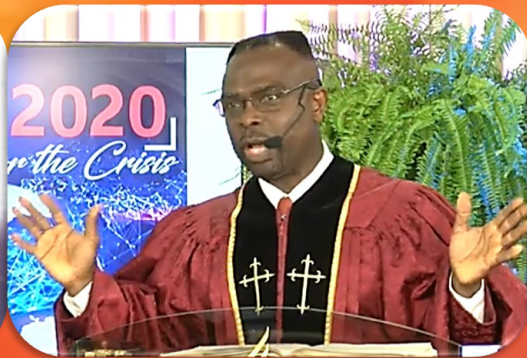


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**And this gospel...shall  
be PREACHED...**





# EVANGELISTIC SURGE

*Dr. Claudius C. Morgan*

The Macmillan Dictionary gives the following definition of the word **surge**: a sudden increase in something such as price, value, or interest; a sudden increase in the strength of a feeling; a sudden increase in electrical power that can damage equipment connected to it; a sudden movement of a large group of people. If these definitions do not represent the evangelistic surge in the Caribbean Union of SDA, then we will have to suggest a definition for the evangelistic “gush” in each of the 10 fields within our union.

We have preached ever so often that the ultimate sign that will usher in the Second Coming of Jesus is the preaching of the gospel. **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.** This being the case we can safely say that the preaching of the gospel throughout the Roman world preceded the end of the Jewish state. Similarly, the promulgation of the gospel throughout the whole world will be the sign of the end of this world.

This verse is frequently interpreted as a command or at least used to justify a certain course of action—but the plain fact is that it is a prophecy. It is a statement of a definitive future event rather than an instruction. There is no mention, either in the verse or in its context, of who will do this preaching. It does not say whether one individual or two individuals, one organization, seven organizations, or an angel will preach it. This verse just says it will be done.

In the Caribbean Union of Seventh-day Adventists, we are fulfilling this prophecy in each of our ten fields. The baptismal total is far below our projected goal for 2020, but the prophecy does not mention the word baptism. It is not even implied. It says, “The good news of the kingdom must be preached around the world and then

shall the end come” (Clear Word Bible). Notwithstanding the limitations confronting us because of this virus, there is a universal publication of the glad tidings of the kingdom, for a testimony to all nations.

It is evident that the verse does not tell us the time involved in preaching the gospel, except to say that it happens before the end. It does not indicate whether it is preached over the course of several decades, or whether it takes 42 months, or whether there is a singular announcement that all the world hears at the same time through some form of mass media. This verse also says nothing about how this preaching will be accomplished. There is no mention of television stations, radio programs, websites, internet streams, or any other technological platform. The verse simply says that it will be done. Only God knows exactly how it will be fulfilled. Hallelujah!

I say to the leaders of the fields in the Caribbean Union, we are on the right track. Let us preach the gospel in season and out of season.



**USC Professor Lloyd Jacott - Suriname Evangelistic Crusade speaker**



## **Notice of the 17th Quinquennial Session of the Caribbean Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists**

Notice is hereby given of the seventeenth (17th) quinquennial business session of the Caribbean Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, scheduled for July 21st to 23rd, 2021 at the auditorium building on the campus of the University of the Southern Caribbean in Trinidad.

Delegates will receive reports, elect officers, directors and members of the executive committee; submit plans and recommendations; amend the constitution and bylaws, and transact any other business as stipulated in the constitution and bylaws of the Caribbean Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The session is due to start at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the aforementioned venue.

Kern Tobias, President

Johnson Frederick, Executive Secretary

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# SVG Mission Celebrates Originality With SANS (Sing A New Song)

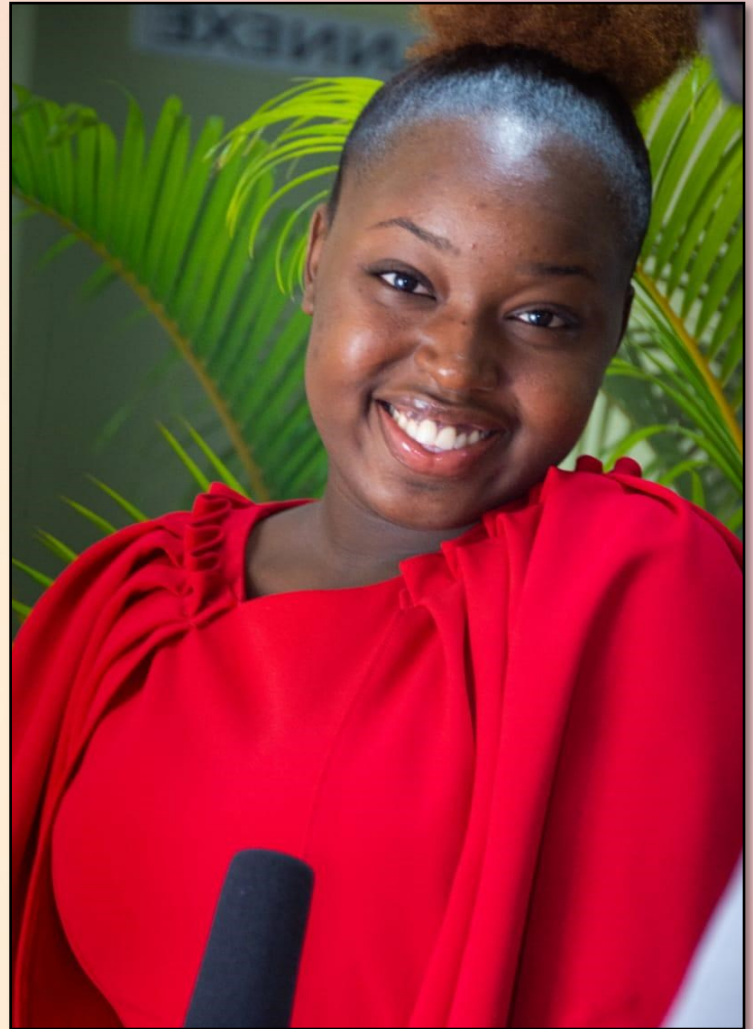
By Pastor Brent St Jean

On October 31st 2020, young people from across the SVG Mission and the Caribbean logged on to the SVG Youth Ministries Department page and the YouTube Channel for SANS. SANS, which stands for Sing A New Song, was a programme from the Youth Ministries department which encouraged young people to write their own songs in an effort to give the youth an added push in establishing a career in singing and music production.

The idea for SANS was conceived after a conversation between Elder Winston George of the Fountain SDA Church and Pastor Brent St. Jean, who serves as the Youth Ministries director of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Mission of Seventh-day Adventists. The cry of the conversation was that the church was filled with talented musicians and artists who are comfortable with only singing other people's songs. Coming out of that conversation, it was determined to create a programme and long-term initiative named Sing A New Song (SANS) to encourage and support the youth creatively, musically and financially to make this a reality.

The idea was then taken to the Adventist Youth Ministries Advisory Council (AYMAC) and a SANS Committee was established to make the initiative a reality. The committee was comprised of Dexter Bacchus (Chairperson), Winston George, Camille Soleyn, Orlando Luke, Jemalie John (AYMAC President), Darron Andrews and Pastor Brent St. Jean. The Mission President, Pastor Dermoth Baptiste gave his blessing and commendation and then brought it to the executive committee, where this programme was voted unanimously.

The mammoth task of fulfilling the obligations of such a tremendous undertaking began by sending letters to the churches inviting young people between the ages of 14-35 to submit an acapella version of their original song to the SANS committee. Entries came in from all over the constituency and excitement grew within the department by the response. Three judges were then selected to choose the entries who would make it to the grand finals. After many hours of grueling deliberation, the judges completed the arduous task and the finalists emerged from the pack. The finalists were Lily Lewis, Brennal Maloney, Alyssa Patterson, Hanifah Simon, Ahjea Jackson, Jewelle Cordice, Sherika Williams, Reynoldcia Williams and Karielle Edwards.



**WINNER Hanifah Simon of the Layou SDA Church**

After the finalists were selected, the enormous task of getting the songs polished and arranged began. Cultural Ambassador of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and international violinist Darron Andrews of Darron Andrews Music (DAM) was chosen to manage that aspect of the initiative. We assembled a team of musicians and arrangers to get the songs ready for the finals. Darron Andrews, Allanson Cruickshank and Colville Thorpe were assigned the responsibility of doing the musical arrangement with the singers.

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## **Notice of the 14<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Session – North Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists**

Notice is hereby given that the Fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) Quadrennial Session of the North Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will take place at the Central SDA Church in St Croix USVI from Wednesday to Friday August 18 to 20, 2021.

Delegates will receive reports, elect directors and members of the executive committee, submit plans and recommendations, amend the constitution and bylaws and transact any other business as stipulated in the operating policies of the North Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The session is due to begin at 3 pm at the aforementioned venue.

**Desmond James, President**

**Wilmoth James, Executive Secretary**

## **Notice of the 43rd Quadrennial Session – East Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists**

Notice is hereby given of the Forty third (43rd) quadrennial business session of the East Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, scheduled for August 11-14, 2021, at the Old bury Site St Phillip. Delegates will receive reports, elect directors and members of the executive committee, submit plans and recommendations, and transact any other business as stipulated in the operating policies of the East Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. The Session is due to start at 3:00 O'clock in the afternoon at the aforementioned venue.

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# NCC Online Campaign Nets 36

By Royston Philbert

The North Caribbean Conference welcomed thirty-six (36) persons into the fellowship of the Seventh-day Adventist Church during the Family's Hope online evangelistic campaign, held from October 15, 2020, to October 31, 2020. Church leaders reported that the three-week campaign drew more than 1,500 hits on Facebook and YouTube, each evening, and facilitated online Bible studies for scores of individuals.

“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.”

The Family's Hope campaign emphasized practical ways for families to restart their lives and embrace the forgiveness, love, peace, healing, power, and salvation that Christ offers. A live broadcast of the campaign was carried on two radio stations in the United States Virgin Islands (USVI). Translation services from English to Spanish and French were offered via Zoom.

Planning took more than six months. The intense promotional work was coordinated by Conference leaders, pastors, media teams and church members – we are thankful for the hard work of all participants. Advertising platforms included WhatsApp, Facebook and YouTube. An app was designed to facilitate sharing and following-up with guests and many who followed, from around the world, sent encouraging messages.

Holding the evangelistic effort online during the pandemic was challenging. It was difficult to harness the true evangelistic potential of the Conference because its ten islands were experiencing varying degrees of government-mandated lockdowns. Some islands were under a curfew which restricted the movement of members and retarded the plans for in-person church gatherings. *(Continued on Page 23)*



Evangelist Hesketh Matthew—NCC Online Evangelist

## Notice of the 2nd Quadrennial Session – SVG Mission of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given for the Second Quadrennial Session of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, scheduled for April 14 – 17, 2021. The session will be held at the Conference Room of the Mission Office located at Old Montrose, Kingstown. The first business session will convene at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14.

Delegates will receive reports from administrators and directors, elect directors and members of the Executive Committee, submit plans and recommendations and transact any other business as stipulated by the Operating Policy of the SVG Mission of Seventh-day Adventists.

