

*CCP Staff News*



Tamara Francis and Spanish at a high school in Linstead, Jamaica.

One of the ways in which Tamara Francis has responded to God's call to serve the peoples of the world was her recent service in the mission field in Europe, the Caribbean and West Africa while volunteering on board the ship M/V Logos Hope. Tamara worked as a radio announcer for TBC Radio and as a teacher of English

A member of Tarrant Baptist Church in Kingston, Jamaica for 21 years, Tamara is very active in church ministries. She has served the music ministry as a member of the church's chorale, the senior choir and as soloist. She has served in the youth ministry, and continues to help in adult literacy programme, teaching CXC English at the Tarrant Evening Institute. She was a volunteer CCP Beginner teacher trainer for many years, before joining the staff. She assisted with the JBU mission agency as a mission volunteer – VBS teacher trainer and VBS teacher and she served the JBU youth department in several areas including as secretary.

In September 2010, she joined CCP as an editorial assistant, with additional responsibilities for accounting and she continue to be a trainer for Beginner teachers. Tamara sees her contribution to the work of the CCP ministry as another path in the mission to fulfil God's call to serve the peoples of the world by helping "to spread the Gospel through the Word of God, teaching others about God and His love and the importance of serving Him". She is blessed to have the opportunity to be a part of the CCP family to beam the light of God's Word to Caribbean people.

Some of her other interests are experiencing other cultures, a love for music, reading and working with children and youth. Her favourite Scripture passage is Matthew 6:25-34; a good reminder that God has everything in His hands and that there is no need to worry about anything.

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**A Blessed New Year to All**

*From Our Users*

*"We had the opportunity to use one of your past VBS programmes in July and found it enjoyable and focused on Christ. We had, on average, thirty children attending and at the end when our VBS Director, Mrs. Gloria Williams, asked who wanted to receive Jesus as Saviour, most of the children stood.."*

*Thank you for the excellence in your programmes and their focus on the Lord Jesus. Enclosed is as small gift for your ministry donated by some of the parents whose children attended our VBS.*

*God's continued grace and strength to you all."*

In Christ,  
Rev. Trevor Robotham, Erin Mills Baptist Church  
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

*"I am an adult learner with your CCP lessons. I attend Sunday school classes here at the Sharon Moravian Church, Sharon St. Thomas, ... Barbados. Allow me to thank and compliment you for producing such a quality product ... quite clear and compact and I'm impressed at how much material is packed into the pages of a single lesson. May God continue to bless your efforts."*

Sincerely,  
Clarence Cummings  
St. Thomas, Barbados

*"We, the pastor and members of the Stewart Town Circuit of Baptist Churches, are delighted and satisfied users of the CCP material. We can never fully express our gratitude. We, however, are certain of our commitment to our continued partnership and extended scholarship through the persons we make available to participate in writers' workshop."*

Rev. Stephen Henry  
Stewart Town Circuit of Baptist Churches  
Trelawny, Jamaica

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Beaming the Light of God's Word to Caribbean People

**News & Notes**

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*From the Director's Desk*

*"God is working His purpose out as year succeeds to year"!* May we march forth in the strength of God during the New Year (2012) so that the light of the glorious gospel of truth will shine all over the Caribbean and the world.

We look forward to that time, spoken of over the ages, "when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea". In this New Year, as we reflect on what has gone on and what is to come, let us pray for the big things such as world peace but not forget to pray also for the ability to appreciate the simple things of life—because God is in those things. Pray also for the desire to serve God in the way He wants us to serve Him. And let our life be one of continual thanksgiving to the God who fills our needs and in whom we place our faith.

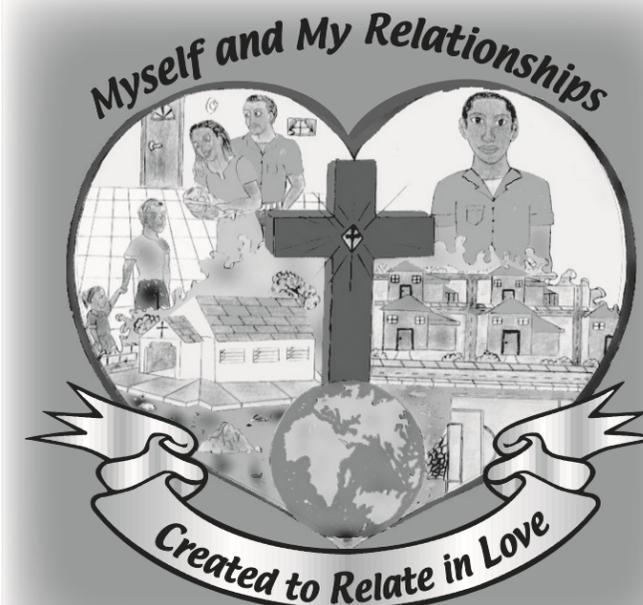
And as God works out His purpose, we make our contribution to His cause through the various opportunities He provides, one being the medium of Sunday School. May we commit to do all we can, in whatever way we can, to facilitate the sharing of God's gospel of truth, particularly through the Sunday School, bearing the light of Christ and encouraging others to let it shine until Jesus comes.

