

Kingdom Builders Ministry

*Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed.
Defend the orphan. Fight for the rights of widows.*

Isaiah 1:17 (NLT)



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Dealing With Ivan

Much of the Caribbean and Gulf states took a beating from various hurricanes this past year. We are thankful that Ivan is the only one to visit My Father's House! Our hearts go out to those who had multiple strikes in their area. One hurricane is more than enough!

As we prepared for the hurricane, we looked at it as an adventure. That it was! We boarded up win-

dows, stored water and diesel fuel for the generator, secured any loose items in the yard as well as the shingles on the roof that appeared loose and prayed. We also moved most of the things from upstairs where the roof was tedious at best down to the section of the house covered by concrete ceiling. We tarped the furniture we couldn't move and put it up on blocks just in case. On the ground level we moved everything up on desks and tables and sand bagged all door ways to prevent flooding. Preparation was a lot of work, but we were extremely glad we had taken the precaution!

The hurricane was nothing compared to life after it. The past couple months have been very difficult. As long as it seems to be taking to get the property back in shape with all the help God has sent, we couldn't even imagine doing it without the prayer, financial support and physical labor our fellow kingdom builders have provided. Each email we received telling us of the donations and help coming in was a source of encouragement. Thank you! Having faithful supporters who come through in trying times is crucial! Without you, we could not continue. You are appreciated beyond words.



Much of the roof was torn away allowing rain to pour into the house. Many of our trees were ripped apart, but miraculously they caused very little damage to anything else. The yard did flood, but the sand bags helped keep most of the water out of the house.



Everyone helped with the preparation and clean-up! Here you see Sherine and the children making sand bags.

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Loading & Unloading

A container can be a huge project, but it is always a great blessing! KBM shared a container with a few other ministries this past summer.

We are thankful for all the help we received in acquiring items, loading them into the container, unloading the container and sorting through everything for distribution.

The container couldn't have arrived at a more crucial time. In the midst of all the clean-up, a semi-truck delivered our container to My Father's House. Since most of My Father's House had been flooded and rainy season continued, finding adequate dry space for all the donations was a trying task.

One of the projects we had focused on with the help that arrived shortly after the hurricane was building shelves and preparing for the arrival of the container. This proved very helpful. When the team from Living Word Ministries of Burkesville, KY arrived they helped sort through all the boxes and organize what was to be distributed to others.

We were blessed to have the food items that had come in the container. The hurricane had destroyed most of the crops in Jamaica; fresh fruit and vegetables became scarce and even more costly than normal. Cabbage, a mainstay in Jamaica, went from ten cents / pound to \$1.30/ pound! With all the extra help that came after the hurricane, we had many mouths to feed. Even now as we head into December we are feeling the effects of Ivan on our menu. The nonperishable food that had been shipped in the container has been and continues to be put to great use! We have seen a fantastic difference in our grocery bill because of the well stocked storage room. This has allowed more funds to go toward the necessary rebuilding needed as a result of the hurricane.



We worked late in to the night on our final night packing all the wonderful donations in to the container. Thanks to all the people who stopped by just to say hi and stayed to help, we shut the doors on the container just in time to make our early morning flight back to Jamaica!



*Many clothes were donated and shipped on the container. New items have been put up for birthday and Christmas gifts. Second-hand items were sorted through by the ladies from LWM along with BJ, who came down from Fellowship of Believers in KY. Then the ladies helped our children "shop" for clothes they seriously needed. All the other clothes have been shared with others in our community in need. **THANK YOU!***



*The new storage room is packed with food, cleaning products and gifts for the children for birthdays and Christmas. Penie's dad and nephew worked diligently getting the shelves built before the arrival of the container. The ladies with Living Word Ministries labored in love organizing and stocking the shelves with the items donated and sent on the container. Many hands and hearts have had a part of this project. **THANK YOU!***

Living Word Ministries +

Long before Ivan decided to come in a whirlwind, LWM had planned to come to My Father's House to show God's love through ministry. Much of what we had planned for them to do was put aside when they agreed to put their team to work making necessary repairs on My Father's House in lieu of going out to the community for the bulk of their time here. The make up of the team was altered too as others volunteered to join them in their efforts. We ended up with quite a crew here Together, we accomplished much!



Pictured above to the right you see Tracy, John & Don from North Carolina joined by Kathy from Indiana working together to get the zinc shingles nailed onto the rafters.



Below them is another roofing team, Pastor Gary with Nathan and Gabe from KY. Each day they, with the help of others, worked tirelessly in the burning sun.

Dr. K, his son Noah and Matthew built forms and mixed and poured concrete to build a "sleeping policeman" (otherwise known as a

speed bump) on our street encouraging cars to slow down as they pass My Father's House.



Pastor Gary's wife, Miss Vicki, taught school while LWM was here. This gave a welcomed break to Penie so she could see about other pressing needs she had been putting off.

Kathy & John gave the front wall a badly needed coat of paint when they took a break from the roof.

God put this team together gathering people from across the Midwest. They worked together like a well-oiled machine—repairing, building, painting, doing whatever was needed. Thank you to all!