**Dermoth Baptiste, President**

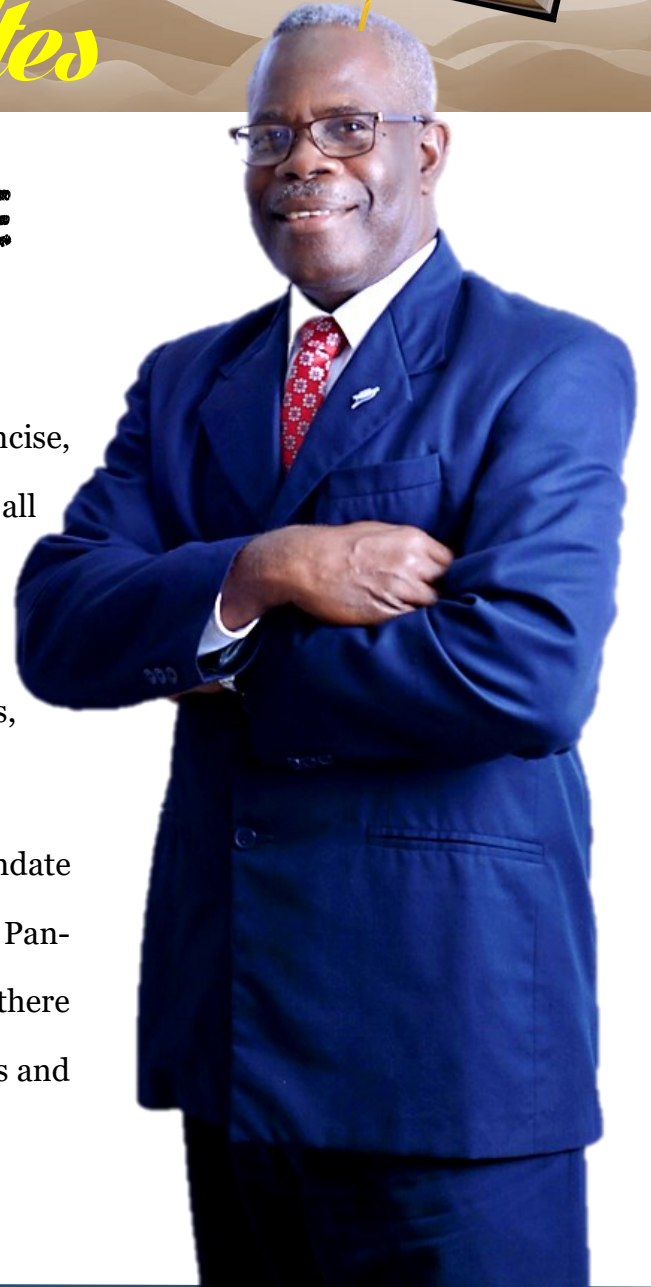
**Henry Snagg, Executive Secretary**



## **AND THIS GOSPEL SHALL BE PREACHED**

The gospel commission of Christ to His disciples is clear, concise, and conclusive. It says, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:19, 20 NIV).

The Caribbean Union Conference has taken this mission mandate seriously and has sought to fulfill it in spite of the COVID 19 Pandemic. Despite not being able to assemble in large numbers, there have been Impact Evangelistic Initiatives in many of our Fields and by many of our enthusiastic evangelists.



*Dr. Kern Tobias*

The Virtual Platforms were very busy and the innovation of using international evangelists like our own Pastor Earl Balwin, Dr. Samuel Telemaque, Dr. Balvin Braham, Dr. James Yansen, and Pastor Sherwin White in the South Caribbean Conference was an example of collaboration and innovation. Pastors Marvin Smith of the Guyana Conference, Inskip Richards of the South Caribbean Conference, Oliver Scott of the Guyana Conference, Roger Stephen of the St. Lucia Mission, and Hesketh Matthew of the North Caribbean Conference are examples of those who preached virtually within their Fields.

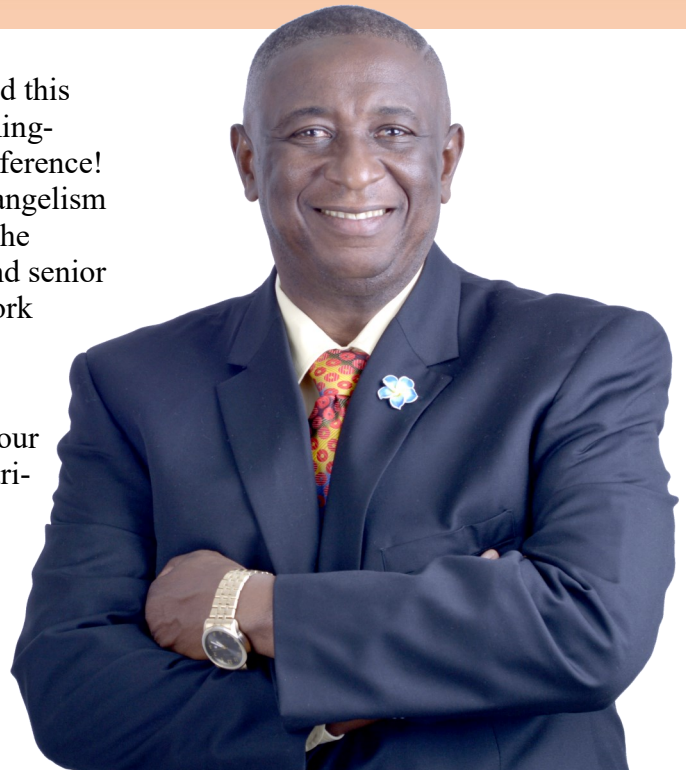
I commend all the Presidents, Pastors, and peoples who have made the preaching of the gospel a reality.



## Communication Director

Commendation is in place for the evangelists and pastors who used this lockdown time to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel of the Kingdom. What a church we are a part of in the Caribbean Union Conference! What is exciting is that we have leaders who are excited about evangelism and fulfilling the mission of the church. While we celebrate with the many preachers, the celebration and involvement of our young and senior people who stand behind the cameras, sit at the mixing boards, work with the audio mixer, pull the cables, manage the stage, keep the time, all need to be applauded..

If you are at home on any Sabbath, you can move to the field of your choice or the preacher of your choice. I must make note of the Suriname Mission that has very little equipment to accommodate streaming on Sabbaths, but provided streaming through the kindness of one of their members. We must note as a Union also, the contribution made by a business person in our field to Suriname. With the contribution, equipment can be bought so that Suriname can increase its streaming capacity.



**Dr. Claudius Morgan**

The Communication Department of our Union is stressing the importance of video. You may ask why. Because in a remote world, video allows us to meet, to market, to sell, and to service.

This is our opportunity to reach people in their living rooms, kitchens, bedrooms. We have to plan and execute well because people can switch readily, and even though we have to be extremely careful as to what we say and how it is said, we cannot compromise the preaching of the gospel.

What is best to preach during this pandemic? We must not compromise truth. Truth is not relative, it is absolute and should not be compromised. I am recommending that we lift up Jesus in every discourse. The drawing is not our preaching but our lifting up. Jesus says in John 12:32: And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me.

If Jesus must do the drawing, he must be lifted by the preacher. What does it mean to lift up Jesus? The Greek word for the phrase "lift up" in our text is translated "exalt" 14 times and "lift up" 6 times in the New Testament.

The word means...

- 1) to lift up on high, to exalt
- 2) to raise to the very summit of sufficiency and prosperity
- 3) to exalt, to raise to dignity, honor and happiness

The Lord's words in our text mean that Jesus would be lifted up to die on the cross, by which He would destroy the power of Satan and purchase salvation for His people. The cross means victory over Satan, sin, death, hell, and the grave. It means the completion of the mighty work of Christ on earth in the ultimate sacrifice of the Lamb of God for the sins of His people. For Jesus to be lifted up logically implies His exaltation back to glory. It spiritually implies that Jesus would be lifted up through the preaching of the cross, by which He would draw all of His chosen people to Himself.







# NET 2020



Evangelist Inskip Richards in action at the Net 2020, Christ for the Crisis Crusade.

The South Caribbean Conference embarked on its NET 2020 Virtual Series entitled Christ for the Crisis, with the dynamic speaker Pastor Inskip Richards. The series was beamed via the SCC Youtube Channel from the Enterprise Seventh-day Adventist Church in Central Trinidad, from September 26 to October 10, 2020.

One of the innovative segments of this series was a Physical Health Challenge, where members and friends were invited to participate each night. Listeners were asked to do five activities within 30 seconds increasing the repetitions each time. They were then asked to videotape themselves and send it into our Media Team. This was quite an exciting activity and was well received.

Night after night Pastor Richards shared the Word of God and hearts were blessed. Our hosts and hostesses did a delightful job of keeping the viewers attentive and interested with their warmth and versatility. We were able to realize the baptism of 64 precious souls for the kingdom. To God be the Glory.



Gillian Edwards sings to the Glory of God



# CHILDREN'S CRUSADE



Faith on a Mission was a collaborated effort between the Children Ministries & Adolescents Department and ASI and Beyond 2000 which took place from October 23 – 31, 2020. Night after night hearts of both the young and old were blessed as children stood tall in faith leading out in amazing ways during these services. Craft, testimonies, musical renditions – vocal as well as instrumental, comprised the variety of presentations in this first ever Conference-wide Children's Crusade. It was a joy listening to the powerful faith messages delivered by the nightly featured speakers who reminded us of the important tools needed to build our faith while on His mission. Six precious children surrendered their lives to Jesus. May God continue to bless our children.

## YOUTH THEME SONG

The South Caribbean Conference congratulates Raevae and Kedron Isaac who secured 1st place in the Inter-American Division theme song competition. This song is to be the theme song for the I Will Go strategic initiative 2020-2021. We are very proud of the Isaacs and their team ministry. May God continue to bless them.



# SVG Mission Celebrates Originality

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These composers and arrangers then took these arrangements to the members of the SANS band, who were responsible for playing all songs at the finals. The band members were Allanson Cruickshank (Keyboard), Sonallie Jackson (Bass), Joshua Lewis (Drums), Colville Thorpe (Guitar) and Darron Andrews (Keyboard).

Besides the musical aspect, getting ready for SANS required multiple parts working together as a well-greased machine. To help with these components, Orlando Luke (Technical Director), Camille Soleyn (Event Planner and Decorator), Junior Mason (Sound System and Lighting), Orville Samuel (Video Production), Elias Francis (Streaming Manager) and Lisle Seales (Ads/Video Editing) were chosen to help make the programme a reality.

The evening of October 31st came and with a limited live audience and thousands looking across St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the rest of the world, the nine finalists made their case to the judges and the viewing audience. Singing under the flashing lights, LCD screens and smoke effects, they wowed the crowds with exquisite performances, accompanied by the best musical band across St. Vincent and the Grenadines. With the winner receiving a music video and the winning song professionally

produced and the 2nd and 3rd place winners also receiving the price of a professionally produced single, the stage was set for the battle for the ages.

Emerging from the pack in first place was Hanifah Simon with her song titled “My Cry”. Second place went to Ahjea Jackson with her song titled “The Millennial’s Prayer” and third place went to Jewelle Cordice with her song titled “Cleansing Stream”. The songs were so amazing that the Youth Department decided that all nine finalists should have their songs professionally recorded. This brought great joy to the participants and the viewing audience.

The Youth Department thanks all sponsors and stakeholders for their part in ensuring that this groundbreaking initiative became a reality. Special thanks to AYMAC, the SANS committee, the SVG Mission, Darron Andrews Music and members who donated to this worthy cause. We invite members and even the Caribbean Union to partner with us to make this final product a reality. The studio recordings, along with mixing and mastering will cost approximately EC\$17,000. Let us help make the dreams of these nine young people come true and set them towards a sustainable future.



The WINNER surrounded by L to R—Jewelle Cordice and Ahjea Jackson from the Sandy Bay and Questelles Church respectively



# Ground breaking Ceremony for \$1.6M SDA Complex in Carrot Bay

On Sunday, August 16, 2020, the Premier of the British Virgin Islands (BVI), Honorable Andrew Fahie, was among top BVI government and church officials who attended a ground breaking ceremony for the construction of a new \$1.6M complex, to house the Carrot Bay Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Church on Tortola.

Pastor Desmond James, President of the North Caribbean Conference (NCC), delivered the feature address, virtually, from the NCC Office, on St. Croix, to church members and community friends. Pastor Desmond James commended the church's leader, Pastor Leriano Webster, and the members for moving to have the church planted in the community. He said, "This is a celebrative moment for the church. Undaunted by the huge challenge, you are a sacrificial people, tenacious and untiring in your efforts to pursue the mission for God's people." Pastor James encouraged the members to be a lighthouse and to embrace every opportunity to serve God and grow. He said, "I know you are closely knit together and we expect great things from you."

Originally built on land donated by the family of Sarah Donovan in 1954, the Carrot Bay SDA Church became unsafe for worship after it was damaged during the 2017 hurricane season. Brother Arundell Donovan, the church's historian, indicated that the original building was demolished in 2019 to accommodate construction on land that he sold to the church, years ago.

The ultra-modern building plans include spaces designed to facilitate fellowship and the effective delivery of ministry. In addition to being a worship center with a baptistry, the future church will serve the community and fulfill the three strategic guidelines set by the NCC: Serve, Disciple and Evangelize. There will also be areas to provide services for children and youth. Brother Samuel Jones, Chairman of the Building Committee highlighted the emphasis on sustainable energy, with LED lighting throughout the building.

Pastor Leriano Webster said, "My blessing is to see the hand of God as we decided to move forward. He

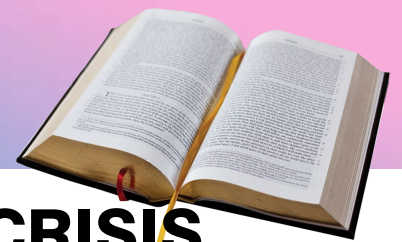
opened new paths that we did not see, in a village where the circumstances were hard and we are happy to erect this temple to His glory. The objective of the project is to create a facility that will provide a holistic worship environment and enable the church to provide a range of services to enhance the quality of life for our members and the community at large."

