mission, a group of young talented, inspiring busy young people full of energy partnered with the Tobago Mission Youth Department to host "Lock Down Yuh Game" a virtual games night. We planned with the youth in mind a social event to alleviate some of the pent-up energy and pressure due to the stresses of work, school, and curfew.

Saturday night June 5th, we got off to a good but shaky start. L.E.G.A.C.Y. Missions with a little patience and perseverance, set the pace and ignited the fun side of our members, to take part in virtual games. The Team went into gear! With the Zoom room open, persons coming and going, our logins held steady at approximately 135 /137 youth, young adults and even some of our mature youth. Praise God for their stamina and endurance. With games like hang man, family feud, and kahoots, our young people were firing on ten cylinders, with so much energy, they wanted to play all night! Even after the games ended persons were still trying to get into the event!

Into the fabric of human life, social desires are woven. This is a natural thing and we must not neglect it. Covid has caused so much pressure not just for adults but for our young people. Even though we may not recognize it, they too are suffering from the pandemic impact. We must take the time to understand that all work and no play is not a good thing especially now that we remain at home whilst other parts of the world are beginning to open up. We must continue to endure.

It is safe to say we have it "lockdown" when it



Participants in the games

comes to producing and presenting inspiring virtual programs and training to prepare the member for a closer walk with Jesus. We have it "lockdown" with dynamic presenters and speakers. We have it "lockdown" with evangelism; we know what we need to do to achieve the goal.

With so many virtual inspirational programs and training sessions for leaders and members taking place, teaching us how to be better Christians and preparing us to improve on our evangelistic efforts to save souls for the Kingdom, let us not forget to take some time out to play and have fun even on the virtual platform for this too is part of evangelism.

Until the churches fully open and we can finally exhale and embrace one another after being cooped up for so long, remember play time is a great time to bring the church family together, to reconnect with those who may be wavering or have somehow lost their way in all of this chaos. While we remain in lockdown, let's be creative in our evangelism as we can use socializing to lockdown souls for the Kingdom!

Hope for The Publishing Work

By: Pastor Maxcen Noel—Publishing Ministries Director, Grenada Conference



IADPA Store in Grenada with Publishing Director, Maxcen Noel attached.

The Psalmist asked a very profound question, in Psalm 85:6. “Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?” As a newly elected director filled with a passion and enthusiasm for this noble task, it has truly been a rewarding experience to see how quickly the publishing work at the Grenada conference of SDA has been transformed. The publishing work, through the grace of God has truly taken a turn for the good. Inasmuch, that on January 29th - 30th 2021 the question of the Psalmist was answered when the Publishing Ministries Department hosted its first retreat for the New Year in the Grenadians.

The weekend was truly a blessing to all. The presenters (Director Judith Smith, Director Roosevelt Haynes, President Clinton Lewis and Pastor Neive George) were truly remarkable and relevant, calling and pointing the members to the seriousness of the call to go together with the purpose of spreading the Gospel through the printed pages.

After that weekend at the Grenadians, I had no doubt in my heart that the Lord is about to do something great through the Publishing ministries department of the Grenada Conference. In fact, after that publishing convention, I can say with the assurance that the publishing work is very alive.

In addition, the publishing ministries department has also demonstrated that there are many creative ways in which we as a people can spread the word. And so, on April 17th 2021 the publishing ministries held their second, rhythm, poetry and public speaking, grand finale. Sixteen young persons demonstrated that the word of God can be harmonized in a poetic way that can bring people closer to Jesus. Therefore, even the young people are getting on board with the literature work. There is hope for the publishing work.



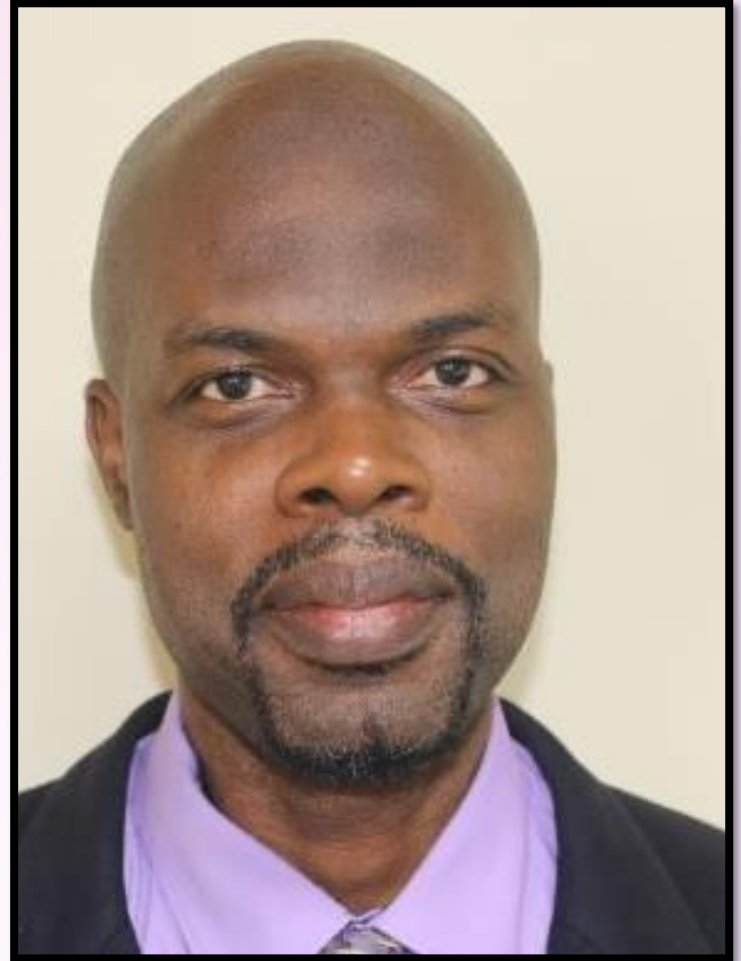
MEDIA MINISTRY IN GRENADA CONFERENCE

Grenada Conference expanded its media center during the month of May merging the old media center with the space at our Headquarters formerly used for our store room. This work took a few weeks resulting in a more spacious venue for hosting and streaming the services and programs of the Conference. God be praised for the work of Elder Michael Ramdeen and His team in the expansion process. The new and upgraded media facility was dedicated to the service, honour and glory of God on June We acknowledge and appreciate Dr. Clinton Lewis and the Conference Executive Committee for the authorization of this development.

Workshop and Training

On Sunday January 10, the Communication Department held a workshop for Communication Secretaries, Assistant Communication Secretaries and members of the communication team of our local churches. This workshop was intended to empower the aforementioned persons to perform their roles efficiently at the level of the local church. The workshop was facilitated by Grenada Conference Communication Director. Caribbean Union Communication Director Dr. Claudius Morgan was also present at the workshop and shared with the local team in preparation for the Good News Gospel Explosion.

On Sunday April 11, another training session was held. This was a social media evangelism training session under the topic, Effective Tools For Your Virtual Ministry. Such tools were shared and explained to our Communication Secretaries and interested members. Two of such tools were CANVA and StreamYard. The facilitator of this training was Pastor Royston Philbert, Communication Director of North Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. This training was streamed on our Conference online platform, MissionLiveGND. We take this opportunity to thank Pastor Chirnus Isidore for his work in organizing this training. Pastor Isidore is responsible for social media evangelism and training within the Communication Department. We are preparing for another such training session on Sunday, July 11.



Pastor Oliver Scott, Executive Secretary of the Grenada Conference is also the Communication Director.

Productions

As a department we continue to produce and also collaborate with other departments and institutions in the production of many programs, services and videos. We have been privileged to participate in a very significant way, along with the local conference Evangelism Council in the CARU Good News Gospel Explosion. We are doing similarly in preparation for the Faith Is The Victory Evangelistic Series to be held by the Children and Adolescents Ministries of the Conference. Along with our general work of production, the following reflect the weekly productions broadcasted on our MissionLive Platform: Sunday Night Service, Pastors' Corner, YouthLive Unplugged, Sabbath Morning Service and Adventist Youth Service.

SVG RISING FROM THE ASH



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1. To provide 100,000 meals over a 3-month period which represents a value of XCD\$1,400,000 or USD\$524,345 which translates to \$14.00 EC or \$5.24 US per meal. A memorandum of understanding has been signed with the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) which is renewed on a month-by-month basis.
2. To supply 3,000 families with food hampers, 1,000 ladies with care packages and 1,000 children with back-packs containing toys, sketch pads, crayons, etc.
3. To offer psychosocial support and first aid counselling to the evacuees who are traumatized and experiencing various forms of mental illness.
4. To distribute 1,000 Bibles and 1,000 missionary books, Hope for the Family, to families and provide other reading material inclusive of Priorities magazines to each evacuation center.
5. To distribute approximately 500,000 cases of purified bottled water through a water caravan brigade to the neediest areas, organizations and institutions.

6. To apportion USD\$100,000 by way of cash or gift vouchers to families displaced to assist in cleaning, recovery and the rehabilitation phase of disaster.

We thank the Seventh-day Adventist Church family through the various layers of management structure for their tremendous social solidarity, outpouring of empathy and overwhelming support, not only as Good Samaritans, but as “Great Samaritans” as aptly put by the Prime Minister in one of his daily briefings.