Before LWM arrived, Penie's dad, Frank, and her nephew, Danny, came to lend a hand in the clean-up. Dan brought a friend, Matt, with him. They were joined by Randy and Ben from Fellowship of Believers in KY. They all helped Jim prepare for the arrival of the container and the team. They cleared the yard of fallen trees, built shelves for the storage room and figured out how to fix the roof. Most of the emergency crew had to leave before LWM arrived, but Frank was able to stay, help unload the container and see the roof almost completed!

To the left here you see Frank working with his grandson, Danny, building the shelves for the storage room.

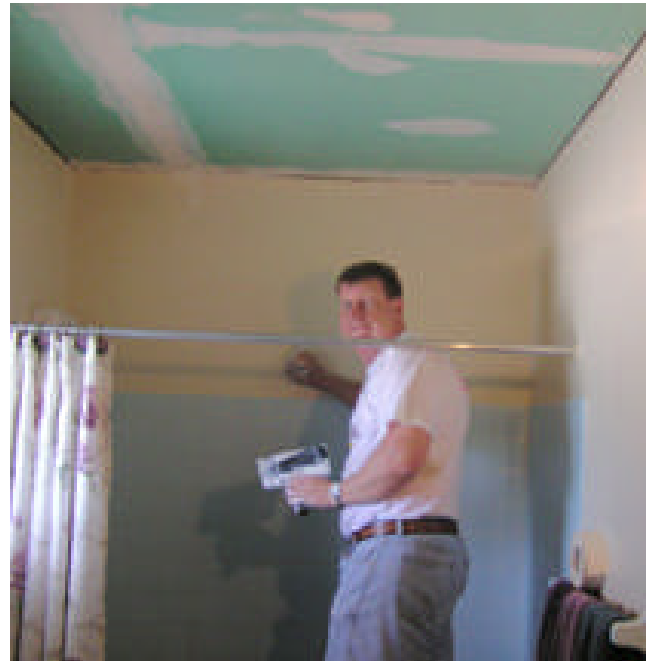
Cornerstone Church

All the way from Oregon, USA a group of ten came to My Father's House, Jamaica. They had a variety of experience while here.

You may remember the Bennetts. They were the older couple that LWM built a home for last April. Mr. Bennett is blind and Mrs. Bennett has a crippled foot and hand. Well, they needed an outhouse. This team took care of that need by supplying the labor and the materials. Mr. & Mrs. Bennett have a very nice outhouse now as you can see in the picture to the right.

On the Saturday that they were in Jamaica they went to an ACE school in Pepper which is about an hour east of Whitehouse. The team conducted a health clinic for that area, occupied the children in sports events and shared the Gospel in word and through loving care.

The remainder of their time was spent helping out at My Father's House. The third floor needed the entire ceiling replaced. You see Pastor Bob to the right working on the drywall ceiling. The team took on many other projects as well from washing walls to teaching school.



Many were blessed by their labors and the love they shared.



Our new children received good check-ups from the two nurses who came with the team from Oregon. Sabrina is pictured to the left with Nurse Laura.

The team spent one full day in Pepper at an ACE school giving check-ups to people from the surrounding community. Nurse Joan is in the picture on the right with a young lady from Pepper.



& Four More

We are pleased to introduce to you our four newest arrivals. The sibling group moved in the same day as Cornerstone arrived causing a busy and exciting day. Jody (14) had been taking care of her ill mother and three siblings, Sabrina (6), Travoy (9) and Duran (13), for the past three years. The men who fathered the children are no longer actively involved in their lives.

Their mother passed away in October because she had contracted HIV a few years ago. The children have undergone blood tests assuring them that they do not have HIV. Everyone at My Father's House is excited about having new friends to play with.

Please pray for the children as they adjust to the loss of their mother and their new environment.



Something Else New to KBM

We sure are blessed! As we were planning for Cornerstone to arrive, we called friends to ask about renting their truck for the week. They said they'd think about it and get back with us the next day. When they called the following morning, they informed us that God had put it on their hearts not to rent it to us but to give it to us! KBM will no longer have to rent a truck each time a team comes in; praise God! It is perfect for what we need and has already served us well. It held all the luggage for the Cornerstone team and served as a great work truck in the building of the outhouse. This is another testimony of how God provides the tools needed to get the job He assigns accomplished.



KBM Needs YOU!

There are many ways you can be a part of Kingdom Builders Ministry.

- Pray for KBM
- Sponsor a Child
- Become an intern
- Give financially
- Come on a short term missions project
- Tell someone else about KBM

Prayer Requests

Trust with us praying for God to provide for all our needs.

- Sherine's health
- Financial needs
- Future interns

Find out more about all of these opportunities at www.jaminjamaica.com

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to each of you who helped KBM through this difficult time!

"Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' And the King will tell them, 'I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'"

Matthew 25:37-40 (NLT)

Ever wonder what you can do to make a difference in a child's life? A visit to My Father's House can change a life forever! Sherakai is known to many as Boogsie, his pet name. While the emergency crew was here in Oct., someone mentioned that they preferred his given name, Sherakai. Now he reminds each of us to call him by that at all times. Little things we say and do can make a lasting impression on these little ones.



Matt & Sherakai

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