Honorable Andrew Fahie lauded the church for its commitment to the social development of the island. He recalled fond memories of attending Vacation Bible School, often conducted by Sister Ingah Smith, "It was since then when I was 7 years old, I had heard of plans to build a new church. All I can say is thank God we are where we are now. I want to say from the top of my heart this has my full support. Whatever I can do, whatever we can do, we are going to do it. This is not just about the building. This is about the community coming together for a cause for God. This will not only bring the people together for church but it will bring us together, even tighter, as a community and as children of God."

Pastor Sylvester Williams, Coordinator of the Adventist work in the BVI, commented, "This is a monumental occasion to which we have come. This project has come at a most appropriate time to fill the need for a place of worship for the people of God in this community."



**Ground Breaking Ceremony for the construction of the New Carrot Bay SDA Church**



## **CHRIST FOR THE COVID-19 CRISIS EVANGELISTIC SERIES IN SURINAME**

The Suriname Mission of SDA hosted an Online Evangelistic Series for two weeks with the theme: Christ for the Covid-19 Crisis. The evangelist for this online campaign was Dr. Lloyd Jacott. He is a native of Suriname who is able to preach in the languages: Dutch, Sranan Tongo and English. From the 25th October until the 7th November we have had nightly programs. The uniqueness of this campaign is the wonderful collaboration of the Suriname Mission and the South Caribbean Conference. Pastor Jacott preached from Trinidad and Tobago and our local members, leaders and Pastors did the preliminaries of the program on site in the Centrum SDA Church. The local churches have worked with souls. At the time this article was written we have had a baptism of three disciples of the Hatian community and more baptisms will take place on Sabbath the 7th in the various churches. This online series was streamed through our Youtube channel and was also transmitted on a local Television Station (Channel 12.2). We see this as an exposure of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to the Surinamese community.

In preparation for this evangelistic campaign, we have had a 40 days of prayer program hosted by the Ministerial, Family Life and the Personal Ministries Departments (represented by the Prayer Coordinator of the Mission). The 40 days of prayer started with ten days of prayer with pastors and their families. The remainder were led by the elders, deacons and deaconesses, the men, the families, the singles and students of the field-school. This program was streamed live through



**Baptismal Candidates in the Bethel SDA Church as a result of a reaping Evangelistic Campaign**

Youtube using the zoom platform. Every night included special features such as devotion, special music, testimonies and of course, prayer. This program was well received by the members and visitors, and it blessed many hearts. Special thanks to Pastor David Daniel (Ministerial and Family Life Director) and sister Unica Tulp (Prayer Coordinator of the Mission) and all other team members who made this program possible from the 1st of September to the 11th of October. After this period another one-week devotional program was conducted daily at 5 am called “Walking with Jesus”.



**Youth Praise Team leading out in Praise and Worship during the Campaign.**



# Grenada Conference Hosts Its First Ever Online Evangelistic Campaign

By StacyAnn Hillaire

The world today faces an international crisis unparalleled in all the history of man; wars, disease, disaster and death. The present crises in every area of human life all point to the same conclusion; we need a safe refuge and security found only in Jesus Christ. The current global circumstances have opened doors for evangelism in a number of new ways here in the Grenada Conference. Hence, on July 18, 2020, the Evangelism Council of the Grenada Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, under the chairmanship of Pastor Elvis Hillaire launched its first ever life changing online evangelistic campaign, titled 'Christ for the Crisis'. It was indeed a manifestation of the Power of God!

Every bit of equipping and empowerment from the Spirit of God was needed for this new and uncharted experience, but we went in faith as the planning began. The crusade management teams were set in motion by the manager Pastor Chirnus Isidore. Our media team was strengthened and supported with volunteers and new equipment. Our prayer warriors marshaled heaven's army as the believers prepared to ransack the kingdom of darkness. By the authority of God, for three weeks beginning July 18, the word of God was proclaimed nightly by the powerful and dynamic evangelist Pastor Oliver Scott. The soul stirring messages were heard on our various media platforms namely Mission Live Grenada via our YouTube channel and Facebook page, our online radio station, on Flow Cable T.V. and other social media platforms and frequency based radio stations.

Nightly our duo of hosts interacted with thousands of viewers and listeners from all over the world. Their warm smiles and pleasant personas punctuated with keen enthusiasm made our audience comfortable. From the nightly uplifting song service led by the dynamic praise teams and musicians, to the various health tips which offered healing and life changing messages, to the prayer features where needs and hearts were lifted in faith and confidence and finally from the preaching of the gospel truth, fifty-three pre-

cious souls accepted Jesus in baptism. All glory and honor to God for the power of the gospel.

Our Bible Workers and Pastors worked tirelessly, both online and in the field where possible and through the combined efforts of the laity and the pastoral ministry we can now say, "To God be the Glory, great things He has done." Oh what a joy it was to see on that concluding Sabbath that through various streaming sites around Grenada, our viewing audience from all over the globe witnessed the new birth experience as persons gave their lives to Jesus. Please pray for the evangelistic efforts in Grenada as we continue our online streams, sparing no effort to continue using this tool to reach men and women for Jesus. The field is ready, the harvest is ripe, Christ is indeed the answer to this world's crisis. Maranatha!



Evangelist , Executive Secretary,  
Pastor Oliver Scott



# Impact St. Lucia Amidst COVID-19

By: Theodore Jaria



**Northern Baptism of Candidates from IMPACT St Lucia at Vigie Castries St Lucia.  
Pastor Richard Randolph gives the vows.**

The Saint Lucia Mission broke new ground as she launched her first ever virtual evangelistic effort. Dubbed “Impact St. Lucia Amidst COVID-19”, the initiative followed on the heels of a need to provide spiritual care for its membership of 26,000 in the face of the pandemic, which resulted in the closure of all churches in compliance with mitigation measures established by the Government.

The Mission put a streaming committee in place, headed by the Communication Director, Pastor Daryl St Clair, and began its online program on Sabbath March 21. The site for the services, which were streamed for the benefit of members, was the Zion SDA Church. The church, no longer in use for regular services, was reorganized to accommodate 3 platforms to facilitate smooth transition from one participant to another. Thanks to Sister Kathleen Cadette, our interior designer, an amazing transformation took place, as the church, now converted to a studio, became a place for conducting Sunday and Wednesday night services, and a full day of Sabbath programming

where members could view from the comfort of their homes.

Volunteers were selected to do song service, to host the different services and to assist in directing each production, while the clergy on the island provided spiritual food for each service. The youth were not left out, as they took charge of Sabbath afternoon programming; the Adventurer and Pathfinder program at 2pm and the AYM activity from 4pm. Many thanks are to be extended to Brother Lance Octave, owner, and CEO of LNO Studios and his team for the professional way they have gone about capturing each production and streaming it live to the membership. To our amazement, links were shared with friends and loved ones, and as the services gained in popularity, as many as four thousand viewers logged on the streaming platforms from as far as South Africa, Sri Lanka, England, Canada and the USA.

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# IMPACT 2020



**Dr. Balvin Braham**



**Dr. Samuel Telemaque**

And then came IMPACT 2020 Experience the Fire. The Personal Ministries Department under the leadership of Ps. Nigel Walcott engaged our laymen, ministerial workers, together with international speakers who encouraged us to “experience the fire” during the period August 14 -29, 2020. Night after night, speakers reminded us of our call to greater service and recommitment to Jesus.

Drs. Balvin Braham and Samuel Telemaque from the Inter-American Division, Ps. Sherwin Jack, Sherwin White, Toney Mapp and Earl Baldwin, and Dr. James Yansen were among our international guests who ministered to our hearts during this dynamic two weeks.

To climax this powerful two weeks, Ps. Nigel Walcott reminded us of what we see when we survey the cross. Jesus indeed paid the price and never looked back. His desire - to save mankind for eternity.



**Nigel Walcott PM Director South Caribbean Conference on fire at the pulpit.**



## The Necessity of Transformation



# FROM EGYPT TO CANAAN

By Annette Lewis

We are no strangers to ASI Tobago Chapter. Known throughout the Caribbean and the world, this chapter of ASI Ministry has continued to operate on a level that is beyond excellence. A dedicated and committed team of youth and young adults, they continue to proclaim the Good News of Jesus' soon return during this lockdown period in Tobago, through their time and talents, touching lives across the globe.

During the start of the COVID-19 period, when it was declared by the Trinidad & Tobago Government that all churches be closed in order to safe-guard the nation, the Tobago Chapter of ASI with the Tobago Mission stepped up to the plate and filled the impending void. The Good News SDA Church located in the town of Scarborough, became the studio for streaming the weekly Sunday, Wednesday and Sabbath Services. In addition were the ASI Kitchen with Bro. Diamond and Joy Andrews on Tuesdays, and Friday Night Talks, developed by 4 very talented youth leaders.

With the increase and use of social media, live streams, radio and television and long before COVID, the ASI Team had a vision for the expansion of the media ministry in Tobago. Their foresight included, but was not limited to, acquiring the relevant and necessary equipment, teaching and training youth and therefore securing the future and the presence of the Tobago Mission in the digital world as we proclaim the Advent Message of Jesus' return.

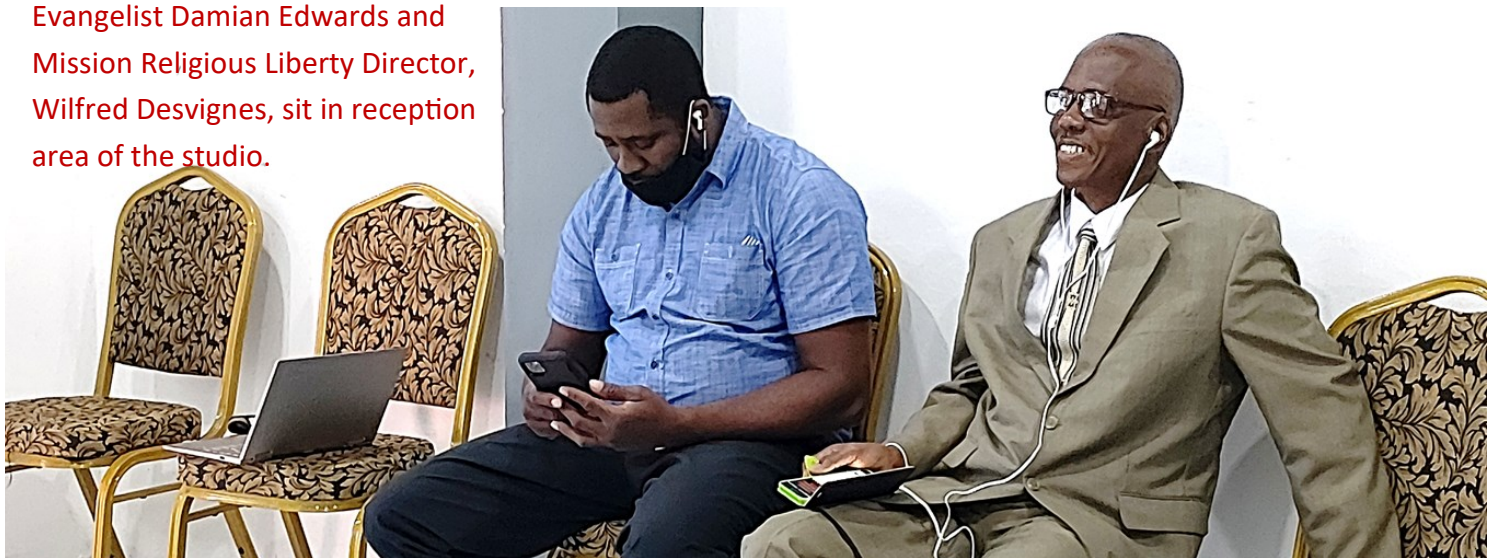
Through the leadership of Bro. Diamond Andrews, one aspect of this vision has become a reality. A studio was needed, and in short, the property was acquired,



Communication Director Annette does her part in preparing the studio for production.

and an extension for the studio area added. Renovations and preparations began to take place with all hands on deck as friends and family, neighbours and well-wishers worked in order to make the new location possible for habitation. *(Continued on Page 29)*

Evangelist Damian Edwards and Mission Religious Liberty Director, Wilfred Desvignes, sit in reception area of the studio.