ADRA’s International presence has been immediate, the Caribbean Union Conference with its affiliate Missions and Conferences simply phenomenal and prodigious, the University of the Southern Caribbean caring and considerate, the Inter American Division, inclusive of IADPA and the various Unions, splendid and superb and the General Conference expectedly, gracious and gratifying. Churches in the diaspora, members, well-wishers and our CARICOM family came immediately to our rescue as soon as the distress signal button was pushed.

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Volunteers from one of our kitchens operated by the SVG Mission preparing meals for nine shelters.

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES MISSION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS RESPONDS TO VOLCANIC ERUPTION

By Kerry Kerr CD—SVG Mission

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Mission of Seventh-day Adventists on Sunday 18th of April officially launched a feeding program as part of its social responsibility in assisting to mitigate against the impact of the ongoing explosive eruption of the La Soufriere volcano.

Only days before, the President of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Mission of Seventh-day Adventists Pastor Dermoth Baptiste signed a memorandum of understanding together with Ms. Michelle Forbes, the Director of the National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO).

With 20,000 or more persons displaced and living in shelters or private homes in conditions that are far less hospitable than what they are accustomed to, the church has shown its solidarity in this natural/humanitarian disaster.

Pastor Baptiste commented: “Our people are known for their tremendous resilience and courage to stand in crisis. I am confident that by God’s grace, we will rise from the ashes.”

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Mission of Seventh-day Adventists in association with Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), the Vincentian American Adventist Association (VAAA), the University of the Southern Caribbean (USC), the Caribbean Union Conference and other layers of the regional and international church structure are partnering together to respond to this tragedy.

The plan is to immediately provide just over 15,000 hot meals, prepared in four kitchens, to persons in shelters; this translates to over 1200 meals daily for at least four weeks in the first instance. The Mission will also work with a professional group to provide assistance in Psychological First Aid and Trauma Counselling.

As time progresses and the country moves into the recovery and reconstruction phase, the church led by its youth arm will assist with cleaning of premises and surroundings, and repainting of houses.

The Prime Minister, Hon. Dr. Gonsalves reiterated the appreciation which Ms. Forbes extended, and added that “the Seventh-day Adventist Church is really showing that they are their brother’s keeper.” He further remarked, “It is a good example for other churches to follow as the Seventh-day Adventist Church is leading.”

The launching of the feeding program was officiated by Pastor Dermoth Baptiste, Ms. Michelle Forbes, and Hon. Dr. Ralph Gonsalves. Other attendees included Directors, Pastors, Volunteers, and Media Personnel.



Dr. Hilary Bowman presents cheque to Crystal Water for the container of water to SVG. Looking on are Dr. Prakash Ramoutar and Dr. Robert Liverpool

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Container upon container, barrels, crates, boxes, water tanks, commercial stoves, cooking utensils, food stuff and hard cash came rolling in from far and near, similar to the streams of pyroclastic material that came cascading down the mountain slopes. Oh what an outpouring of love and solidarity!

Four kitchens manned by 50 community services volunteers have been commissioned to cook and package 1,500 meals (lunch and supper) daily for 650 evacuees and for the many helpers and needy persons that pass by. The meals are tasty, nutritious and balanced and are transported to 9 shelters that have been assigned by NEMO and adopted by the Mission.

The SVG Mission/ADRA has been one of the first agencies to come on board which has caught the attention of the national community as well as regional reporters. Pastor Ian Williams, the local ADRA and Community Services director has been providing exceptional leadership in this massive relief undertaking.

The feeding program was officially launched on April 16 by the President of the Mission, Pastor Dermoth Baptiste, with the Prime Minister, Dr. the Hon Ralph Gonsalves and director of NEMO, Ms Michelle Forbes in attendance. The event was carried live on several radio stations, and on television. An ADRA board has been commissioned to manage the church's intervention.

At this time of national crisis, the population is traumatized but not dispirited. I am very optimistic that SVG will bounce back and will rise from the ashes for a greater comeback to the honor and glory of God.



Volunteers from one of the kitchens operated by the SVG Mission preparing meals for nine shelters.

21 INITIATIVES LAUNCHED

March 21st was a very historic day for the citizens of the Rio Claro/Mayaro constituency in the South-Eastern region of Trinidad. At 7 a.m., hundreds of people consisting of Hindus, Muslims, and Christians assembled at the Rio Claro recreation ground. This march was organized by Member of Parliament, Rushton Paray. In his address, he asked his constituents to join in the struggle against Gender Based Violence. Delivering the feature address was Pastor Clive Dottin. He stated that women must not be vilified or objectified. Then he made the following declaration:

"Our girls must not be intimidated, humiliated or assassinated. The gruesome killing of Shannon Banfield, Ashanti Riley and Andrea Bharatt shocked the nation. Their bodies were found in different stages of decomposition. We must teach our young men to respect and protect women. I

call upon all men to join the fight against gender based violence. This is the time to arise and shine, this is the time to unite and fight the despicable scourge of domestic violence."

Many groups participated including Women's Lives Matter, Ibis Foundation, The Police Youth Club, Friends Forever, CUP: Courage Unlimited Please. Chrisette Benjamin, Leader of the Ibis Foundation stated that her group had started to empower youth by raising funds to grant scholarships and help the "poorest among the poor."

Since the journey of a 1000 miles begins with the first step, this was a mega step in the right direction. Several initiatives are planned for the rest of the year including Career Guidance seminars, Environmental Campaigns, and Youth Concerts.



Leading the way from left to right—Councillor Samuel Sanker, Warrenville, Cunupia; Councillor Hazaree Ramdeen, Vice Chairman Rio Claro-Mayaro Corporation; Dr. Clive Dottin, Religious Liberty and Public Affairs Director Caribbean Union Conference and Pastor Raymond Cozier, Chairman Rio Claro-Maaro Corporation



The Good News CARU Impact 2021 Evangelistic Virtual Campaign

Report Prepared by: Saint Lucia Mission Communications Department



A Smile of joy from the newly baptized



Former President of the National Cricket Association and Sports News Anchor of DBS Television Station with his family before baptism and with his wife after baptism.

Praise Report:

We glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for giving us the grace to finish these five months of 2021. Our most sincere thanks to God that He is always faithful!

I Don't Want To Be Left Out Of The Kingdom Of God was the anthem on the lips and minds of believers and non-believers alike before and after this Spirit-led virtual mega gospel initiative. St. Lucia actively waited eagerly for the Good News CARU Impact evangelistic series (GNCARU) as of January 2021. The evangelist is no stranger to the island, and folks were excited to know he would be preaching, albeit virtually, because of the raging COVID-19 pandemic. So on the opening night, Friday February 26th, Saint Lucia Mission's YouTube channel fired up with 13,000 viewers! We joined the ten field conferences and 27 island territories of the Caribbean union for the four-week mega-evangelistic campaign, and what a

month it was!

Preparing the field

St. Lucia was ripe and ready to harvest. In advance of the campaign, members utilized the Operation Andrew method; they prayed for at least seven people from their list and personally worked with at least one person. Each district was encouraged to bring in 20 souls. Many shared the link and invited friends, family, and colleagues. The administration and membership vigorously promoted the campaign, aptly sensitizing the island as we awaited the move of God. The church embarked on an island-wide organized prayer initiative. Local prayer warriors mobilized and prayed, the pastoral teams prayed, family members prayed together in private devotions, and individuals prayed. In addition, prayer clock small groups met daily, and congregational prayers ascended weekly to the throne room of God. **(Continued next page)**

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The Assistant for Evangelism to the President, Pastor Matison Preville, the Personal Ministries Leader, Pastor Lucius Philip, and the Communications Secretary, Pastor Daryl St. Clair, worked arduously to mobilize and energize the island church for the campaign. The team utilized several means of promotion, including the riveting and engaging videos by the evangelist, Pastor Dr. Claudius Morgan, video ads by the Pastors of the St. Lucia Mission, Radio ads on Prayz FM radio, WhatsApp flyers, FaceBook promotions, and the good old fashioned, ever impactful word-of-mouth marketing. There were four platforms available for anyone to access the evangelistic series: Prayz FM radio, St. Lucia Mission YouTube channel, LNO Studios YouTube channel, and The Advent Channel.

Every district and church on the island participated in the campaign. Some churches viewed live on weekdays and weekends; others streamed on Sabbaths. Members and friends shared the link with family and friends all over the world nightly, and some reported watching the programs live. Others viewed recordings afterward based on time differences and convenience.

Feedback from viewers

Adventists and non-Adventists were impressed with the quality and content production of the nightly series. Features like the sermons airing in four languages: English, Spanish, French, and Dutch, the virtual tours of the territories, the uplifting and lively music, and extraordinary testimonies from the various island territories were reportedly a huge blessing to all. The topics, Are We Ready For Covid 20, Out On Bail, When Religion Does Not Make Sense, What Is The Devil Scared Of, to name a few, were captivating, and the content appealed to the souls of the participants from beginning to end. As a result, many people are re-watching the videocast.

A Bountiful Harvest!