*Gillian P Francis*

**A fit-for-life walk: Parkway Baptist Church, Miami, Florida**  
Pastor Donald Lawrence and members of the church walk for Christ. Through sponsorship for laps, Parkway Baptist contributes to the literature ministry of CCP, assisting with the development of a new curriculum for Sunday Schools in the Caribbean.



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Lapathon: January 21, 2012**

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- Life-Long Spiritual Development
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  - A New Curriculum Plan

Sunday School Training and Pictorial

TRAINING OF TRAINERS WORKSHOPS  
November 2011  
Princes Town, Trinidad & Georgetown, Guyana



Youth and Adult leaders in Workshop Princes Town, Trinidad.



CCP trainer, Carleen Clothier (far left) leads a session with teacher trainers (Children) in Georgetown, Guyana.



CCP trainer, Tamara Francis and trainers of Beginner teachers in worship, Georgetown, Guyana.

Rev. Albert Ellis, pastor of Princes Town Baptist Church, Trinidad, thanks Tamara Francis, trainer, after the workshop hosted by the church.



In 2011, the late Rev. Sobusa Ngodela South African pastor and convention leader visited CCP. Rev Ngodela went to be with the Lord a few months ago. Gillian Francis, director presented him with copies of Caribbean Bible Lessons



Prayer time with a Beginner Sunday School class at Glad Tidings Baptist Church, East Demerara, Guyana.



CCP Staff Long-service Awards:  
l-r:  
Sheldon O'Connor—5 years  
Gillian Francis—11 years  
Judy Carpenter—16 years  
Carleen Clothier—10 years



CCP Year 2 Writers Workshops

Caribbean Christian Publications (CCP) has published its new *Caribbean Bible Lessons!* It's called **The Living the Word Series** and the first issue came off the press for September-December 2011. The second issue, January-April, is now in circulation.

Gillian Francis, CCP director, introduced the new publication at the opening session of the CCP Year 2 Writers Conference held July 24-29, 2011 in Mandeville, Jamaica. The new **Living the Word Series** with the designation *Bible Starters* (for Beginners), *Bible Learners* (Younger Children) and *Bible Discoverers* (Older Children) replaced **The Together Series** which was recycled for many years.

The new material is the manifestation of hard work by dedicated writers and editors. Year 1 lessons were written in a residential conference/workshop in 2010 by writers from Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, St Vincent & the Grenadines, The Bahamas and Turks & Caicos Islands. Except for St Vincent & the Grenadines, all the islands/countries named were again represented at the Year 2 conference.

Participants in Beginner Workshops



At the workshops in Mandeville, Mrs Francis reminded the group of the background to the publishing of the new curriculum

and the purpose of the workshop — to write the lessons for 2012-2013. She explained the cycles for the age groups and the need for a new curriculum. The Children curriculum is a three-year cycle and the writing of the lessons (Year 3) should be completed in 2012. After that, focus will be on developing a new curriculum for the Youth and Adult age groups which have six year cycles.

The guest speaker at the opening of the writers workshops was Rev. Everton Jackson, the executive secretary-treasurer of the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship (CBF). He said he was proud of the work of CCP; and that the CBF was grateful to God for the perseverance and commitment of staff and volunteers to the literature ministry. He encouraged the curriculum developers to be humble as they offer service in God's name. Referring to their willingness and sacrifice, Rev. Jackson used the acronym, **FAT**, to implore the volunteers to be **Faithful, Available and Teachable**.

Rev. Arthur Edgar, consultant to the curriculum development project, in a brief ceremony, led the prayer of dedication of the new publication.

The director, Mrs Francis; and Mr Edgar, a former director, with a combined 41 years of service to the CBF literature ministry, led the group in a retrospective look at the process through the different phases of curriculae over the years, in order for us to appreciate where we are now — the fourth phase. They spoke of the history of CCP, highlighted the curriculum development process and their own involvement. That discourse, including their testimony of how God led them into the literature ministry at CCP, served as motivation for the volunteer writers, editors and other staff.

Participants in the Older Children Workshops



CCP acknowledges the work of all those who worked over the years to bring the literature ministry to where it is now, providing sound Bible studies for Sunday Schools in most of the English-speaking Caribbean. We pay tribute to the women and men who willingly respond to CCP's invitation each year to write lessons. We are grateful to God for their willingness, availability, commitment and sacrifice over the years.

Participants in the Younger Children Workshops



We thank the associations/conventions/unions and churches they represent and those who make financial contributions which help to offset the cost of the writers workshops. The human and financial resources help to provide material that will bless all who use it.