## Saint Lucia Mission Launches Christian Education Telethon



Organizing Committee of the Christian Education Telethon. L to R, Wendy Frederick, Keia Hippolyte, Lucius Phillip, Daryl St Hill and Richard Randolph

The Education system of the Saint Lucia Mission of Seventh-day Adventists was severely impacted by COVID-19 with many parents unable to pay tuition fees due to job losses and pay cuts. Additionally, due to reduced revenue, the Mission was unable to meet the plethora of needs at the three primary schools and secondary school.

These realities created the canvass for the birthing of an idea never attempted before in the Saint Lucia Mission. The Interim Education Director, with the help of his dedicated team and the support of members and supporters locally and in the diaspora launched the inaugural Christian Education Telethon on August 2nd 2020 from 11:00 AM to 7:30 PM. This professional production was streamed on YouTube and Facebook and was aired on the Mission's radio station PrayzFM Radio. The telethon was followed by thousands of individuals locally, regionally and internationally.

The objectives of the telethon were:

- 1) To assist parents who were now unemployed due to COVID-19 with outstanding school fees
- 2) To assist the schools with financing capital projects in preparation for the new academic year.

The team's hard work and preparation certainly paid off, as the Saint Lucia Mission was able to raise over one hundred and twenty thousand dollars to aid with financing Christian Education during the present crisis. The Saint Lucia Mission would like to thank all the local and regional artists who used their talent to assist in this worthy cause. Additionally, to every donor, who chose to give sacrificially during a time of financial uncertainty, we say thank you!



Darren Sammy—Alumnus Emmanuel SDA Primary gave scholarship to Primary School Students



# Christian Education Telethon

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**Men in Christ with Shirley-ann Cyril-Mayers, performing at the Educational Telethon**

Apart from the much-needed funds raised, this telethon was able to showcase the indelible contribution Seventh-day Adventist Christian Education has had on the lives of its illustrious alumni. This contribution has reverberated nationally, regionally, and internationally. It was eye opening to realize the number of individuals from all strata of society who have benefited from Seventh-day Adventist Christian Education in Saint Lucia. During the telethon appearances were made by many alumni including world renowned researcher and Harvard Professor Dr. David Williams, the Mayor of Castries, His Worship Peterson D Francis, former West Indies cricket captain Darren Sammy, former Prime Minister Hon Stephenson King, and successful entrepreneurs Rudy and Susanna Gurley among many others. Additionally, high-ranking officials from the Caribbean Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists connected with the broadcast via Zoom to bring greetings and show their support for the telethon.

It is noteworthy that the Caribbean Union made a substantial pledge to the telethon. In an expression of appreciation for the contribution of Adventist Christian Education, members of local government also made pledges to the telethon. Among them were Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, Hon. Allen Chastanet and Parliamentary Representative for area of our streaming site, Hon. Guy Joseph.

On all accounts, the telethon was a major success. The finances raised can be counted and quantified, whether applied as tuition scholarships or capital projects at our four schools. This is a good measure of the success of the telethon. However, it is our belief that the greatest impact of the telethon, which we may never be able to fully quantify on this side of eternity, is the effective marketing of the power of Adventist Christian Education on the lives of Adventist and non-Adventist young people, and the continued relevance of Adventist Christian Education in today's world.



**Sheror Francis Performs**



# LITTLE JEWELS ECCE: FORGING FORWARD IN THE FACE OF THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC.

**Motto: Lo! Children are a Heritage of the Lord!**

By Kathleen Quashie

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected educational systems worldwide, leading schools and educational institutions to change their plan of action and devise creative strategies to connect with families. It has also impacted the way schools leave lasting impressions on the minds of the learners.

One exemplary school, the Little Jewels Early Childhood Centre and Daycare (LJECCE), located in Mason Hall Tobago, founded and established in 1997 by Ms. Kathleen Quashie (Communication Secretary & Adult Sabbath School Leader of the Sandy River S.D.A Church), created history on Sunday 16th August, 2020, as they took their graduation and end of school year event to another level during the current pandemic.

The lavish event labeled the “drive-by” was held on the school’s newly established compound with the colours black, gold and white and under the theme “We’re on the right track” in alignment with the school’s curriculum focus for the academic year, “I like to move it, move it...all about transportation”. The seventeen (17) students, all outfitted in their graduation regalia, sat in decorated vehicles with their families as they witnessed the live stream on their devices then exited upon hearing their names to receive their certificates and gifts. Following this, they drove through the community honking their horns to signal the end of their childhood tenure at this noble institution.

When asked what prompted this initiative during this pandemic, Ms Quashie’s response was, “This school was established by God and therefore, it is expected that we shall be the head and not the tail.” She further reiterated that “when you name the name of Christ, He expects you to represent Him with a high degree of excellence.” Simply put, “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act but a habit.”

Ms. Quashie extends gratitude first to God for granting her the wisdom to be different, to the ASI Media Team for the live stream, and the staff and families for

their overwhelming support by sharing in her overall vision for the school.

Long live Little Jewels as they prepare students for service in this world and the wider joy of service in the world to come.



Photos show Jade Thom above and Kemaya Carrington below.



# NCC Online Campaign Nets 39

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“It’s been a challenge but miraculously many persons around the world were impacted by the messages and accepted Jesus and decided to be baptized,” said Dr. Henry Peters, NCC Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Director as well as manager of the campaign. “We praise God for that. There were little technical complications during the evening transmission of the campaign and they were compounded by the fact that thieves stole the standby generator used to power the campaign.”

“It’s really impressive to have baptized the 39 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 and speaker for the campaign. “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.”

Pastors and local church leaders are monitoring all Bible study enrollees and more baptisms have taken place since the campaign ended. The NCC is already planning for the next online evangelistic campaign scheduled to take place in the first quarter of 2021.



Pastor Desmond James expresses thanks to evangelist Matthew and his wife oh behalf of



Pastor Thomas Rose Baptizing his daughter



Crusade manager Dr. Henry Peters, Speaker Hesketh Matthew, Hosts Timothy Leito and Candyann Rowe standing with Campaign Musician Celeste David and her husband Dr. Vincent David and Appeal Singer Linda James



# FIRST EVER ONLINE LAY CRUSADE IN THE TOBAGO MISSION

By Paul McKenzie



Photo shows Evangelist Roger Allen making appeal. Appeal singers stand behind him and translator for the hearing impaired is inset at bottom right

The counsel given to Timothy by the apostle Paul, “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (2 Timothy 4:2), is more pivotal today. In this season of social distancing, mask wearing, constant hand washing, and fear, even in this season the Seventh-day Adventist Church has continued to heed the counsel to preach the word with the “Let’s Talk About Him” initiative.

In Tobago we have just concluded our “Let’s Talk About Him” online crusade where we saw the hand of God helping us to navigate as we transition from the tent to the internet. The ASI Tobago Media team with their commitment and sacrifice was instrumental in guiding us through this transition. Our journey began with a “Ten Days of Prayer” initiative, spearheaded by Pastor Vishnu Persad. Every morning we gathered at

5am via zoom and prayed for the campaign, which transitioned into a virtual prayer tent for the duration of the campaign.

The live stream began on the 13th September and concluded on the 3rd October 2020, with men and women praising God and soul-shaking messages by Evangelist Roger and Natasha Alleyne. This dynamic duo continues to break new ground, not only as life partners, but partners in ministry.

The campaign concluded with forty-three precious souls surrendering to Jesus through baptism and a list of candidates from all over the world. We thank God for His steady hand guiding us and for His promise that His word will not return unto Him void (Isaiah 55:11). To God be the glory, great things He had done.



# Covid-19, Religious Liberty and the End of Times



CARU Directors, Clive Dottin and Anthony Hall, featured Speakers at the National Liberty Forum

The Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department in the Grenada Conference exists as a liaison body for the church between government and religious bodies.

Since the entrance of Covid-19 and the new normal, the department organized and executed one major activity.

On Sabbath June 13th, the department facilitated a national liberty forum under the theme: Covid-19, Religious Liberty and the End of Times.

This initiative was facilitated via zoom and was streamed live via Mission Live, both on the Conference Facebook and YouTube platforms.

Our three main presenters were Dr. Clive Dottin, PARL Director of the Caribbean Union, Pastor Anthony Hall, Youth Ministries Director of the Caribbean Union and Attorney at Law, and Leslyn Charles from the Guyana Conference.

After listening and viewing two stimulating presentations from Dr. Dottin and Pastor Hall on the issues surrounding covid-19 and its associated regulations, the panelists then entertained relevant questions from persons around the Conference and Caribbean region. Indeed, it was an extremely timely and successful venture, a common response echoed from hundreds of persons who viewed and participated in the activity.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

The Men's Ministry program in the Grenada Conference was relaunched in February at the Grenville SDA Church under the Theme "Kingdom Men Rising To The Challenge: No More Excuses". In attendance, were men ministry coordinators and elders from approximately twenty two churches. The department used that occasion to roll out the new vision and plans for the men of our Conference.

In the month of June, as part of our strategic objective, the Men's ministry Department hosted a national Men's forum under the Theme - "Saving The Male

Species For Future Generations". Our presenters were Dr. Neals Chitan; Elder Wil Campbell, University Lecturer, Guyana Conference; and Dr. Dolstan Morian, district pastor in the St. Lucia Mission.

Some of the presentations included: Repositioning the Grenadian Father for Greater Connectivity with His Son, Redefining Masculinity in the Context of Covid-19, and The Wiring Makes the Difference: Understanding the Psyche of the Male Species. This program was open to all males and was viewed live both on YouTube and Facebook.



# *Scarborough SDA Church VBS Experience*



Ruel and Rachel Ottley were part of the VBS Experience

By Natasha Jak

“And Jesus increased in Wisdom and Stature and in favour with God and Man” - Luke 2:52.

On the 22nd August 40 students registered with great enthusiasm to experience their first online VBS. They were furnished with packages which consisted of an activity book with all the guidelines for each day’s activity, along with all the materials needed for the creation of their daily craft.

Each day the children had the opportunity to learn about Super Heroes who displayed heroic deeds for God, such as Daniel, Gideon, and the fire proof boys along with Elijah and the Widow. They also enjoyed a health segment which they were able to identify good foods and bad foods.

Daily the children actively participated in singing the theme song “This Little Light of Mine” before listening to the Bible Heroes Story and learning their memory verses. They also were eager to participate in a daily exercise in the form of a power shuffle after which they all did their activities from the activity book (Cross word, Word Search, Cryptogram, Unscramble and Picture to Colour). This was followed by their craft (Prayer Mat, Gardening, Promise Box,

Cooking Time and Face masks). The children were very creative in this area. The enthusiasm for this camp grew stronger and stronger each day and by the end of the camp we enrolled 60 students in total which included 8 non-Adventists. To God be the Glory!

We thank all the Parents and well-wishers for their support and prayers, the many contributors who provided all the necessary material in a timely fashion, the Scarborough SDA church Board, the Tobago Mission of SDA and all the hard working families, aunties and uncles of our congregation who played a very important role in making this event an enjoyable one for the children. Most of all we thank God Almighty for showing us the possibility of accomplishing this vision of an online VBS. Our goals were achieved as we incorporated team activities that were entertaining and educational about God’s love.

To end the VBS, the children immensely enjoyed a graduation ceremony on the zoom platform together with their family and friends... Our aspiration is to “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6).





# MINISTER TO MINISTER

The year 2020 has been one of the most eye-opening years for Seventh-day Adventists when we take into consideration our interpretation of last day Bible prophecy. The consciousness of this reality arrested the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Publishing Ministries to urgently share the Three Angels' Message to our field through the printed page.

However, recognizing the vastness of the field with its limited reapers, God inspired us to tap into our leaders. Leaders are key players in guiding the work in each vineyard. There the conviction came that if the leaders are involved and inspired by the moving of God, seeing the benefits and effectiveness of the work, they will gladly call others to follow.

This is what sparked the inspiration for the ministerial initiative "Minister to Minister". This initiative is where each minister is given five (5) books (Desire of Ages, Great Controversy, Successful Family, Help for Today Family, and The Power of Hope) in a specially marked bag (Publishing Ministries-Cast Deeper!) to give to a minister of another denominational faith.

While the fruits of these labours are not always seen immediately, they present great potential. Perchance they may not be seen here and now but we look forward to the day when we shall stand on the sea that looks like glass and rejoice with those whose lives have been touched through the literature ministry.