Fittingly, when the campaign came to an end, 130 precious souls gave their lives to Christ and joined the local family of God. To God be the glory! The Word of God was presented with power, and the



Pastor Matison Preville—Assistant to the President for Evangelism

Spirit of God moved everywhere, and the children of God capitulated and accepted the unconditional love of our benevolent Father. Indeed, the church at large experienced revival because of the Spirit-led ministry of Evangelist Pastor Morgan.

Finally, immediately after the series, the Mission implemented an island-wide conservation plan to support and nurture the new converts. The program empowers local leadership and inspires every member to follow the divine imperative and love each other into the Kingdom of God. We are to continue in prayer and service, encouraging discipleship, seeking daily converts, and energizing members to mobilize and evangelize. Ultimately, we surrender to the ministration of the Holy Spirit for a finished work. Yes, we look for the glorious appearance of our Lord and Savior, the soon coming King. Until then, may we continue unwaveringly, with zeal and ownership of the faith so that our belief never becomes mere mental platitudes, but ever lift our Savior high that He will draw men, women, boys, and girls everywhere to Himself. Praise God for Pastor Dr. Claudius Morgan's ministry, and may God bless our tireless efforts to win souls for the master according to His command written in Mark 16:15.

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Four WEEKS CARU IMPACT 2021

BAPTISMAL RESULTS

Baptismal Goal – 5 Weeks		Total Baptisms – 4 Weeks
Guyana	1000	1144
South Caribbean Conference	750	365
South Leeward Conference	150	176
East Caribbean Conference	850	183
Grenada Conference	200	168
North Caribbean Conference	200	110
SVG Mission	150	40
Suriname Mission	50	26
St Lucia Mission	300	130
Tobago Mission	100	110
Totals	3,750	2452

LIFE HOPE CENTER EXPANDS

The year 2021 started with a lot of sadness and hope at the same time. This was due to the illness of my main volunteer elder Steve Persad, who suffered a stroke while preparing to attend a meeting that was set for newly baptized candidates in Korea Village. We continue to provide food hampers to residents of Korea, Chase Village and Carlsen Field especially our newly baptized members. With the help of caring church members, clothes and footwear were donated to assist our new babes, most of whom come from poverty-stricken situations. Due to the growth in the number of persons attending, we were driven to separate the Spanish from the English. I have been receiving help with the Spanish on Sundays from Pastor Cordell Williams, Jennifer Odia and Judy Downer while Elder Cooper, Eileen Thomas and husband Leon Thomas, and Mr and Mrs Arneaud help with the English on Friday evenings. Due to the Caru Impact, 23 more persons were added to our mem-

bership church, giving us a total of 34 persons between November and March. Our soup kitchen started on April 8th 2021. The areas receiving food every Thursday are Korea Village and Chase Village.



Brian De Freitas leads out in this baptism. Product of the Cross Cultural Ministry of the Life Hope Centers in Central Trinidad

By Noelia Southwell



Over 2000 baptized in the Caribbean Union's online Crusade

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Pastor Morgan is no stranger to large evangelistic campaigns and has been involved in global evangelistic campaigns for over 25 years. His preaching is delivered with amazing simplicity and reasoned points punctuated with singing, something the pastor loves to do. Night after night the sermon was presented with the flavor we've all come to identify as uniquely 'Pastor Morgie'. The pastor reminded listeners that "Even though Jonah ran away from God, he was still his prophet" and admonished listeners that "you are not saved by commandment keeping but saved people will keep the commandments."

Other sermon quotes include, "The cross is the center of the story; the cross is the marching orders for the Christian. He often encouraged listeners, "When you fall down, you don't stay down. You get back up." The studio 'audience' usually comprised four singers, a musical band consisting of five persons and the reader: yet it was an amazing support team. Nightly viewers can recall the engaging banter of the scripture readers particularly David Wood that made the in-studio experience memorable. As Pastor Morgan would punctuate his impactful preaching with singing well-known songs such as 'Draw me close to you' and 'Draw me nearer' to lesser-known choruses such as 'My God is a miracle working God', it often seemed as if more than just four persons were singing and angels seemed to have joined in to fill the room with praise. The preacher is known as a true singing evangelist and with a smaller in-

person audience, his trademark singing would often start and end with his melodic voice. Night after night he delivered the word of God with power. The impact of the event was so profound that by the end of the first week, several baptisms were already held.

We are grateful for the support of Pastor Morgan's wife and family and the various ministers such as Pastor Dr. Samuel Telemaque (IAD), Pastor Dr. Kern Tobias (CARU), Pastor Dr. Balvin Braham (IAD), and the many leaders who called and encouraged the Evangelist. Pastor Morgan has publicly shared the challenge of being quarantined, away from his family, spending long hours preparing sermons, editing sermons, and recording the session for each night. The crusade team expresses its thanks to all who supported the minister. We are profoundly grateful to Almighty God for sustaining his servant in this work over the six weeks he was physically absent from his family.

Digital events may have challenges, but the crusade management team is grateful to our Heavenly Father for his faithfulness and for the men, women, boys and girls who have begun or renewed their walk with Christ. The program series is available on our YouTube channel and we encourage everyone to enjoy and share the series even though the crusade has ended.

Joint Baptism in St Marteen - Zagergut and New Bethany SDA Churches. 4 persons were baptized.



SCC INNOVATION IN EVANGELISM

By Deborah Ferreira—CD SCC

The South Caribbean Conference Office Staff, under the guidance of Pastor Inskip Richards, engaged in Field Evangelism, on Monday, February 15, 2021. The Staff donned their SDA jerseys and cascaded through the streets of Curepe on the Eastern Main Road to share their Christian experience with citizens as they traversed the busy

staff came together for a team building activity. Just as in Bible times, the disciples took their break from fishing for rest, rejuvenation and the strengthening of each other, the South Caribbean Conference saw it fit to model this pattern.

An ‘Office Staff Cook-Off’ with three teams



Chaplaincy Director distributes Priorities Magazines to passersby at Curepe Junction.

streets to conduct their varied activities during this global pandemic. We met hurting and depressed persons whom we prayed with and for whilst distributing Priority Magazines.

Observing the Covid-19 protocols in no way dampened or hampered the mood of the staff as they shared and interacted with the public. One gentleman inquired as to the nearest Seventh-day Adventist Church in his area and promised to attend. Others were thrilled to have prayer offered for them and their families, while others graciously accepted the magazine shared. The entire staff was indeed blessed as we interacted.

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, saw evangelism in another innovative way. The Administration and

namely, ‘Team Image de Marque,’ ‘Uzuri’ and ‘Joie de Vivre et Prix’ (all pronounced with a lovely French accent) prepared rice and peas cook up, provision oil down, and an assortment of beautiful salads that literally “blew your mind.”

There were also lovely blends of our local fruit juices as the creativity of the staff came out in full bloom. It was a sight to behold. Over 85 persons were able to enjoy a healthy and scrumptious meal that day and even visitors to the office partook of the meal. We dubbed it “The Social Pandemic Experience”. The activity was truly an enjoyable and bonding experience for all members of staff.

IMPACT **JAMAICA** 2021 REPORT

By **Dr. Joseph C. Smith**— Assistant to the President Jamaica Union

Jamaica Union was blessed with seventy-three preachers from the Caribbean Union, who participated in a virtual evangelistic series in Jamaica. The initiative is a part of the Inter-American Division programme to expose preachers to other cultures, thereby helping them to learn new approaches in leading persons to Jesus. Originally, all preachers were to begin on April 17 and continue for two weeks, thereby concluding on May 1. The Coronavirus Pandemic and the resulting restrictions however, forced us to make adjustments to both the dates and the structure of the programme. The preachers and host congregations, embracing the injunction of the Apostle Paul who counselled Timothy to preach the Word in season and out of season, began the first segment on April 17 with twenty-seven preachers sharing the Word of God. The rest of the seventy-two preachers would engage in two-weeks series, which would conclude no later than July 31.

The various series have been a great source of blessing and inspiration to the participating churches. A number of the preachers incorporated their local congregations in the series thereby making them spiritually enriching cross-cultural experiences. Pastors, leaders and members were able to jointly participate in the worship services, and listen to the preaching of God's word. While both the Evangelists and the congregations would have preferred to be present in the local space, they did not allow the virtual nature of the programme to negatively impact their commitment and support. We wish to register special thanks to the preachers for their solid, Bible-based Adventist messages. While we praise God for the souls won, we are equally appreciative of the great messages preached that have so far led to the confirmation of the truths we believe in the minds of the listeners. Some churches were so blessed by the series, that they in partnership with the preachers, extended their campaigns. Currently, some cam



Dr. Joseph C. Smith

paigns are in progress. The final segment of this programme will begin on July 17 in the North East Jamaica Conference. To date, approximately 166 persons have surrendered their lives to Christ in baptism, and become part of the family of God.

Jamaica Union wishes to register profound gratitude to God for allowing us to be a part of this great cross-cultural experience, and working through our preachers and churches to lead souls to Christ, as well as experiencing our own spiritual renewal. Special thanks to Dr. Kern Tobias, President of Caribbean Union along with the other administrators, Dr. Claudius Morgan, the Assistant to the President for Evangelism, Sister Sheryle Liverpool, the Administrative Assistant, and all the preachers, their families and congregations, for your prayers and support for this great initiative. We are preparing and praying for the 2022 phase of this programme, when 100 of our preachers will participate in preaching the gospel in the Caribbean Union. May God continue to equip, empower and use us to build up His kingdom!



