

CCP and the Community

Easter Reflection
During Holy Week, CCP staff shared Easter reflections with representatives of neighbouring organizations, who joined us at our offices for devotion. Visitors appreciated the invitation, and were interested in learning about the ministry of CCP. The fellowship was good and we had an opportunity to introduce Caribbean Bible Lessons to them.

Damion Scott of East Queen Street Baptist Church sings "The Holy City"



New CCP Staff



Beryl Roper, editor of the Adult curriculum, *Bible Leaders*, says CCP offers her the opportunity to be involved in almost all aspects of ministry. The ethos of the organization is team-centred and like family. Beryl joined the staff at CCP in September 2010. Before then, she was the human resource manager for a government statutory agency. Prior to that, she was an

educator.

As editor, she has responsibility for the quality, look and tone of the publication. Her participation in Sunday School and VBS training conferences and workshops offers her a great opportunity to interface with users who give feedback that can be quite helpful in assisting CCP to tailor the product to meet some of the expressed needs. Each day at CCP has helped her to deepen her knowledge of Scripture which always brings her back to centre. She observed, "It is a really good place to be, spiritually and emotionally, and I am impressed with the process of getting out a publication...it is painstaking, meticulous and very time sensitive work."

A member of Bethel Baptist Church in Kingston, Jamaica, Mrs Roper has been assigned, for the last five years, to work with a smaller church. This has given her an opportunity for growth and service, as she did some things for the first time, such as assisting with funerals and doing ministry at the community level. Additionally, she taught the new members class, Sunday School and engaged in altar counselling.

Outside of church activities, Beryl has maintained her longstanding interest in working with persons with disabilities. She also enjoys the theatre, cinema and reading.

Beryl finds the Christian life challenging and exciting. She says "... I rue my limited reach and missed opportunities to serve Him more; and I try daily to appreciate the magnitude of the gift of God's redemption and its concomitant responsibility." She increasingly feels a sense of urgency to tell others of this redemptive love, —*fervet opus in campis*—work is burning in the field."

News&Notes

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Its purpose is to help to inspire and equip those who are called to teach God's Word, to provide information and to serve as a link between the editorial office and users of Caribbean Bible Lessons.

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News Notes

The Caribbean Bible Lessons Newsletter for Sunday School Leaders

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Introducing a New Series of Caribbean Bible Lessons: LIVING THE WORD

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The Living the Word Series

Biblically Grounded
Culturally Relevant
Evangelistically Targeted
Educationally Sound

Beginners • Age 4-6 **Bible Starters**

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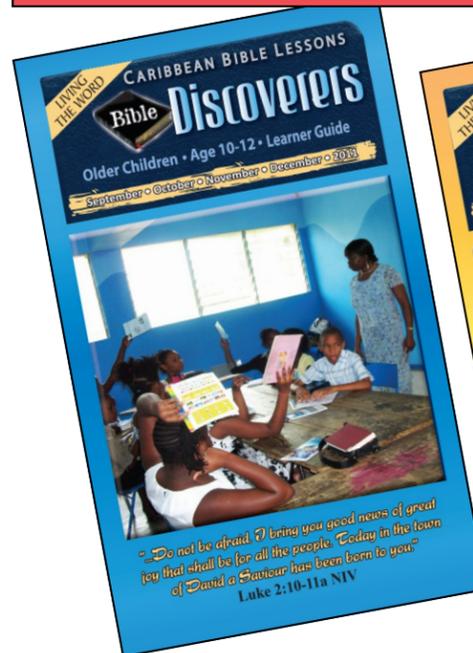
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"Mary, you will have a Son and call Him Jesus."
Based on Luke 1:31



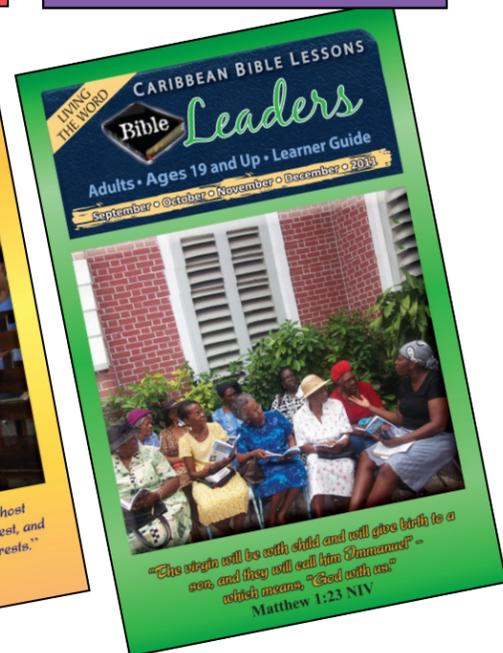
Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11 NIV



"Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that shall be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you."
Luke 2:10-11a NIV



Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared...saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests."
Luke 2:13-14 NIV



"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel" - which means "God with us."
Matthew 1:23 NIV



CCP Staff Members Sing "Here I Am"



Staff and community interact

A visitor learns about CCP

To Our Valued Users

We wish to hear from you about the new guides:

The Living the Word Series

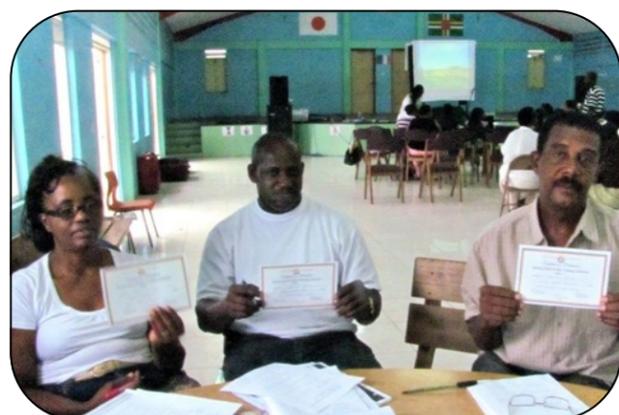
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Sunday School Training



Pastor David Serrant of Deliverance Baptist Church, Roseau, Dominica, welcomes conference participants and the CCP trainers.

CCP offers training in all areas of Sunday School work. During the month of May 2011, CCP director, Gillian Francis; Younger Children editor, Carleen Clothier and Sheldon O'Connor, Field Services coordinator and IT support assistant, led training workshops in Dominica and Barbados. Sessions were held for teachers of all age groups as well as for Superintendents. The participants were impressed with the thoroughness of the sessions and with the useful and practical ideas presented. We trust that the training sessions will result in the empowerment of Sunday School ministry in the Caribbean.



Elizabeth Serrant makes a presentation to CCP Director, Gillian Francis



Sunday School teachers in Barbados participate in a one-night workshop



Participants involved in the development of the CCP Phase IV, Year II Curriculum Plan

Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.

Deuteronomy 32:2

Spotlight on a Sunday School Worker

Deborah Bynoe of Emmanuel Baptist Church, St Michael, Barbados, is our featured Sunday School worker. She shares about the Sunday School ministry.



For how long have you been involved in Sunday School ministry? How did you become involved?

I have been involved in Sunday School ministry at Emmanuel Baptist Church for 15 years. I was asked by the director after I expressed an interest in

working with children.

In which areas have you served over the years?

I have worked as an assistant teacher, teacher, Sunday School secretary, and Sunday School director. Currently, I am assistant director.

How do you prepare for teaching Sunday School?

To prepare, I read the Teachers Guide, the Bible, the students book; and then I pray that God will guide me; and I prepare activities for the children .

What have been some of your experiences working in Sunday school?

I have learnt that children do not like sitting still for long periods and that they like to be rewarded for doing good or for remembering Bible verses.

How do you handle difficult situations that arise?

I place children that like to talk a lot in separate groups. For students who are more visual learners and who find reading difficult, I use the Teaching Picture to illustrate the story. For the children who like moving around a lot, I let them hand out books, pencils, crayons, and collect the offering.

What motivates you to continue in Sunday School ministry?

I am motivated when children invite their friends to Sunday School because they enjoy it and when I meet past students who are still living for the Lord as well as when I learn that a Bible lesson has helped them with a problem.

Are the CCP guides helpful to you?

The CCP guides are very helpful. All the background work has already been done; the Bible verses are there, life questions are age appropriate and we have more than one activity from which to choose.

What, if anything, would you like to see changed or improved upon in Sunday School ministry?

I would improve the Sunday School ministry by giving out Best Attendance certificates every quarter; rewarding the students who invited the most persons during the quarter and giving a challenge cup to the class who collected the most offering. I would allow the children who received the awards to participate in the morning worship service.

At the end of every quarter, I would like to see a multiple-choice quiz printed at the back, in the teachers guide only, to review the lessons for Younger Children.

Please share a word of encouragement with our leaders.

Children should study the lessons to encourage them to live for Jesus more and to hold on in times of difficulty. If children study and apply the lesson, they will grow spiritually. So read on, let the lessons help you to share with others the world's greatest Friend, Jesus!

Every year, the Sunday School Ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church, St Michael, Barbados, does a project.



Class 6-8 of Emmanuel Baptist Church started their project in February 2011. The class project for 2011 is for every child to learn eight Bible verses and their meaning.