Pastors Samuel and Holder of the SVG Mission



# MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT ON **FIRE** IN GRENADA

Over the last six months, the ministerial department has facilitated a number of initiatives which benefited both clergy and laity alike.

Our first venture was the conclusion of the ministerial family week of prayer. This is an annual coming together of the ministers and their families for prayer, fellowship and spiritual renewal. On Sabbath January 25, the Ministerial families assembled at the Belmont Estate where we were inspired, energized and motivated as we began the task for 2020. Indeed, it was a refreshing experience.

Following this experience, the department in conjunction with the Shepherdess chapter, held a seminar for Pastoral spouses on Sunday March 8, at the Harmony Cottage, Mt. Gay, St. George's.

The two main presenters were Sister Donna Gordon, who shared under the caption "Enriched Relationships, the Pastor's Wife and Loneliness" and Pastor Enoch Isaac, who discussed the subject "What Every Pastor's Wife Should Know About Her Husband's Ministry". The ladies expressed great appreciation for the seminar, which included fun, food and fellowship.

As part of the department's drive to equip our elders for effective ministry, we conducted two elder's seminars in the month of June, under the theme: Ministering Post Covid-19. Both seminars were conducted via zoom and were streamed live both on Facebook and on YouTube. Our main presenters included Pastor Neive George, from South Caribbean Conference, Dr. Paul Anderson from the North American Division and Dr. Mark Braithwaite from the South Leeward Conference.

As was attested to by the elders, the experience was indeed enriching and fulfilling. Some of the topics presented included:

- Vicarious Trauma and Self-care
- Saving Your Marriage/Relationship, As We Give Leadership to Others.
- Dealing with Grief and Loss
- Crisis Leadership Skills

Finally, the department co-hosted a financial policy seminar with the Caribbean Union for pastors and their spouses. The purpose of this seminar was to enlighten and educate the ministerial families concerning the financial provisions and allocations that are designed in

policy to provide assistance whenever the need arises. Indeed, this seminar was both eye opening and enlightening for both pastors and their spouses throughout the Caribbean Union



**Enoch Isaac, Ministerial Director  
Grenada Conference**

## **VIRTUAL SEMINARS**

On May 17th and June 14th 2020 Grenada Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Women's Ministries held two (2) virtual seminars: "Chosen and Loved" with Dr. Nadine Collins and "Lord You've Done It Again". They were both spirit-filled evenings with touching testimonies, timely health nuggets, uplifting special music, encouraging presentations and powerful prayer sessions. Our souls were satisfied and well-watered. We had the assurance that we are indeed chosen and loved and when faced with challenges we should just reach out to the Lord for He will do it again.

## *The Necessity of Transformation*



# FROM EGYPT TO CANAAN

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In July 2020 it was announced that churches can now resume their services according to government specified guidelines. It was time to give back the church building to the members of the Good News SDA Church. The timing of this announcement and the plans that were put in place for preparing the studio for the move could only have been the working of the Holy Spirit. We want to publicly thank the Pastor, Elders and members of Good News SDA Church, Tobago for accommodating ASI and the Tobago Mission for making it possible for the online platform to be established at a time when the call for action to ensure little or no disruption to the spiritual and continued development of our friends and members was an immediate one.

On August 13th all the equipment was moved to its new location on Trim Street, Canaan. August 14th and 15th saw the live stream for the first time from the new studio beginning with Friday Night Talks, Sabbath

School, Divine service and Adventist Youth in the afternoon.

The Lord has truly blessed and continues to shower His blessings on the Tobago Mission through the Ministry of ASI. The volunteers who gave of their time, talent and gifts, cannot go unnoticed. Through pictures we want to share with you some of the highlights of the move and the preparations that took place. The full story has not yet been told and many testimonies are yet to be shared. The ASI team are an awesome group of co-labourers with untold skills! Though we have moved into and are currently operating from the new location, the structural and visual work continues. We solicit your prayers and contributions as we go from strength to strength for the furtherance of the Gospel in these last days.



Ezbon Andrews, video editor and Jhdorn Lorde, Switcher, at work in the production room.



# OUR NEED TO PRAY

Bro. Samuel Brathwaite

It is indeed a supreme honor and privilege to be counted amongst those who are intercessors. God says in Ezekiel 22:30, “And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.” To be thus should be the life long quest of every soul that is called by His name.

My life as an intercessor is rooted in Jacob’s desire for the family’s birthright (the one who talks to God) because the need to be men and women of prayer is greater today than ever before. These are three of the compelling reasons why I became involved and you should too.

Who is God? Moses says in Deut. 10:17, “For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.” Matt.7:7: “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” So at the start of the Christ for the Crisis online Evangelistic Series we were confident that whatever we ask of our Father He will give unto us according to His will. In addition to our desire for souls for the Kingdom, our prayers were that the technology worked smoothly and the voice and health of our evangelist be preserved until the end. All glory to God. It did!

The second reason is the might of the enemy. Eph. 6:12: ‘For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.’ We fight an enemy that humanly we cannot win, therefore through prayer we have to depend on the almighty power of our Lord. This was exactly what a loving mother did when her son of promise was behaving strangely and doing things out of sorts. She claimed the promise of James 5:13-15 and brought him to be anointed by Pastor Jerome Gordon during the heart of the Christ for the Crisis presentations; Satan again was defeated.

The third critical reason is Faith. Hebrews 11:6: “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a

rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” Prayer and study have brought me into the audience chamber of the Father and the more I go there, the more I love and trust Him. The more time I spend with our God, the more I want to spend listening to Him through His Words.

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Facebook					
Week 1		Week 2		Week 3	
Date	Views	Date	Views	Date	Views
Sep-25	23,000	Oct-04	12,000	Oct-11	11,000
Sep-26	20,000	Oct-05	12,000	Oct-12	10,000
Sep-27	14,000	Oct-06	12,000	Oct-13	10,000
Sep-28	13,000	Oct-07	11,000	Oct-14	9,600
Sep-29	13,000	Oct-08	11,000	Oct-15	8,600
Sep-30	12,000	Oct-09	14,000	Oct-16	10,000
Oct-01	18,000	Oct-10	20,000	Oct-17	13,000
Oct-02	14,000				
Oct-03	18,000				
<b>Total</b>	<b>145,000</b>		<b>92,000</b>		<b>72,200</b>
<b>TOTAL FACEBOOK VIEWS: 309,200</b>					

YouTube					
Week 1		Week 2		Week 3	
Date	Views	Date	Views	Date	Views
Sep-25	14,219	Oct-04	7,958	Oct-11	7,734
Sep-26	10,583	Oct-05	7,009	Oct-12	9,029
Sep-27	5,819	Oct-06	7,919	Oct-13	8,410
Sep-28	9,203	Oct-07	8,073	Oct-14	7,386
Sep-29	6,595	Oct-08	8,072	Oct-15	8,733
Sep-30	6,518	Oct-09	8,585	Oct-16	9,770
Oct-01	8,041	Oct-10	13,366	Oct-17	12,572
Oct-02	9,568				
Oct-03	11,364				
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,910</b>		<b>60,982</b>		<b>63,634</b>
<b>TOTAL YOUTUBE VIEWS: 206,526</b>					



# Impact St. Lucia Amidst COVID-19

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The story does not end here, however. The Holy Spirit inspired the Assistant to the President for Evangelism, Pastor Matison Preville, to embark on the evangelistic effort, Impact St. Lucia Amidst COVID-19, and what a blessing that was. Using the general theme of end-time prophecy, clergy on the island presented nightly to what may have been the largest audience any one of us may have had the privilege of ministering to; larger than any audience which would have presented itself at a regular tent campaign. The restrictions provided by the quarantine caused by the pandemic, created a “captive” audience for the reception of the gospel. Members and non-members alike drank in the word of God nightly. The chatroom became a place for brethren to fellowship, affirm and express their appreciation for the spoken word. Members waited in anticipation for the nightly links to access the stream, passing them on to contacts both near and far. Thanks to Saint Lucia Mission Communication Department, LNO Studios, GVD TV, Advent Channel and the church-owned Prayz FM Radio, the gospel was disseminated all over the world, in fulfillment of the prophecy of Jesus Himself who said “this gospel shall be preached in all the world for a witness.”

There was to be another first for the Mission. Many responded to the invitation to surrender their lives to Jesus. However, it was not possible to perform traditional baptismal ceremonies without contravening the 6-foot social distancing protocol stipulated by the Ministry of Health. Once again, the leadership was inspired to do the first mass profession of faith ceremony involving persons onsite and online. And what a beautiful ceremony that was as candidates took their baptismal vows and were voted into membership on their public acceptance of the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist faith. The entire service was witnessed by thousands online. On May 23rd, for the first time in the history of the Saint Lucia Mission, 62 persons were added to church membership through profession of faith, with the understanding that when restrictions are lifted, there will be a baptismal ceremony, celebrating the victory of light over dark-

ness. After this first ceremony, more persons expressed a desire to cast their lot on the side of Jesus. As such, the series was continued for two more weeks, with services held on Sunday, Wednesday, Friday nights, and all day Sabbath. To date, a total of 99 persons have been accepted as members of the remnant church, on their profession of faith. To God be the Glory!



**Pastor Cornelius Emmanuel, now deceased was one of the preachers at Impact St Lucia.**



**Pastor Travis Berance, makes a profound point as he delivers during Impact St Lucia**

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# Conversations with God” Evangelistic Series

The Grenada Conference of Seventh-day Adventists stands proud to announce its most recent virtual evangelistic series titled “Conversations with God”. This concatenation, initiated by the Richmond and Grenville SDA churches under the leadership of Pastor Jamie Gordon, set sail on September 19, 2020 and glided magnificently on course for two weeks.

The aim of this series apart from soul winning was revival of lukewarm members, rejuvenation of active members and imploration of daily, personal conversations with God. Every night from 7:15 pm and on Sabbaths from 9:00am, the eloquent evangelist Jamie Gordon expounded on different “Conversations with God” and gave windows for commitment, recommitment and total surrender to God. Opportunities for online prayer and care were available. Feedback from both our Mission Live platforms (Facebook and YouTube) as well as in-house participants attest to its success and value. To

God be the glory!



**Evangelist Jamie Gordon Preaching the Word**

## Public Campus Ministries



**Panel Members on Youthlive Unplugged Friday Night Program**

Public Campus Ministries continue to provide holistic support for tertiary students on non- SDA campuses. Despite the setbacks of the COVID-19 pandemic, the PCM planning committee understanding the added pressures and stresses, embarked on two initiatives.

A fund, S.T.E.P (Supporting Tertiary Empowerment Education Program) was established to assist students in need. To date three students were awarded assistance and a fourth disbursement may be underway. In

addition, a live virtual back to school program was aired, with teachers and past and current students as panelists. The program informed new students about what to anticipate and encouraged returning students to be ambassadors for Christ on campus.

The local PCM chapter was also part of a Union and Division training and symposium.



# FOOD HAMPERS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTED BY THE YOUTH



Photo at left shows youth members helping out with the packaging of food. Photo at right shows a family at Nickerie whose house was burnt down receiving a food hamper from the Youth Department

The Covid-19 pandemic hit various economies around the world and Suriname was not spared. This economic backlash also affected our young people and their families. The Youth Director, Pastor Chester Hinds and his team organized a food drive of non-perishable food items. Persons were also able to donate money to acquire food hampers and school supplies. With God's grace, twelve well-filled food hampers were distributed in the various districts of Suriname as well as the schoolbags with school supplies. The recipients of these items were very grateful and felt blessed by God. We express our thanks to everyone who contributed towards this project.

## 150 FOOD HAMPERS DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS

Our church members are also affected by the Covid-19 pandemic in Suriname. The Netherlands has a huge number of Surinamese in diaspora. This fact is also reflected in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Netherlands. ChangeID is a foundation within the Suriname SDA community that sponsors many Mission and church projects in Suriname. Knowing about the need in Suriname this foundation sponsored this food hamper project with SRD 22.000 - (about 1.400 Euros) and we were able to distribute 150 food hampers to our members in need in all the districts where we are present. Pastor Roël Blackman coordinated this project and the pastors and elders were respon-

sible for the distribution. We are very grateful for this gesture of ChangeID and pray that God may bless all who contributed towards this special project.