Adventists in North Caribbean Islands Collect Tons of Supplies for Volcano Victims

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“Many of you have watched the heartbreaking pictures of the effects that this seismic activity has had on the people of St. Vincent,” said Pastor Desmond F. James, president of the church in the North Caribbean Conference, as he appealed to church members across the region earlier last month. “We are extremely grateful and thrilled by the robust response as the peoples of the North displayed a massive, compassionate response in cash and other assistance to our brothers and sisters in disaster.” Already, church leaders have distributed the supplies to those affected.

Wilmoth James said that ADRA emergency teams worked on the ground to mobilize members to support the needs on the island of St. Vincent. “We are grateful to God for the membership coming together for this mission of mercy. We believe that several factors contributed to the response including the structure set up by ADRA over the years in the island territories, ADRA depots established on

every island to activate during emergencies, and the generosity of church members. “Members [in our territory] know what it meant to sleep without a roof on their head and to be in need of water,” he said. “The fact that there is a spirit of generosity still alive in the membership of the North Caribbean Conference is wonderful to see.”

Peters said that “members shopped for clothes and food items, communities collaborated with the church and made an all-out effort to lend support to the initiative.”

Donated supplies went to the people still at the 10 shelters overseen by the Adventist Church in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Additional supplies were provided to the daily feeding program still ongoing by the church on St. Vincent.

Church members in the North Caribbean Conference will continue to raise funds to support in the aftermath of St. Vincent in the days and weeks ahead.



Photos shows l to R— volunteers packing Container to be shipped to SVG Mission; Dr. Peters, coordinator of the relief effort poses with the Community Service/ADRA , SDA response to the disaster sign; and Pastor Wilmoth James, Secretary of the NCC Conference, labels the container that was shipped to SVG.

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PHD IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Adapted from the News Newspaper

Although circumstances forced him to drop out of school at a young age, Reynold Ferary did not give up his dreams of attaining a higher education, and now at the age of 59, the pastor has graduated with his Doctorate in Business Administration.

Ferary, who now lives in Alberta, Canada, was born on Union Island in St Vincent and the Grenadines. He attended school in that Grenadine island where he was forced to drop out at 15 years old, having failed certain exams and not being given a second chance.

The teen toiled as a construction worker during the day, and donned a waiter's uniform at the Anchorage Yacht Club in Clifton, during the night.

When he had enough money to make a start in school, he left Union Island in 1981 and went to Trinidad. He started in form three where he left off, and went through forms four and five, before sitting his secondary exit examinations, all the while funding himself.

He attended a private college after this. "I pursued a double major. I studied theology as my main course of study and I studied for a degree in social studies as a social studies teacher at the Secondary School level." He graduated in 1989.

Ferary then worked in communities from Questelles to Chateaubelair as an intern pastor with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, then moved to St Lucia where he completed his internship and then worked as a District Leader. He left St Lucia five years after and was assigned to Portsmouth, Dominica.

His wife, who is from Tobago, and their three children then went to Mexico, where Ferary enrolled at the Northern Mexican Montemorelos University, where he did a Masters in Family Life Education between 1998 and 2001.

At this Spanish University he took the opportunity to learn Spanish and become bilingual. After graduation, in transitioning, he spent time in the USA, before taking up a job in Canada.



In 2017 he began his doctoral studies at the Montemorelos University, for a PhD in Business Administration.

Dr Reynold Ferary

temorelos University, for a PhD in Business Administration.

Ferary successfully defended his dissertation in April 2020, but graduation was put on hold because of Covid-19 but he held out hope for an in-person graduation. However, the decision was taken to have a virtual ceremony, which was held on May 16.

He recalled that "at times when I came from school for lunch, there was no lunch and I had to have a drink of some lemonade...and eat a fruit or whatever I had, and go back to school," adding, "Don't allow your context to define your life and your future."

Currently he conducts seminars around the world, and leads International guided tours to places like Israel and Jordan.

"I have a passion to go out there and to make a difference, maybe negotiate with Governments and Ministries of Education and see how I can help people to realize that financial education is important for our young people; and if they don't have the necessary tools in order to make informed financial decisions, they would succumb to the ravages of indebtedness," he noted.



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By Pastor Hugh McKenzie CD—Guyana Conference



Vibert and Nurzema Calder Married at Mahdia Church 18th March 2021. Pastor Enoch Hamilton second from left was the marriage officer. He is the Pastor for the Madhia District.

The messenger to the remnant church says, “When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble...”—Selected Messages 1:118 (1885).

To make the above quotation a reality, thorough preparation is essential. Almost a year in advance, we were preparing for this novel online Caribbean Union Wide “Good News Impact Evangelistic Se-

ries”. It was uncharted territory and the gospel net was to be thrown far and wide.

The novel Online Good News Crusade Series was officially launched by the Guyana Conference on February 20, 2021. During this meeting we presented information and the general plan of the Conference to ensure our full participation in the upcoming event. **(Continued on page 57)**

ECC PLEASED TO BE THE HOST FOR CARU IMPACT

By Dr. Collin L. Thorne— Executive Secretary ECC

The East Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Barbados was pleased to have been the field chosen to host the CARU GN IMPACT 2021 Campaign conducted by CARU's international Evangelist Dr. Claudius Morgan. The four weeks, five nights a week campaign was fraught with intense preparation despite the imminent threat of COVID 19 punctuated by restrictions imposed by the government.

It was a gallant effort of the church to have its two-field conference of Dominica and Barbados heavily engaged in the preparatory as well as the execution stage of the campaign. We were able to see all 91 churches marketing the program on social media and bravely knocking on doors in Dominica.

We saw a great number of our young people involved in all aspects of the campaign. Those individuals who were proficient in technology managed and packaged the nightly program in a manner which we have never witnessed before. The level of commitment exhibited from both our youth and adults was evidence that the church's future in this technological age, is in safe hands. The professional management of technology and programming strategized by Simon Victor and Wayne Morgan displayed a high level of skill and experience, resulting in a clean live stream nightly.

The production of ministry of music each night was innovative and very spiritual. Also, the back-up music organized by Shawn Mayers injected a boost of energy to the evangelist in the presentation of dynamic messages each night.

Many people imprisoned in their homes were set free as the gospel came to them via the technological devices. Days of our Lives was forgotten as people embraced the Good News. Individuals who were too busy for the gospel before found themselves anxiously awaiting every episode. Just



Pentecostal Evangelist Sonja Rogers looks at her daughter Summa as she awaits her turn to be baptized. Her daughter was later baptized also.

like in a blackout when we have a greater appreciation for the lights God placed in the sky, in our social blackout Dr. Morgan blazed a path like a comet, lighting up the East Caribbean Conference territories and beyond, bringing light into many darkened homes and hearts.

In both fields we were able to see over a hundred souls come to know Jesus through baptism. We give God thanks and praise for inspiring and equipping us to embrace change as we transformed our strategies to creatively utilize our new normal in the midst of this COVID pandemic. To God be the Glory!!

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Boxes of the many items sent to SVG Mission. Inset - President of the ASI Tobago, Diamond Andrews

ASI TOBAGO TO THE RESCUE

Upon hearing the breaking news of the eruption of the La Soufriere volcano, on Sunday 11th April 2021, the president of the ASI Tobago Chapter, Bro Diamond, knew immediately that humanitarian assistance would be needed so he began to put measures in place. He linked with Bro. Wilfred des Vignes, the ADRA Director of the Tobago Mission and they decided to use the Good News Church annex as a depot to house supplies that would be collected. Added to that, he called Mr. George Leacock, manager of the Tambrin Radio Station who did an open interview with him where he requested help from the people of Tobago to assist St. Vincent and the Grenadines and instructed them as to where to drop off their contributions. The people responded immediately inclusive of the supermarket owners and others in the business community. Also, a number of NGOs and other organizations came forward with water, foodstuff and toiletries in abundance. We actually saw God's love in action as people reached out to help. Contributions ranged from five dollars to thousands, but all in love. The first shipment consisted of three trucks loaded to capacity; our driver was Bro. Damian Edwards. A wonderful team leader, Ms. Avonelle Hector Joseph, the president of IN-

AC (Is There Not A Cause) helped us to successfully complete the shipment. We were also able to help other religious persuasions to ship supplies to their brethren. The mission was successful with a total of \$120,000.00 in food stuff and supplies going out on the first shipment. To date, (14/6/21) four additional shipments at a cost of \$260,000.00 have been sent out and the people of St Vincent and the Grenadines inclusive of the prime minister have expressed their heartfelt gratitude for the help and love from the people of Tobago. We also want to express our thanks to all those who came on board with us namely Bro Wilfred des Vignes, ADRA Director, Tobago Mission; Mr. George Leacock of Radio Tambrin; business owners including supermarket and hardware contributors; churches; families; and individuals. We also want to say thanks to the ASI Team who received, labeled, packed and loaded items into the trucks. We pray that God will in His mercy continue to restore the island of St Vincent and the Grenadines and the inhabitants back to normal life. My prayer is, may God bless you and make His face shine upon you now and forever more. AMEN.