A Bible student from the Dominican Republic receiving Hamper



# Distribution Day in SVG Mission



*The Publishing Director, Pastor Karlson Samuel, with a section of the distribution team.*

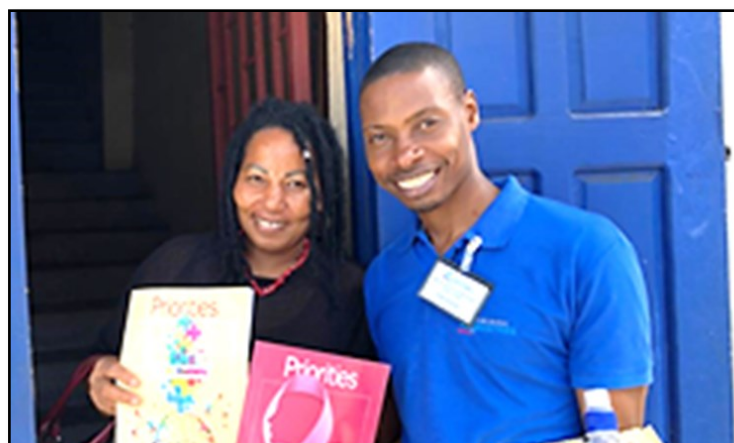
The St. Vincent and the Grenadines Mission of Seventh-day Adventists experienced the fulfillment of prophecy on Friday, August 28, 2020. Mrs. Ellen White in vision saw members distributing publications like the leaves of autumn. She said church members are to “sell or give away our literature” or provide by “lending”, as the truth was to be carried to the homes of neighbours and friends. This is exactly what happened when over one hundred and twenty (120) members, including administrators, directors, and pastors hit the streets of our capital, Kingstown, and disseminated over seven thousand (7,000) copies of the *Priorities* magazines.

The morning of August 28th began with the members gathering at the Kingstown SDA Church for a Consecration Service before embarking on the mission. After the preliminaries, special greetings were brought to the members by the President of the Mission, Pastor Dermoth Baptiste and the Publishing Director, Pastor Karlson Samuel. The Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator, Pastor Terence Haynes, was chosen as the devotional speaker to give the charge, and the Ministerial Secretary, Pastor Shane Franklyn gave the consecration prayer.

The marching orders were given by Elder Odway Thomas, who divided the army into ten (10) platoons,

ranging from children to those in their golden years. The air was filled with excitement and energy, each soldier with his identification card, bottle of water, and quiver of *Priorities* magazines.

At the end of the activity, all reports clearly indicated that the mission was victorious. The magazines were well received by the people in and around Kingstown. The participants shared testimonies of the joy they experienced in giving service to the Lord. The cry went up, “When would this mission be executed again?” To this end, the word is, “To God be the glory. Great things He has done!”



*Pastor Samuel with a passerby on the street .*





# FREEDOM BAPTISM



Pastor Nicola English Newsam Preparing to Conduct the Freedom Baptismal Service.

**Freedom** - the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants is the dictionary's definition of the word. However, for the Christian, freedom is something else. It is the power to live a transformed life in God. As the Psalmist declared, "I will walk about in freedom, for I have sought out your precepts" (Psalm 119:45).

On the 1st of August 2020, four individuals stepped into the water to celebrate their new found freedom in

Christ. The moment they stepped out, they all gained a star in their heavenly crown. How so? Well, someone witnessing their celebration decided that they also wanted to be free in Christ and another person stepped into the water. Later that day their story was told and photos displayed online, after which several persons called and requested to be baptized. They too longed for the sweet taste of freedom.

## GOSPEL BEHIND BARS

One of the remarkable qualities of using literature for witnessing is its ability to go where the living preacher cannot go. This has proven to be true for the SVG Mission Publishing Ministries Department. "What the enemy meant for evil, God has turned it into good..." Gen. 50:20. This passage has proven true in this COVID-19 pandemic season.

Due to this pandemic, many prisoners were cut off from the visit of their families and even those who min-

istered to their spiritual needs. However, the situation opened a remarkable opportunity to share the good news of the Gospel through literature; the silent messenger. God granted us the opportunity to minister to 260 inmates by delivering to each of them their personal copy of the Priorities magazine each month.

It is also our hope to partner with prison authorities to supply religious books for the prison library project which is scheduled to commence January 2021.



# WHATEVER GOOD IT TAKES

God is the sovereign Monarch of the Universe. King Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4:35 exclaimed, ‘God...doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?’ And so, even amid the restrictions of this covid19 season, God has given the leaders of the Parima Seventh-day Adventist Church wisdom to nurture the community of Adventist believers and to share the message of salvation.

Elder Orin Andries, from the Parima Village in the interior of Guyana writes, “It was a painful realization for us to know that we would not be able to follow the Conference sponsored Live Sabbath Worship and Adventist Youth Ministries Meetings on the zoom platform and on the television. We do not have adequate internet service in our village in the Upper Mazaruni District in the Guyana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Many of the members had been asking about meeting in some remote area so as not to raise suspicion.

The police had been busy checking out groups coming together for games and taking the organizers to the police station for questioning.

So, it all began with a little public address system owned by the village council. We decided to use the public address system to have a Sabbath morning service. The initial output was not too good as the sound was muffled because the amplifier was too small and badly wired. Many families asked that the system be improved. So, I organized to have the use of the best amplifier in the community which happens to belong to the Adventist Church. The heavy-duty wireless microphone also came in handy.

And so, on a Sabbath day when everything was quiet; except for a few families who were worshipping in their homes, we played the children's devotional by Auntie Andrea, followed by the children story from the Primary Lesson Quarterly. The Adult Quarterly Lesson review followed an interlude of gospel music. Then we

preached the word. The feedback was excellent. The sound was clear. The preachers did an excellent job in presenting the word. People are asking for more of these programs to be played on air. We are working to put together programs to reach out to various categories of listeners.

The system is placed in the centre of the community and almost everyone hears the message clearly.



**Bible Workers in the Upper Mazaruni District  
Orin Andries above and Alvin Francis below**



# CAN ANYTHING GOOD COME OUT OF COVID?

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose - Romans 8:28.

Can the seemingly insurmountable challenges of Covid-19 work for good? Through the Covid-19 pandemic, the Grenada Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Youth Department, under the leadership of Pastors Bernard Lyons and Jamie Gordon, launched the Adventist Youth Entrepreneurship Program (AYEP). This program is geared towards affording young people the opportunity to use agricultural skills in an effort to be gainfully employed. The mission of AYEPE is to achieve success of youth entrepreneurship and sustainability by motivating and involving youth, and engaging government entities and other stakeholders so that they can be a driving force providing resources to propel the youth forward.

Our vision is to create an environment that equips youth to utilize their skills in hands-on agricultural techniques, that will enable them to develop a more systematic and diverse approach to farming, while cultivating an entrepreneurial frame of mind. This vision includes participants becoming a catalyst of change with regards to unemployment and contributing to the economic growth and development of themselves and their society.

Our beautiful campsite located at La Poterie in St Andrew, is generally used to house camping and convention activities but has the potential to offer lots more. There is an assortment of fruits grown naturally and the bountiful harvest is often enjoyed. It is with this backdrop and the limitations for usual use due to the Covid-19 pandemic, that we have realized that the campsite, while used for its designated activities, can also be self-sustaining and create an avenue for the young people it serves to be employed. Along with the fruit trees which already exist, crops have been planted as a start to AYEPE.

The Adventist Youth Entrepreneurship Program aims to create a self-sustaining campsite, while creating employment, and training youth to harness their God-given potentials. It also aims to be a beacon of entrepreneurship possibilities among youth, contribute to the economic development of youth in the society, propagate a homebased approach to food consumption among youth, to improve the health and well-being of our youth, and to supply the population with local produce. While the program seeks to directly impact the participants, others will also benefit as it endeavors to attend to the financial needs of youth, assist youths through scholarships and periodic grants, and also supply produce to our schools.

This program has the potential to meet all its objectives and become a starting point for many young people seeking to be entrepreneurs, especially in the agricultural sector. So, can anything good come out of Covid? A resounding yes! The saying goes, "When life throws you lemons, you make lemonade." We say, when life throws you lemons, plant the seeds and create a sustainable small business. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ - Ephesians 5:20.



Soil Preparation for planting crops on Campsite



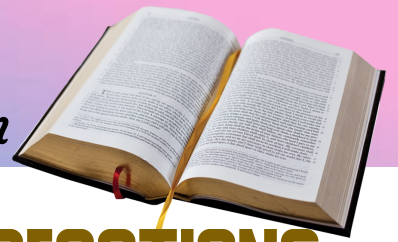
# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN GRENADA



**Sod Turning Ceremony - Left to Right: Hon. Emmalin Pierre, Minister for Education, Mr. Kevin Andall, Permanent Secretary, Dr. Clinton Lewis, Conference President, Mrs. Kimlyn De Coteau, School Principal, Mrs. Pamela Moses, Parliamentary Representative**

The Education Department of the Grenada Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has as its objectives, restoring in students the image of God, and achieving academic excellence. Over the last quarter despite the threat of Corona Virus, Covid 19 and the challenges of virtual learning, our teachers and students were able to face the odds and were able to achieve success. Mt. Rose SDA Primary and St. George's SDA Primary Schools achieved 100% passes in the Caribbean Primary Exit Assessment, which means that all our grade 6 students have been awarded places in secondary schools. Despite the Covid19 pandemic, graduation ceremonies were held virtually for all schools and were well received and deemed a tremendous success. After years of

waiting, the staff and students of Grenada Seventh-day Adventist Comprehensive School will soon benefit from a project of \$7.2 million funded by Government of Grenada and the Caribbean Development Bank for the refurbishment of the existing school facilities and the addition of a multi-science block and a new administrative wing. On August 20, 2020, the Minister for Education and other officials, together with the president of Grenada Conference of SDA and the school principal, participated in the sod turning ceremony to mark the commencement of work. We thank God for his mercies and blessings on the construction and completion of the project and register our thanks to all who made this possible.



# NCC VOTES \$85,000 USD FOR CONGREGATIONS

At its 2020 midyear meeting, the North Caribbean Conference (NCC) Executive Committee voted a financial package of \$85,000.00 USD, to ease economic hardship for identified congregations. This comes at a time when COVID-19 has impacted many Adventist members and entities across the ten islands of the Conference – scores of members are currently unemployed.

Pastor Wilmoth James, NCC Executive Secretary and NCC COVID-19 Taskforce Chairman, stated, “It’s about meeting the needs of the members. Conference officials received the assessment report, generated through a Conference survey, of how the needs of the territory can be best met. Local Coordinating Councils in the island territory of the Conference were then able to analyze the needs and state how they would like the NCC to support the needs in the local territories.”

Pastor Desmond James, the NCC President, said, “The needs are many and we recognize the financial challenges facing the churches due to COVID-19. We cannot meet all the needs but we needed to assist. These are members who sacrificed greatly for the church and as an organization [we gave] careful consideration to assisting. The current and future financial health of governments, around the territory, are threatened because of the virus and many of them made stimulus packages available to their citizens in order to support their economies.”

As determined by a NCC Taskforce recommendation, the congregations on Tortola and Sint Maarten received half of the actual funds allocated, as these islands were determined to have the greatest need. Distribution was determined on a needs-only basis and the remaining funds were divided among the congregations on St. Croix, St. Thomas, St. John, Anguilla, St. Eustatius, Saba, Virgin Gorda and Anegada.

Pastor Wilmoth James continued, “It’s about providing critical, needed support. In so doing, we support the needs that congregations are providing to their churches and communities. Additionally, we help to strategically dedicate funds to the most needy in the communities.”

Congregations which received the funds engaged in a variety of ministry activities focused on member and community care. Some re-activated soup kitchens to care for the less fortunate and homeless. Churches partnered with supermarkets and provided scores of food-baskets and

care packages to members and the community. Other congregations chose to use the funds to support students on their educational journeys.

Pastor Desmond James said, “It was a delight to see the Church in action. When the world is at its worst, the Church is at its best. We are pleased to be able to offer these funds to places in the Church that are hurting the most. We are family and when one hurts, we all hurt. We want to do our part to alleviate that hurt, and we are glad to partner with our churches to do so.”

The NCC Administrators emphasized that helping these congregations was important to the life of the Conference. Since 2017, the Conference has been grappling with threats to its financial stability. Two hurricanes devastated portions of its infrastructure and the well-being and livelihood of some members. Ms. Sanida McKenzie, the NCC Treasurer commented, “When 2020 began, we thought it would have been our best year. We started well but then COVID-19 came. Like the rest of the world, we have had to manage funds well. If the NCC can help our churches and entities during this time of struggle and uncertainty, we must.”

Pastor Desmond James concluded, “This Conference is the most faithful and cooperative Conference in the world. Mission and spreading Christ’s messages of hope and wholeness [are] a part of who we are, as Adventists. I’m humbled when I consider the faithfulness and generosity of our people. Beyond the money, God is faithful and He will see His people through. Thanks to all our pastors and volunteers for making it happen.”



NCC President Desmond James



## REACHING PEOPLE THROUGH TECHNOLOGY



Technical Team at Work in the Grenada Conference Media Center. L TO R —Kenlyn Peters, Ricardo Phillip and Leroy George,

The communication department of the Grenada Conference of Seventh-day Adventists set out to accomplish some goals during the year 2020 and there came Covid 19 but that did not stop us; it just helped to improve our plans. During the month of March our country was placed on “lock down” and everything had to be done from home. Subsequently, training was conducted for everyone in the communication department particularly in the area of the use of technology. Zoom became the means by which we met and trained and even attended church services. Sometimes we felt like we were becoming zombies. We became very busy through zoom and so we were able to accomplish much.

Ms. Felicia Datus from the Center for Online Evangelism and Pastor Damien Chambers from Jamaica ably shared presentations and assisted us in learning

how to use zoom. We were able to participate in 2 training sessions for which we were thankful. Three social media ministry training sessions were conducted on zoom and also streamed through Facebook and YouTube. The facilitators were Pastors Royston Philbert, Mario Phillip, Sherwin White, Mathison Preville, Chirnus Isidore and Bro. Kimron Corian. Then came the planning for the first virtual campaign which took place through zoom.

The department now conducts its weekly online services; Sunday, Wednesday, Friday, Sabbath. Many of the departmental and schools’ programs were streamed online. Praise God that many persons were able to learn new methods and new ways of reaching others for Christ through technology.



# HISTORIC CONFERENCE-WIDE CREATION SABBATH CELEBRATION



**President Dr. Carson Greene interviewed by Pastor Kay White**

**By Dr. Wayne Knowles**

October 24 was a Sabbath, but it was also a special celebration of creation. Each year, the Seventh-day Adventist World Church places emphasis on Creation by hosting a special celebration on the fourth Sabbath in October. While this is a regular feature on the World Church's calendar, it was the first time that the event was being celebrated on a Conference level in the South Leeward Conference.

The celebration was a part of the strategic initiative of the Conference to place emphasis on Creation. The Conference's administration is aware that in recent times, there has been a gradual erosion of the Christian emphasis on the biblical position of creation in six literal days. Unfortunately, some Chris-

tians are now adopting what is called "Theistic Evolution" - a belief that teaches that God did create, but used evolution in the development of life forms. Therefore, the emphasis on creation served to strengthen the biblical position and to strengthen the understanding of its significance in the life of the Christian.

The Creation Sabbath celebrations began on Friday evening at 6 p.m. The program lasted for nearly two hours and was a combination of scripture reading, songs, poetry, and the interpretation of creation from the perspective of certain professions. The professions of the artist, environmentalist, architect and carpenter were featured on Friday night.



# HISTORIC CONFERENCE-WIDE CREATION SABBATH CELEBRATION

The program continued on Sabbath morning at 10:30 a.m. and lasted another two hours. The emphasis on the interpretation of creation from the perspective of certain professions continued. The professions of lawyer, farmer, doctor and theologian were featured. Additional items included poems, songs, puppet ministry, scripture meditation and special messages from the Caribbean Union (CARU) and South Leeward Conference (SLC) presidents.

A special SLC “Scenic Meditations” was created just for Creation Sabbath. This featured various nature scenes - both land and underwater - from across the Conference with accompanying instrumental music played by local musicians. The main accompaniment for the Scenic Meditations was by a children’s orchestra. Additionally, three original poems were written by members from across the Conference: “The Sabbath” by Christine Joseph; “The Work of Creation” by Irisdeane Rhodes and “Return to Creation’s Sabbath” by Lyndale Lynch-Daniel.

The Sabbath afternoon also featured two special programs - Let’s Talk and a special panel discussion on theistic evolution. Both of these programs looked at

the matter of intelligent design - a biblical perspective of Creation versus the evolutionary approach. All the programs for Creation Sabbath are available for on-demand viewing at SLC Adventist on YouTube.

The first Creation Sabbath celebration of the South Leeward Conference was a tremendous success. God be praised for His amazing work in Creation; for in it, humanity can find its identity and its ultimate destiny.

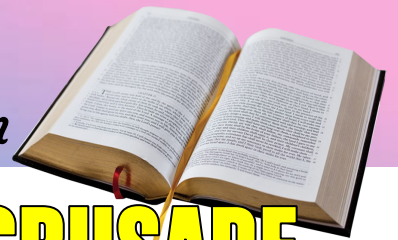


**Michelle Slack and Keicharm Blanchette, Hostess and host of the Creation Sabbath Celebration.**



**St Kitts Primary School—Choral Speaking on Creation**





# GUYANA CONFERENCE WIDE CRUSADE

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Once “The Bible Speaks Empowerment Series” began, the videos took on a different form which was two-fold: Promotion of the Topic of the Night and as an Invitation (15-20 seconds). New persons were recruited daily to produce a new video each day which was uploaded to the Facebook Page of the Guyana Conference as well as on the individual Social Media Platforms of the members of the Marketing Team. Apart from the videos, there were daily voiceovers that were also uploaded, as well as digital flyers, both of which were promotional as well as invitational in nature. Overall, over 40 different videos (Countdown, Invitational, and Promotional) were created and uploaded daily.

To say that the “Promotional Campaign” for the Bible Speaks Empowerment Series was “great”, is an understatement. It was way better than that. **Please view on page 30 the impact this campaign had on the viewership both on Facebook and YouTube.**

As a result of the hard work by our marketing team, on Friday September 25, 2020, preparation, inter-departmental collaboration, planning and utilization of multi-faceted skills all came together with the launch of The Bible Speaks Empowerment Series.

The Virtual Campaign saw a nightly live viewership of between 3,100 and 4,200 viewers (Logged in devices on Facebook and YouTube combined.) The campaign was streamed to the Guyana Conference Facebook page,

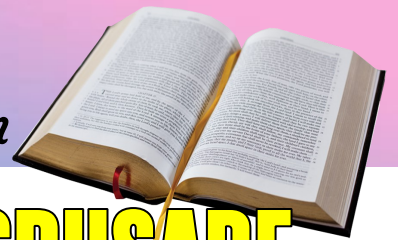
The Guyana Conference YouTube Channel, on the Guyana Conference Website and on Channel 2 SafeTV Television. The Empowerment Series was aired on SafeTV-Channel 2 nightly, from 19:00hrs to 20:30hrs which commenced in the second week of the Series. The airtime was paid for by a kind donor. To God be the Glory!

The Empowerment Series resulted in a total of 256 persons to date choosing to follow Christ all the way in baptism. Heaven alone will tell of the countless others who were led to a deeper walk with Christ, to recommit their lives to Christ or of the seeds planted in the hearts of many as a result of this inaugural initiative.

The successful execution of the Bible Speaks Empowerment Series can only be attributed to GOD and the mighty moving of His Holy Spirit in the lives of the team members who gave of their time, skills and devotion to the cause of Christ. We praise God for the skillful work of the Technical Team of videographers, cameramen and sound technicians, the dedicated and prayerful men and women who operated both on site and in various cells via Zoom and WhatsApp interceding for the campaign’s team members, evangelists and the viewing audience. As a result of serious and constant intercession for the campaign, the moving of God’s Holy Spirit was evident. **(Cont. on Page 44)**



Hostess and Host— Delma Ann Clarke and Pastor Osley Edwards



# GUYANA CONFERENCE-WIDE CRUSADE

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The commitment of Pastors Paul Roache, Mark Mc Pherson, Rodwell Anderson, Pastor Osley Edwards and others in monitoring and operating the Prayer Line and WhatsApp platform was commendable. They remained on duty to offer a word of prayer and hope to all who accessed the line, being careful not to let any request go unnoticed or unanswered. The persistence of Pastor Mark McPherson and team in sealing baptismal decisions and establishing and maintaining contact with potential baptismal candidates is admirable.

The articulate leadership nuggets (E-File) presented by the President Exton Clarke of the Guyana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was a feature that was well lauded, timely and life-changing. The background efforts of the Stage Manager/Programme Coordinator, Music Coordinators, Theological Spotters, Site Coordinators, Secretariat and countless other Clergymen and Laypersons all led to the successful execution of the Bible Speaks Empowerment Series. It was a true and spectacular display of the Church as the Body - each member having differing gifts and utilizing them for the promulgation of the Gospel of Salvation.

The evangelistic campaign was a true depiction of "Total Membership Involvement" and an example of the great things that can be achieved when each member and the church at large denies self, choosing rather to avail one's self to the working and leading of the

Holy Spirit.

For all those who labored - however big or small, and for the abundant success of the Bible Speaks Empowerment Series, we cannot help but say, "To GOD be



Angela Montfort, an impressive Singer



The Musicians from L to R Horaytus Demattos, Luke Parjohn and Colin Gentle



## NCC FIRST VIRTUAL EMPLOYEES CONFERENCE

Evolving technology permitted the North Caribbean Conference to host its first virtual employee conference on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. The Zoom application was used to connect 174 employees who work and reside on eight of the ten-island territory.

Speaking from the North Caribbean Conference (NCC) Office in Christiansted, St. Croix, Pastor Desmond James, the NCC President, welcomed attendees, thanked them for their commitment and sacrifice, and reminded them that the Conference has “a glorious past to relish.” Pastor James said, “It is so exciting to be able to connect with our team of workers who inspire our churches, institutions and members to seek God and share the Gospel.”

He traced the Conference’s growth by recounting some accomplishments of former presidents who served the organization with distinction. Forty-four years ago, Pastor W. W. Thompson was assigned to the helm of leadership in the North Caribbean Conference. He was followed by Pastor B. N. Josiah, Pastor Jansen Trotman, Pastor John Josiah and Pastor Silton Browne. According to Pastor James, evangelism, education and community are still the watchwords of the organization.

Workers observed a moment of silence in memory of Pastor B. N. Josiah whose life was to be honored during a service of celebration, on August 11, 2020. Pastor James said, “We express our sympathies to his family and associates.”

He welcomed the five school principals and stated that the Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) Schools located on St. Croix and St. Thomas would start the school-year with new principals.

The virtual meeting was part of the Conference’s response, during the COVID-19 pandemic, aimed at engaging workers and speaking to their needs. Plans were made to inspire and motivate workers to embrace their God-given potential and continue serving the Church. Pastor James indicated that the event would include valuable information about the work in the NCC, a segment for queries, music, prayer and fellowship.

The Conference Administrators engaged the services of Pastor Anthony Hall, Youth and Chaplaincy Director of the Caribbean Union. During his presentation, Pastor Hall inspired and challenged attendees using the theme, “Fostering Employer/Employee Relationships in the Workplace”.

With the biblical letter to the Corinthians as a literary backdrop for deductive reasoning, Pastor Hall reminded employees and employers that we are bond servants together. Pastor Hall stated, “Employees must first be controlled by the love of God. You must remember that service is not for accolades, promotion or the applause of the employer. It’s a call for responsible behavior. We ought to serve the interest of God, who is the master. We, as workers, work for God and not for men. We do it to please God and not to please man.”

In addition, Pastor Hall challenged the employers to act equitably. He said, “Do not hide from workers the benefits that belong to them. Be just, be fair. Those who are in charge today will not be in charge forever. Beware - at the highest level you have a master in heaven. You have a God supervising.”

### NCC Administrators





# Happy Family Online Crusade 2020

By Charles Gittens

Pastor Charles Gittens, the district pastor of East Central District in Grenada had a burning desire to hold his annual Happy Family Crusade in spite of the Corona Virus lockdown in Grenada. He called a young Elder in his district who had the ability to broadcast the messages to see if he was willing to. About two minutes into the conversation, Elder Travis Hillaire responded, “Pastor, you don’t have to convince me to help you to hold a crusade. I am willing.” With that answer, on April 12, 2020, on the platforms of “Going Beyond Borders Ministry” (Gbbministry) the three week crusade began.

As a result of the curfew in Grenada, Sister Patsy and Pastor Charles Gittens had to transform part of their home into a studio and Sister Gittens did the camera recording as well as sang the appeal songs for the three week evangelistic program.

Nightly at separate venues, the song service, prayer, special music and health features were done by elders and members in the district. From this online crusade, many lessons were learnt by Pastor Gittens which will remain with him for a life time; lessons of how even in Corona Virus times, God gives a willing pastor the ability to allow the Holy Spirit to use him. Two topics that intrigued the listeners were, “Pastor, This Corona Virus Messing Up My Sex Life” and Can a Donkey Talk To Us In Corona Virus Lockdown”?