NCC Nets 110 during the Good-News Series



Photos show Pastor Cuvalay baptizing a new convert from the New Bethany Church St Maarten and a new member with a blush of approval welcomed into the fellowship of the

The North Caribbean Conference's baptism count steadily climbed above the 110 persons reported at the end of the first ever digital evangelism series, led by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Caribbean Union. The themed series, "Good News Evangelism Campaign", focused on following Jesus – it was broadcast from Barbados to the ten islands of the Conference and was carried on six radio stations across the territory from February 26, 2021, to March 27, 2021.

"There are no words to express how successful this evangelistic effort has been here in our church territory," said Pastor Desmond James, President of the North Caribbean Conference (NCC). "This is a completely new experience for us here, but we are grateful for the opportunity to proclaim God's Word with power [and] clarity. Morgan showed up in homes and churches across the territory. He inspired men and women, giving them hope and encouraging them to live life again."

The evangelist and speaker of the Series, Dr. Claudius Morgan, delivered Bible-based sermons amidst curfews imposed by the governments to curb the spread of the Coronavirus. Translation services, from English to Spanish and French, were offered via Zoom.

The campaign invaded homes, unsettled sinners, captivated minds and left over 100 persons across the territory rejoicing in the Lord. "We were keenly aware that while our primary target audience was NCC, persons connected from many other countries including the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Cayman Islands, and Trinidad and Tobago. It was, however, an unquenchable joy to learn that because of the Series, persons were getting baptized across the territory," said the NCC Personal Ministries Director, Dr. Henry Peters.

The impact of the online series was felt in the Purcell Church on Tortola where an Immigration officer got baptized. "Every evening I would turn on my laptop and be one of the first to wait for the service to start," said Denice Rouse, who shared details of her conversion in an interview after her baptism. "I think it was really interesting and fun. As I listened to the sermons, I understood and knew that it was time to give my life to Jesus." It was the conclusion of a journey that started from viewing the Family's Hope Campaign by Pastor Hesketh Matthew in 2020. "I am now at a place where I feel loved and happy," Rouse concluded.

By Royston Philbert CD NCC

NCC Nets 110 during the Good-News Series

“It’s really impressive to have baptized persons under these circumstances of the pandemic and under the conditions we face in this territory,” said Pastor Hesketh Matthew, Assistant to the NCC President for Evangelism. “To have reached so many people with the messages, online, was really good and we praise the Lord for His goodness. Part of our evangelism strategy, going forward, is training our pastors and members to take advantage of this opportunity.”

“This is not the end, but the beginning of a new paradigm in terms of how we do evangelism in the North Caribbean Conference,” said Pastor Wilmoth James, Executive Secretary of the NCC.

“Over the four-week period of the campaign, online “live” nightly attendance ranged from 2,500 to 3,000 viewers on YouTube and Facebook, with viewership increasing from 200 to 300 percent 72 hours after,” reported Pastor Royston Philbert, NCC Communication Director. He added, “On Saturdays, the live online viewers registered between 6,000 to 8,000 viewers across all the platforms, with those numbers also increasing by more than 300 percent after three days. This is in

addition to persons watching at in-person sites and listening to the radio. The series mobilized dozens of communicators across the islands who volunteered to ensure everything was in place for a smooth online experience. With no one knowing when the challenges associated with COVID-19 will end, the Good News Campaign might be the blueprint for evangelism in the NCC, in the immediate future.”



APETD—Pastor Hesketh Matthew



Family Welcomes Mother into Christiansted Church Family

A Synopsis of the Prayer Ministry of the Grenada Conference

The Prayer Ministry of the Grenada Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has been playing a crucial role in assisting members in developing and maintaining an intimate relationship with God through prayer for both members and non-members.

When the Prayer Ministry was launched at a memorable convention in Grenville, St. Andrew, the participants who included Prayer Warriors island-wide were energized and motivated to return with the right attitude, knowledge and necessary skills to chart the way forward, in building strong local Prayer Ministries.

At the convention we were given the Prayer Ministry's Department quadrennial plan, in the form of a booklet which has been a valuable tool for Prayer Ministries Leaders.

To ensure that the churches receive necessary support, the director of the Prayer Ministry, Pastor Oliver Scott visited the local churches. He conducted many prayer conferences island wide. Thirty-five congregations have been ministered to through these prayer conferences.

An executive committee has been established to manage the affairs of the Prayer Ministry. Meetings were held periodically. These sessions were aimed at developing and maintaining an effective Prayer Ministry.

Preceding the Pandemic, the Prayer Ministry had been engaged in a number of activities:

- ◆ Wednesday night Prayer Services
- ◆ Prayer Walk
- ◆ Ten Days of Prayer: Holy Emphasis Week
- ◆ Convention at La Poterie Church
- ◆ District Prayer Conference in the Grenadines
- ◆ Half Night Vigil
- ◆ Monthly Prayer and Fast

The outbreak of the deadly virus created a challenge for the local churches to conduct their prayer services in a physical setting, therefore a new way had to be implemented in order for the Prayer Ministry to be operational.

We embarked on new initiatives by making use of the online platform 'Zoom', where Prayer Warriors throughout the island converged virtually to intercede on behalf of those who needed prayers. The formation of the National Prayer Warriors WhatsApp chat has been a powerful means through which members are able to communicate.

Listed are some of our online activities:

- ◆ 40 Days of Prayer and Fast
- ◆ 10 Days (Daniel Fast)
- ◆ Praying on behalf of evangelistic campaigns
- ◆ Participating in CARU's 1000 intercessors initiatives during the Good News Evangelistic Crusade by Dr. Morgan
- ◆ Monday and Thursday night prayer meetings 8 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- ◆ Sabbath morning prayer meetings 6 a.m. – 7 a.m.

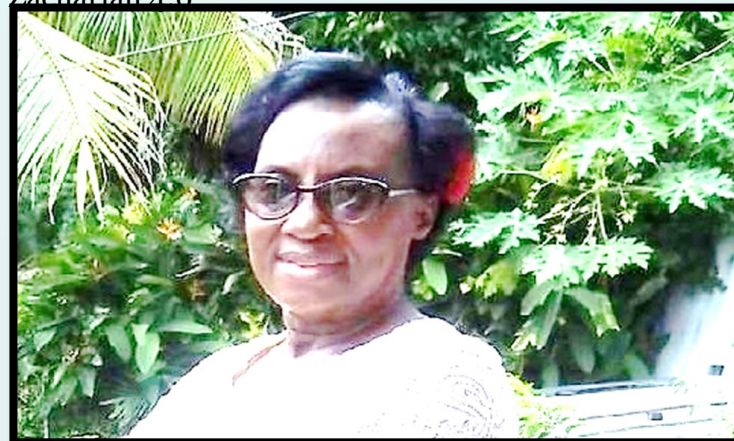
We give praise and thanks to God for His tremendous blessings on all those who participated in promoting the Prayer Ministries and its operations. Thanks to our director, a man chosen by God and inspired by the Holy Spirit to lead in the days of uncertainty, all the Prayer Warriors for their commitment and dedication, to Sr. Jacinta Francis and Br. Sam Brathwaite, who have been playing a key role in utilizing their skills, knowledge and talents to God's honour and glory. Thanks to our President Pastor Clinton Lewis, Pastors, Elders and members who have been involved in our online prayer services.

As we continue to unite in prayer, it is my hope that more church members and prayer warriors will join in our online prayer services regularly.

May God continue to bless us all as we combine our efforts to build stronger Prayer Ministries throughout the tri-island State of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

God rules the world and His church through the prayers of His people. He calls for intercessors; in His grace He has made His work dependent on them; He waits for them.

Zachariah 4:6



Sister Judith Mitchell
Prayer Ministries Leader

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As a conference we prepared by participation in the weekly planning meetings hosted by the CARU Crusade Team so ably chaired by Mrs. Cheryl Liverpool and Dr. Morgan, as we interacted with the technical team and fellow Communication and Personal Ministries Directors in preparation for this massive evangelistic campaign.

As was requested during the union meetings, 73 physical crusade sites were put in place as churches in the Guyana conference prepared for this comprehensive dissemination of the gospel message. The conference through the Personal Ministries Department also recommended that each district apart from the many physical crusade sites that were prepared for the crusade, would also develop at least one virtual hub (church), to be used for subsequent training so that members can come together in one location for conference sponsored virtual training and online interactions hosted by the conference.

Through the Personal Ministries Department, hard copies and softcopies of the Family Life Lesson Series were sent to the field through the district Pastors, to prepare the hearts of the people in advance of the evangelistic campaign.

Another major initiative that was launched in preparation for the Good News Impact Campaign was the **“Let’s Talk About Him”** Prayer and Preparation morning meetings, from 4:30 am to 5:45 am, held on the zoom platform, where Pastors, Church Officers and Members met for prayer and to receive training for the crusade. We were inspired, informed, and motivated by presentations by Dr. Samuel Telemaque, Pastor Easton Marks, Pastor Sherwin White, Pastor Hesketh Matthews and others.

One of the major initiatives that I believe was a major factor in the success of the Good News Impact Evangelistic Campaign, was the **40 Days of Prayer Meetings**. During this period, the Guyana Conference together with the Caribbean Union cried out to God to use the Evangelist Dr. Morgan, the CARU Crusade Team, every Conference, Pastor and member, as vessels during the campaign. The meetings were indeed a heavenly sitting with Jesus. We commend Pastor Ashton O’Neil and his team for allowing God to use them to lead us to prayer.

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Pastor Colin Swaving Baptizes one of the 1122 persons baptized in the Guyana Conference

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Frank and Florence Lawrence married at Mahdia Church 4th March, 2021

And then the big day, the Opening Night's Service, as we began with a powerful message by Evangelist Dr. Morgan entitled "Are We Ready for Covid 20?". We did not consciously express it, but our passionate prayer as we began the series was,

“Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
thy grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,

we lift our battle song.” (SDA Hymnal # 619)

During the battle the conference hosted weekly meetings with the Pastors-the troops on the ground- to ensure that each Pastor and Pastoral District received the necessary supplies to continue waging war against the enemy in the name of Jesus the Captain of the Heavenly Host.

The conference supplied video projectors and laptops to equip and enable some churches to be able to stream the Good News Series. Apart from the live physical church sites, the crusade was

streamed virtually on the Guyana Conference YouTube Channel and Facebook page, our Conference Website and on the Channel 2 Television Station. The contact information for prayer, Bible study, baptism and for giving an offering or donation was shared on the platforms nightly. Members of our local crusade team manned the platforms, answered questions, and kept the viewers informed of the crusade and presentations to come with weekly video clips prepared by Ms. Yasmin Bowman and her team.

Our importunate prayers ascended to God as prayer intercessors across the conference prayed. Other prayer groups outside of Guyana were involved and prayed for the campaign in the early hours of each morning. A Special Prayer Intercessors WhatsApp Group was launched to respond to prayer requests during the crusade. One group met nightly in the Central Church under the leadership of our Conference Prayer Coordinator, Pastor Malcolm LaFleur, to petition the throne of grace that the power of the Holy Spirit will be felt during the campaign, touching hearts, changing lives and defeating Satan's counter ploys.

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Facilitated by the Communication Department, flash drives were purchased for the purpose of downloading the crusade sermons, and these flash drives were sent by road and through internal flights to the hinterland locations that are without internet, so that the series could be shared using video projectors, laptops, speakers and amplifiers. There were 48 baptisms and 8 weddings during the campaign in one such interior district. God be praised.

As a personal testimony, during the Good News Campaign, with the help of Bro Clifford Trotman and Bro Eston Brown, God taught yours truly, how to use the VMIX Software to enable us to stream the campaign over the internet. Before the crusade the VMIX software was exceedingly mysterious to me. God answered my prayer for help in understanding how to use it for his glory.

As a result of preparation, prayer and hard work, God blessed His cause in Guyana. One thousand one hundred and forty-four individuals gave their lives to Jesus through the Good News Impact Campaign. The weekly totals for the baptisms are:
Week One - 239

Week Two - 137

Week Three - 181

Week Four - 451

The other individuals were baptized after the online campaign ended as some locations began the series into the second and third week of the Good News online campaign using the sermons on the flash drives and downloads of the sermons that were already presented online. We thank God for His miraculous leading in the Guyana Conference!

We thank God for the vision of the Caribbean Union Conference and Administrators, the cooperation of the Conferences in the Caribbean Union, the willingness of the Evangelist and the Technical Team and each Pastor and member who participated in this historic event.

We are reminded of the words from the pen of inspiration. “The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel's message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A work of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold... Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given” — The Great Controversy, 611, 612 (1911).

Today we praise our awesome and trustworthy God, who answered our prayers in the weeks and months of preparation, for the rich harvest of souls. May God help us to put forth corresponding effort to nurture and keep the treasure of souls that He has led to the truth.



**Manuel and Romona DaSilva
Married at Mahdia church, 13th March
2021.**

EVANGELISM INITIATIVES SURINAME MISSION

In the first half of the year 2021 Suriname participated in and conducted various evangelistic initiatives. For the first time Pastor Claudius Morgan, with Barbados as main site, conducted a Union wide Virtual Evangelistic Campaign. The communication departments of all the fields were heavily involved in the preparation and execution of this program in collaboration with personal ministries departments, the music departments and supporting departments. The Suriname Mission experienced some language and technical challenges in bringing the messages in the local language, but nevertheless we can thank God for what He has done through these 4 weeks of preaching. The Surinamese version of the theme song “I don’t want to be left out, Mi no wan tan na baka,” which was sung by a praise team from Suriname led by sister Ellen Terborg, was one of the favorites during the campaign. At the end of the crusade 27 persons were baptized into the kingdom of God. All honor and glory be to God.

We also had our very first virtual adolescent evangelistic campaign “Jesus is my best friend”. Seven adolescent/ teen preachers brought the messages in a simple yet powerful way to all age groups. This was an initiative of the Children and Adolescent Ministries department led by sister Judith Blackman. Pastor Roël Blackman was responsible for the coaching of the young speakers and Sis Brigette Elshot from the Bethel Church also contributed significantly for the success of this campaign. We thank the Lord that a number of children are currently being prepared for baptism in August.

We also want to make it known that the Suriname Mission has access to a National Television Channel offered by Wabubosko Ministries Channel 10.2. With the signing of the MOU the Mission has 60 hours of broadcasting time per month. All the previously mentioned programs were broadcasted on WBtv 10.2.

Pastor Chad Goolaman also participated as Evangelist in the Jamaica Impact Evangelistic Campaign in the Little London District of SDA churches. His series was entitled “Now is the Time”. With nightly preaching by this young, dynamic and spiritual evangelist and the participation of members of the local district, attendees were urged to make a decision for Jesus Christ! His wife, sister Tawina Goolaman, gave full support to him as his reader. During this series 12 souls were bap

By Steven Tulp CD Suriname Mission



President Edward Blackman’s District baptized 13 of the 26 persons baptized in Suriname for the impact.

tized. The other evangelists, Pastors Chester Hinds and Dwight Bowen will conduct their evangelistic series in the second half of this year with the local church in Jamaica. This is an initiative of the Jamaican Union in collaboration with the Caribbean Union.

ADRA Suriname supports St. Vincent & the Grenadines and Erowarte

We all know the situation of the volcanic eruption in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. ADRA Suriname also made a contribution towards the relief of the situation there. Together with a local business we donated 240 trays of 1½ liter bottles of water. As of the writing of this article the shipment has not taken place yet but will hopefully take place soon. We also provided relief to Erowarte, an indigenous village in the east of Suriname, by supplying food hampers in a time when there was an outbreak of Covid-19 cases. Many members of various families were affected by this situation which resulted in their not being able to work and conduct their daily activities. We went twice to the village and brought 50 hampers each time. Our Adventist presence in this village is notable because of a church and the Iporoma Adventist school. We pray that God heals this village.



NORTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE TEAMS UP WITH THE GOOD NEWS GOSPEL IMPACT CARU 2021

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With this in mind, Pastor Eric D. Clarke, president of the North Bahamas Conference, proffered the idea that we should join forces with, and tap into the Good News Gospel Impact being hosted by the Caribbean Union (CARU) and being streamed from the island of Barbados. Beginning Friday evening, February 26, 2021, for four weeks, Evangelist Claudius Morgan would proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and the viewers from around the world including the North Bahamas territory would be able to tap into the experience. This campaign was treated and conducted as if it were held in person in one of our local churches or at a venue within the territory.

While the idea of having an evangelistic series live streamed is not new, the initial concern was how to track the visitors and members who would watch the program each night on Youtube. On Sabbath mornings, the churches were opened in both Grand Bahama and Abcao, and the entire service was viewed via Youtube and shared on the big screen.

Besides the nightly preaching of the gospel by the evangelist and the variety of musical items each night, the various Sabbath morning presentations

on stewardship, Christian living, and proper Sabbath keeping, were beneficial to both members and visitors.

During the four weeks of meetings and even afterwards, churches were encouraged to be ready for the moving the Holy Spirit as persons responded to the call to accept Christ and be baptized. As Pastor Morgan made his appeal on the virtual screen, a pastor or elder was ready to continue the appeal and receive those who responded for baptism and prayers. Each Sabbath after the meetings we met at the beach in Grand Bahama or on Abcao to conduct baptisms. Additionally, during the week days persons were also baptized. At the conclusion of the campaign, 46 precious souls were baptized to the honor and glory of God. Once the virtual meetings ended, each church district planned a special Sabbath to welcome and receive our newly baptized members.

Pastor Peter Kerr, president of the Atlantic Caribbean Union commented that the experience gained by the North Bahamas Conference during this campaign will be beneficial to the entire Union in planning future virtual evangelistic endeavors. To God be praised.

President Danny Clarke and one of the newly baptized



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From Devout Roman Catholic to the 28th President of USC



Artist's impression of the Caring University Church. Completion scheduled 2022

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God has used the leadership of Dr. Bowman and his team to achieve a delicate stabilization of university finances; to complete outstanding capital projects - most notably the ladies' dormitory and a new 2,600 seat University Auditorium and a home for the School of Nursing and Allied Health; to renew decaying campus infrastructure; and to achieve the maximum periods of renewed accreditation from both the Adventist Accreditation Association (AAA) and the Accreditation Council of Trinidad and Tobago (ACTT). New academic programmes have also been added, particularly at the postgraduate level, with at least two of these being unique offerings in the Anglophone Caribbean. Moreover, the construction of the first ever built-for-purpose church building and worship facility on the campus has actually begun and by faith - accompanied by works and your support - it will be completed in 2022.