Pastor Gittens recalls vividly the night after he was through preaching on baptism and a young man called to request baptism. That was the jumping-for-joy jubilation high point in the evangelistic series. At the end of the crusade 3 souls were baptized virtually and a few weeks later two more were added to the kingdom.

Pastor Gittens expresses thanks to his district for willingly supporting this venture and singles out the song service team, prayer intercessors and the lone technician for going beyond the call of duty to evangelize in these ‘covidous’ times. To God be the glory! Great things he has done.



Evangelist Charles and Sister Gittens

## NCC FIRST VIRTUAL EMPLOYEES CONFERENCE

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Pastor Wilmoth James, the NCC Executive Secretary, said, “The meeting is to strengthen the spirit of unity between the different levels of the Church in the Conference; to allow for workers to have a closer connection with their leaders; address questions and concerns; and motivate local leaders to engage in similar linking events at every level of the Church. This meeting will be the opportunity to continue striving in unity with this initiative and others. We thought it was a great opportunity to gather together virtually and take one more day of sharing and praying, as well as endeavor to be more effective leaders and workers.” He presented some demographics related to the NCC workforce and outlined valued employee attributes.

The NCC Treasurer, Ms. Sanida McKenzie, gave a financial overview and encouraged workers to save for needs that would arise. She also reviewed the employee insurance and health plans.

Mr. Mervin Rogers, the NCC Auditor, labeled the event “historic” and commended the Administrators. He said, “I think it is one worth celebrating. It is the first ever we have come together as workers in the North Caribbean Conference.”

Pastor Desmond James extended best wishes to retirees and congratulated Dr. Whitman Browne whose retirement is scheduled to begin on August 1, 2020. As he concluded the Conference, Pastor Desmond James said, “Thanks for all you do. Thanks to those who give of their service to the work.”



# NEW WORKERS AT CARU



Deborah Adams has been a Seventh-day Adventist all her life, it seems. She started attending church at the age of two years, when her mother became a member of the Cocorite Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Trinidad & Tobago. She still fellowships at that church.

She is the mother of four children, two of whom are young adults. She enjoys gardening, travelling, sewing, cake decorating and simply being a mommy.

Mrs. Adams spent most of her career in the banking industry, which she left to care for her then school-aged children, ensuring that she would be there when they left for and returned from school each day. She enjoyed the opportunity to take an active part in their school events and often shuttled them to and from school (primary and secondary) on a daily basis.

Mrs. Adams returned to the world of work in January 2015 as the Accountant to the IADPA Bookstores – Trinidad & Tobago and Grenada (formerly Adventist Book Centre), where she remained for the next five years, before joining the staff of the Caribbean Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. We welcome her to the CARU family.



Above Deborah Adams and below Onessa Hughes

Onessa Hughes, a native of Trinidad and Tobago, was called to serve at Caribbean Union Conference from the South Caribbean Conference in 2019 as the Records Management and Research Assistant in the Office of the Secretariat. Her major responsibilities include the management of employee and membership data; generating statistical reports, assisting in undertaking relevant research projects that would engender data-driven management initiatives

in the Caribbean Union, and assisting in monitoring and evaluation of strategic outcomes.

Hughes is a graduate of the University of the Southern Caribbean (2015 and 2016) and holds a BSc in Social Studies and a BA in History. Currently, she is reading for a MA in History at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine. One of her academic pursuits is the study of Developmental Statistics and Demography.

Prayer and trusting in God's Word remain her priority and this has led her to be actively involved in outreach programmes in Suriname, Guyana and Trinidad. At her local church she serves as a Church Clerk and the Personal Ministries Secretary for the Central Zone.

Because of her love for children, in 2017, Onessa founded a Homework Centre and Reading Library to assist children in her community with reading and academic development. It is her desire to one day open a Children's Home for Orphans.



# **GUYANA CONFERENCE REPEATS FIRST PLACE PERFORMANCE IN BIBLE CONNECTIONS 2020.**

By Byron Hunte

On Sabbath 10th October, 2020, the Caribbean Union Conference Youth Department concluded its Bible Connection 2020 Finals with the Guyana Conference's Xabisa Hamilton winning the competition for the second consecutive year. Second place finisher was Kelsey Noel from Grenada Conference and third place was captured by the South Caribbean Conference's, Leyann DeGazon.

As could be expected it was a joyous time at the Guyana Conference office as the local support team, which included the Youth Director, Pastor Marvin Smith, waved and shouted as the first place finish was celebrated.

Bible Connection was previously known as Bible Boom when the competition began in 2012, but from 2017 was renamed Bible Connection. This is a major highlight of the Youth Department's calendar in the Caribbean Union Conference (CARU). The winner of the local union becomes the representative at the IAD finals.

This year it was a virtual event, and according to Pastor Anthony Hall, CARU's Youth Director, "while there were some challenges, from all reports this was the best ever in terms of planned production," with over two thousand watching the live zoom event which was streamed on YouTube. Pastor Hall indicated that given all the challenges he would describe it as "a highly successful event." There were some technical challenges as participants joined the Zoom event from nine (9) different countries (including one participant, a student studying in Jamaica) to participate in the real time quiz event.

The all-day activities began on Sabbath morning which featured a Bible presentation on the book of Job with Pastor Hall bringing the Bible character to life by



**Sister Xabisa Hamilton**

donning a colorful robe, complete with a wrap style headgear, reflecting ancient dress. This set the tone for a strong visual impact session.

Over two hundred viewers joined the Sabbath morning services and by Sabbath afternoon this had swelled to over 2000. To date, over 3000 views have been registered from the principal feed. The Bible Connection contestants usually travel to a single location, but due to the ongoing Pandemic this was not possible. The Department expresses its heartfelt appreciation to all who made this event the resounding success it was.

We give thanks and praise to Almighty God for the success of this online event. The program can be viewed on the East Caribbean Conference's YouTube Channel.



# Husband And Wife Team From Trinidad Wins IAD I Will Go Theme Song Competition

By Byron Hunte

The song submitted by Ravae and Kedron Isaac has won the Inter American Division (IAD) theme song contest and will be the theme song used within the Youth Ministries Department of the Division for the "I will Go" initiative expected to run for the next 5 years. The song entitled "I will go" was written and composed by the two creative artists.

According to Pastor Anthony Hall, Youth Director of the Caribbean Union conference, every five years, the IAD chooses a youth theme song to be used across the Division. Each of the 24 unions in the Division submitted one entry. This is a major achievement for the Caribbean Union as the new theme song will be heard across the expanse of the English and French Caribbean, Central America and the South American territories which are part of the IAD.

Dr. Kern Tobias, President of the Caribbean Union also expressed his thoughts. He stated "I am excited and enthused on learning that Kedron and Raevae Isaac of the South Caribbean Conference gave the Caribbean Union Conference the distinction of winning the Inter-American Division's Youth Theme Song Competition. They are two excellent musical exponents and in God's providence. They are happily married and are using their musical gift for the glory of God and the encouragement of His people. Congratulations to them, the SCC, and the Youth Ministry of CARU. This is a signal and special moment for an English-speaking Union in a Spanish-dominated Division. God be praised!"

Within the Caribbean union, four submissions were received: one from Trinidad (South Caribbean Conference), one from Tobago (Tobago Mission) one from Guyana (Guyana Conference) and one from the Grenada Conference.

Pastor Hall indicated that after reviewing the submissions from the various CARU fields, he felt that the one chosen to be submitted for IAD judging 'was defi-

nately a winner.'

According to the Youth Director, there are some stand-out characteristics of an 'impactful' theme song. These include: a song that can be used as a congregation song and not a solo item, and a song that could be easily translated into the four languages used across the division.

The song has already been translated into Spanish and French and a Dutch version is being worked on. You can listen to the song on the Union's YouTube channel.

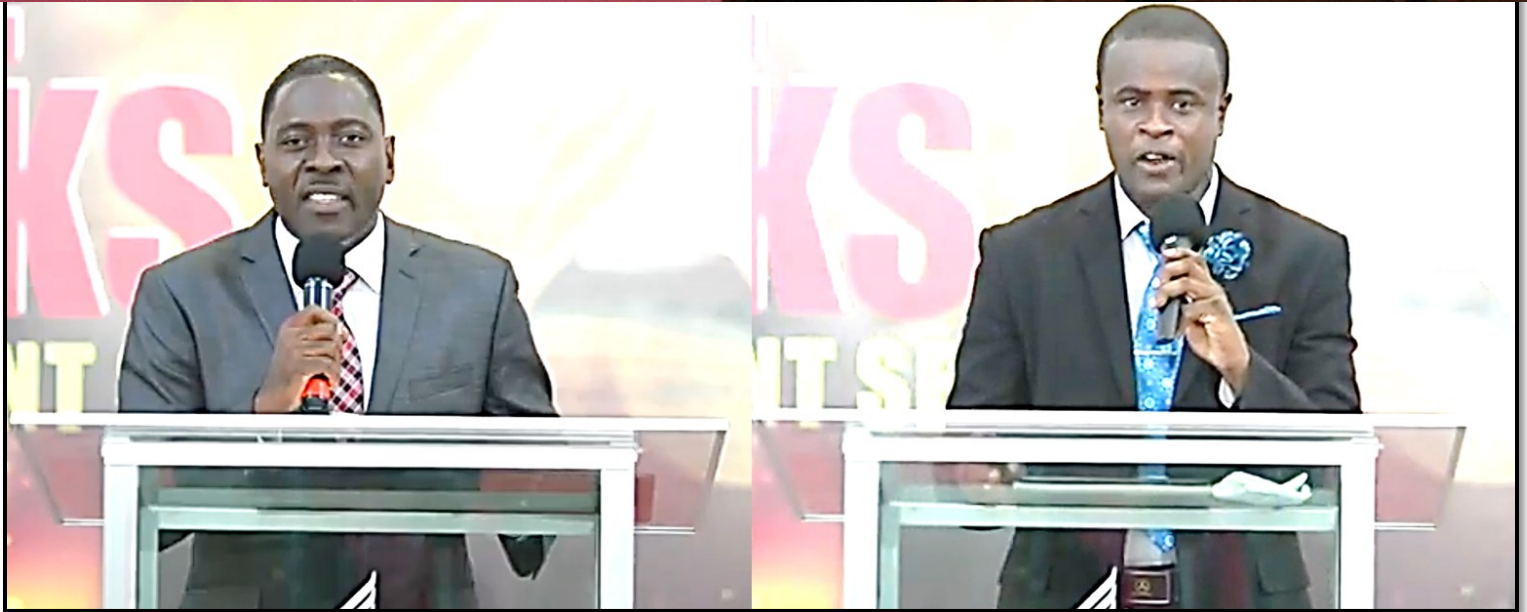
Congratulations are in order to the musical couple, the South Caribbean Conference and to CARU.



**Rvae and Kedron Isaac**

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President Exton Clarke and Crusade Manager Andrew Chichester speak at the site of the Bible Speaks Empowerment Series

## CONFERENCE WIDE CRUSADE—OVER 200 BAPTIZED

By Hugh Mc Kenzie

The buzz in the air was almost palpable as we anticipated the launch of the novel, “The Bible Speaks Empowerment series” with Dynamic Evangelist Pastor Marvin Smith.

The promotion team led by Communication Specialist Ms. Yasmin Bowman, kept the public on the edge of their seats in anticipation with promotional video clips counting down to the event.

The first conference-sponsored Virtual Evangelistic Campaign was launched at 7:00 pm on the 25th of September 2020, under the theme “The Bible Speaks Empowerment Lecture Series”. Over 2,300 individuals tuned in to view the stream on the opening night.

The Bible Speaks campaign began two weeks before the actual event with a team of over 120 persons who were tasked with the responsibility of marketing the Empowerment Series. The team was led by Ms. Yasmin Bowman who developed, coordinated, and man-

aged the daily execution of the marketing and event promotion campaign.

Since this was Guyana’s first Online International Campaign, our promotional activities took the form of videos, voice overs and digital flyers.

For the two weeks prior to the start of the series, two sets of videos were developed and uploaded daily. They were “Invitation Videos” (7-10 seconds) and “Countdown Videos” (15-20 seconds). A new video was created every day for each of the above categories and uploaded to the Facebook Page of the Guyana Conference. Additionally, all members of the Marketing Team were encouraged to share same on their individual Social Media Platforms.

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