Who really is the human leader that God has used to achieve these positive changes in the fortunes of our university? Dr. Hilary Bowman was born into very humble circumstances in Richland Park, St. Vincent and the Grenadines. He was the last of seven children born to Sydney and Wilhelmina Bowman. Fate would have it that death took his

father away before he completed the second year of his life. Wilhelmina Bowman never remarried and as such Hilary was raised in a single-parent family. He recalls his mother as an industrious woman who taught her children the dignity of work. Hilary, as a young child of seven or eight years, when not at school, would be taken by his mother to assist her in the sweet potato fields. His mother, a devout Roman Catholic, was also an entrepreneur who recovered from the economic peril of widowhood to become quite a proprietress, owning lands, a store and even a truck to support her business activities.

Hilary attended the Richland Park Government Primary School and cherished early ambitions of becoming a cardiologist. Having done well at primary school, he was absorbed into the Pupil Teacher System and began a career as an educator at the age of sixteen. He never attended a secondary school but would teach as a monitor for three days per week and attend the Teacher Training Centre on the remaining two days of the five-day work week. While employed and still being trained as a teacher, he attended evening classes and privately wrote and passed GCE O'level Examinations. He also obtained his Teacher's Diploma from the UWI. **(Continued next Page)**

From Devout Roman Catholic to the 28th President of USC

The industriousness modeled by his mother rubbed off on Hilary and while working as a teacher, he became involved in a number of business activities to supplement a frugal teacher's wage. He became a large-scale farmer, growing bananas for export and also commercially farming vegetables in green houses. He would also become involved with retail trade, operating a boutique, a supermarket and a light hardware. He also became a sales-agent for New Standard Encyclopedia.

In 1971, Hilary defied his mother's threat to put him out of her house if he became a Seventh-day Adventist and was baptized into the membership of the Richland Park SDA Church by Pastor George Riley. Mercifully, she never quite fulfilled her threat. Instead for several months home life was quite volatile, erupting occasionally in episodes of conflict and renewed threats of eviction. Hilary would diffuse the conflict by retreating to his room. He also took to the habit of playing recordings of soothing Christian music, which, in time, his mother came to enjoy. After a year or so of his musical 'charm-offensive', his mother intimated to him her desire to be baptized and become a Seventh-day Adventist. This she did and remained Adventist until the time of her passing.

As a young Seventh-day Adventist, Hilary took to the faith his habitual enthusiasm. Very quickly he became involved in church activities, despite the high entry barriers that Adventist congregations sometimes erect against the inexperienced. Hilary's obvious talent, passion and commitment saw him soon holding a number of offices in the Richland Park SDA Church, among them MV (AY) Leader, Lay Activities (Personal Ministries) Leader and ultimately, he was ordained as an Elder. His teachability attracted mentors and motivators, including Brother and Sister Bacchus who became his in-laws when he wed their daughter Verina some forty-seven years ago.

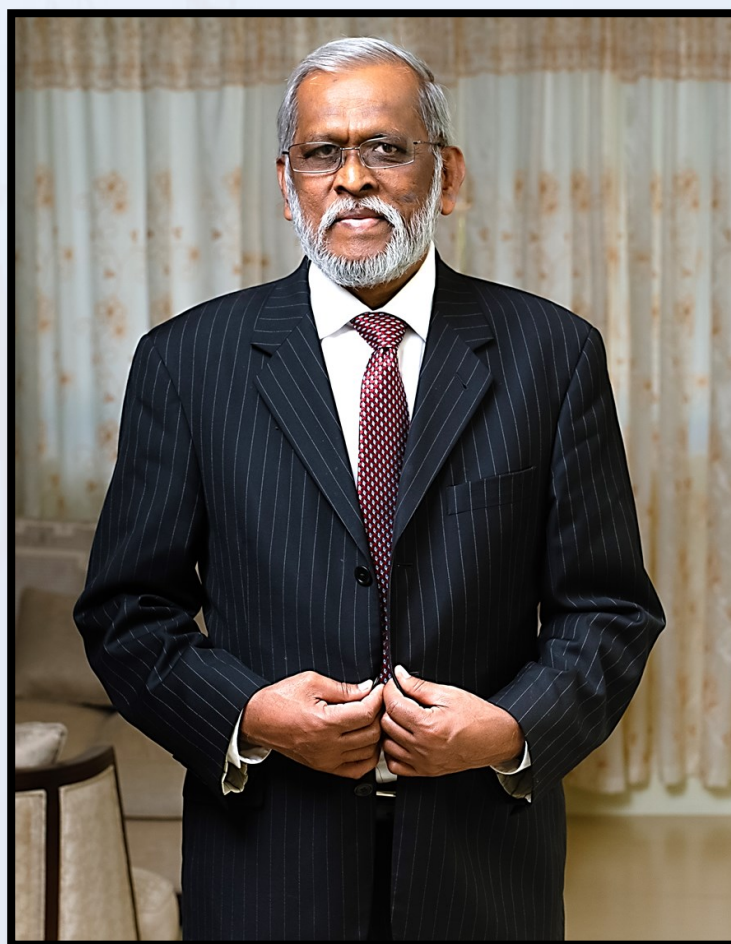
Beyond his nurturing congregation, he was elected as President of the island-wide Adventist Youth Council. By the late 1970s and early 1980s, he was a very active lay preacher, holding evangelistic campaigns in various parts of SVG. Dr. Bowman recalls a single one of his many campaigns yielding ninety-eight baptisms - a quite impressive outcome for an East Caribbean lay preacher of this period.

In 1977, Hilary became a salaried denominational

worker for the first time. After twelve years in the Colonial Government Teaching Service, he resigned to take up a teaching appointment at the Mountain View Adventist Academy (MVAA), located at the time in the basement of the Richland Park SDA Church.

In 1982 Hilary and Verina Bowman travelled to Maracas Valley, Trinidad, to further their studies at Caribbean Union College (now USC). Having obtained an Associate Degree previously, Hilary was able to complete a double major Baccalaureate degree in Education and History while Verina completed her Baccalaureate degree in Education. In 1984, the couple returned to St. Vincent and the Grenadines where Hilary was appointed Principal of the MVAA. He became instrumental in leading the drive for the construction of a new school building. He recalls first approaching the Board of Management of MVAA on the matter after having saved EC\$6,000.00 through prudent administration.

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The Man Himself—Dr. Hilary Bowman



From Devout Roman Catholic to the 28th President of USC



This Masterpiece of a Building, the New Auditorium was completed during the Presidency of Dr. Hilary Bowman

He was turned down. Undaunted by initial disappointment, he persevered and implored the board to give him a fighting chance to build the school. His determination became acquainted with success and the first phase of the present building the MVAA occupies was constructed under his watch at an approximate cost of EC\$1.5 million. However, before he could enjoy the privilege of working for one day in the new facility he was elected to serve as the Education Director of the East Caribbean Conference in 1988, with oversight for all of the SDA schools in Barbados, Dominica, St. Lucia and SVG. Ten years later, he was elevated to serve for the first time as Education Director of the CARU. In this capacity, he served on the Board of Trustees of CUC/USC, chairing some of its special committees. He also served on the boards of Montemorelos and Herbert Fletcher universities.

While his career in denominational work became more demanding with this flight of promotions, Dr. Bowman was determined to advance his education to a terminal degree. In 1991 he completed a Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction from Andrews University Berrien Springs, Michigan and in 1999 a Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Administration and Policy Making from Union Institute and Univer-

sity, Cincinnati, Ohio.

After his first go-around as CARU Education Director, Dr. Bowman migrated to Orlando, Florida where he pursued gainful private opportunities, the most notable of which was establishing and running his own Montessori (K to Grade 8) school; one of the most prestigious schools in the county. He would reluctantly obey God's call to return to the Caribbean and denominational work for a second turn as CARU Education Director in 2010. It is during this stint that, following the sudden resignation of Dr. Clinton A. Valley as USC President, and the end of a brief interim presidency by Dr. Sylvan A. Lashley, Dr. Hilary Bowman was constrained by the threats to our university's survivability and future to assume its presidency in 2016. He brought to this assignment the learnt lessons and acquired knowledge that his quite inspiring life journeys had attached to him. After five years stabilizing our university and returning it to a platform of promise of going beyond excellence, Dr. Bowman can echo the sentiments of the apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). Though his course as USC President is finished, the race is not over, but what a smooth passing of the baton we are privileged to behold.

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THROUGH THE EYES OF A HOST



“Good evening, hello and welcome to the Good News Campaign!” was the rallying call that rang through every church, every radio station and every home to kick off the Good News 2021 series.

The lineup of hosts from the East Caribbean, South Caribbean, Guyana and North Caribbean Conferences led out in crucial conversations, conveyed pertinent information and forged crucial connections with viewers through their warm disposition, witty humor and gracious smiles.

Behind the scenes, producers Lydia Worrell (lead), Amanda Escamilla, Waneisha Jones and Annaus Charles could be heard making changes to scripts with the hosts, knitting together key information to keep viewers informed, connected and engaged.

When asked, Lead Producer Lydia Worrell remarked, “I’ve done various smaller producer roles in church activities. In some areas this GNC experience was more challenging but seeing the final product was priceless.”

Indeed, throughout every session, a delicate dance of improvisation and planned production caused audiences to be glued to their screens – all this amid the team’s professional obligations, family engagements, fluctuat-

ing WIFI connections and a global pandemic.

When commenting on the experience in this campaign, Jillian Tull expressed that it was truly “the miraculous power of God at play” as her availability as a host was dependent on her busy schedule as a laboratory technician conducting COVID-19 tests.

In Guyana, hosts Marvin Samaroo, a local church elder and Mackelia Whittaker displayed their God-given talents and abilities beautifully as they hosted the campaign.

In Trinidad & Tobago, hosts Kaymarie Fletcher, a dedicated journalist and author joined forces with Pastor Vaughn Joshua to make an incomparable team.

In Barbados, hosts Kay Jordan, the secretary of various departmental ministries in the East Caribbean Conference, Jillian Tull, a leading laboratory technician and Pastor Jameil Blackman of the East Caribbean Conference brought their flavor and made an indelible impact in the campaign.

And in the North Caribbean Conference, Kadian Rowe and Pastor Timothy Leito provided their warm, personable charm to audiences far and wide.

By Pastor Timothy Leito



From L to R top to bottom –Mackelia Whittaker, Marvin Samaroo, Pastor Jameil Blackman, Pastor Vaughn Joshua, Kay Jordan, Jillian Tull, Pastor Timothy Leito, Kadian Rowe and Kaymarie Fletcher

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NEW PRESIDENT AT USC



From l to r Corliss Wilson, Dr. Deleise Cole-Wilson and Chidinma Wilson

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In 1979, Colwick followed his older brother Leon to Caribbean Union College to study for the ministry. He was committed to excellence in his studies and with his college classmate and friend, Stephen Carryl, decided to earn a doctoral degree one day. At college, Colwick developed an affection for biblical languages, particularly Greek. Led astray by his intellectual curiosity he would also wander into courses offered by other disciplines. He recalls being very involved in campus life during his college days, playing cricket, working on the college farm, in the cafeteria and as a security officer, colporteur in south Trinidad and being involved in student government as the Vice President of the ASB.

Following his graduation from CUC in 1983, Colwick returned to Guyana and worked as a ministerial intern then as district pastor with his home church, Bel-ladrum being included in his brief pastorate. In 1986 he migrated to the United States. There, he pursued a path of studies that began with a Master of Arts Degree in Leadership and Counseling, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan, then a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dr. Wilson comes to USC from our sister Adventist university, Oakwood University, Alabama where he has been serving as Provost and Senior Vice President since the fall of 2017. Before his appointment at OU, he also served in academic and leadership roles at Loma Linda University, California and the Kettering Health Network, Ohio. He was also an associate professor at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Wilson has a strong record in research, publication and grant writing. His published work appears in several peer-reviewed journals, and he is quite active as a

presenter and participant on the academic conference circuit particularly in the areas of social factors in health, statistics and research methodology.

Dr. Wilson is a visionary, innovative, and collaborative leader who is propelled by an ethic of excellence and a commitment to serve others. He describes himself as “process oriented but outcomes driven.” He is persuaded by his own experiences that God can turn weaknesses into strengths, provide needed resources and perform the impossible. He is generally a humble man except for what he thinks of as his prowess in athletics, cricket, table tennis and culinary handiness.

His broad personal vision for USC is that it “continues to shine as a Christian university of excellence.” He desires that our university will be known in the region and beyond as an institution that is “present in its orientation and future in its imagination.” He envisions a university that is industry relevant and on the leading edge in its research agenda and curriculum offerings.

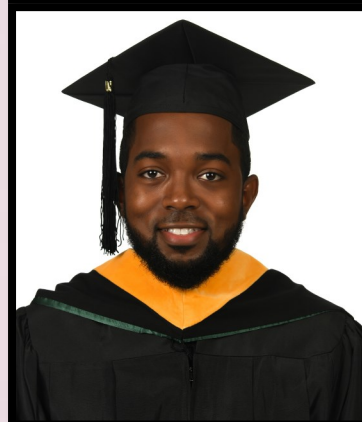
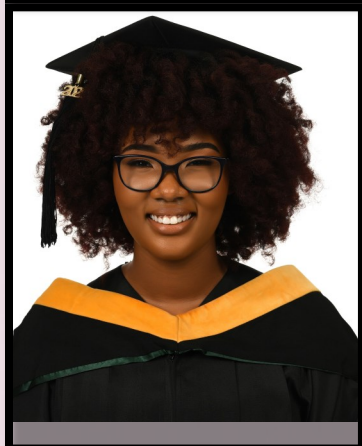
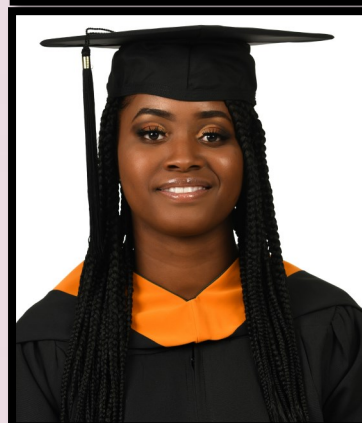
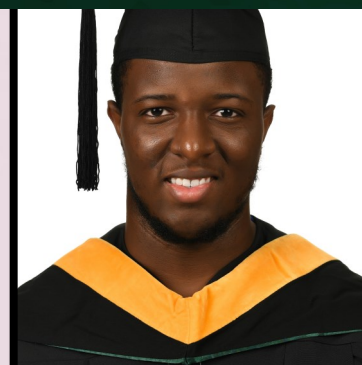
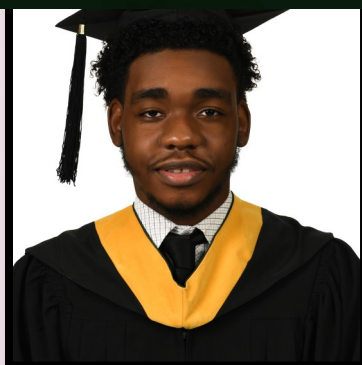
Dr. Wilson is a family man. He is married to Dr. Deleise Cole-Wilson. They have two adult daughters: Chidinma and Corliss. He leads a family of high achievers. His wife of twenty-five years is an alumna of West Indies College (now Northern Caribbean University), Mandeville, Jamaica, and holds a Master of Nursing Education from Columbia University, New York and a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing from the University of Michigan. Their first daughter Chidinma, is in her second year of Medical School at the University of Pennsylvania while Corliss will begin graduate studies at American University, Washington DC this fall.

Dr. Wilson is expected to assume duty on July 01, 2021. The CARU constituency welcomes Dr. Colwick Mervyn Wilson and his family to USC.

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VIRTUAL GRADUATION



FULL ARTICLE AND PHOTOS NEXT GLEANINGS

From L to R top to Bottom—Jerrold Edwards - BS Computing, Blossom Walker - BS Economics, Summa Cum Laude, Alex Antoine- BS Computing, Shorn Wilson - BBA, Human Resource Management, Emily Nicholas - BS Nursing, Faith Charles - BS Biology, Sharyah John - BSC Accounting, Summa Cum Laude and Stefon Mohamed - BS Biology.

NEW PRESIDENT AT USC

Dr. Colwick Mervyn Wilson



By Hayden Mc Kenna— USC Editor and Writer

After an extensive international search and the diligent screening of candidates, the Board of Trustees of the University of the Southern Caribbean has voted to appoint Dr. Colwick Mervyn Wilson as the 29th President of USC. Dr. Wilson, an alumnus of Caribbean Union College (now the University of the Southern Caribbean), is of Guyanese heritage. His career journey has honed for him an impressive vitae of academic and administrative experiences that robustly positions him to advance USC's global reputation and stature.

Colwick Mervyn Wilson was born in Sisters, East Bank Berbice in what, at the time, was the colony of British Guiana (now the Co-operative Republic of Guyana). He is the sixth of eight children born to Ursula and Fitzgerald Wilson. His paternal aunt, a midwife, cut his navel string at her home where he was born. He grew up in Paradise, West Coast Berbice. Christened an Anglican, Colwick as a six or seven-year-old child, was introduced to

Adventism and specifically the Belladrum Seventh-day Adventist Church by his mother who was baptized as a result of a public evangelism campaign conducted by Pastor Gordon O. Martinborough.

The Belladrum Seventh-day Adventist Church became a fertile place for Colwick's spiritual nurture and development. As a young Adventist, he became very involved in youth work especially in Pathfinding, so much so that when the Berbice-Mahaicony District established a youth federation (WEBMAAYS), Colwick was elected its first president at age fifteen. Colwick also developed enthusiasm for public evangelism and while he was a student of the Mahaicony Government Secondary School, he was an active lay-evangelist conducting up to three meetings every year. Even after completing secondary school and being absorbed into the teaching service, his evangelistic activism continued. **(Continued on Page 66)**