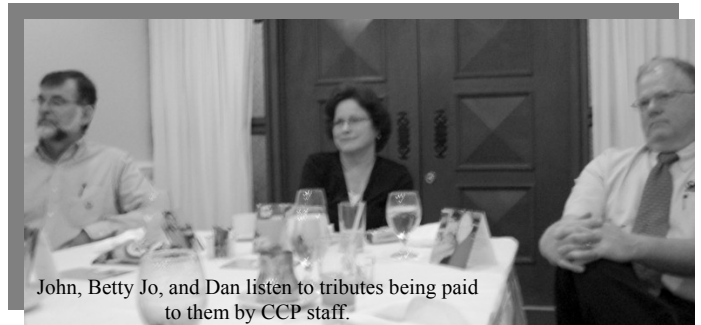


## From the Director's Desk

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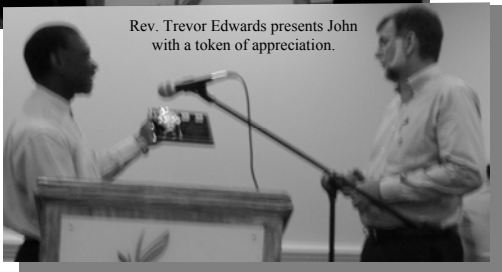
From time to time, we find ourselves working with persons who take their ministry seriously, persons who produce excellent work, and who serve selflessly and with humility. We have said “farewell” to three such persons whom God placed at CCP to help in the production of Caribbean Bible Lessons.



John, Betty Jo, and Dan listen to tributes being paid to them by CCP staff.



Dan and Betty Jo receive a token of appreciation from Trevor Edwards, Chairman, CCP Board of Trustees.



Rev. Trevor Edwards presents John with a token of appreciation.

Rev. John Hatton, Rev. Daniel & Mrs. Betty Jo Hall served through the CCP literature ministry under a partnership with their mission agency, the International Mission Board (IMB). They have recently moved on to serve in other areas in God's vineyard. With the IMB reorganization, they have been relocated “overseas”, John and his family have been placed at the new IMB headquarters in Santiago, Chile; while husband and wife team, Daniel and Betty Jo, will be leaving for London, England by year-end.

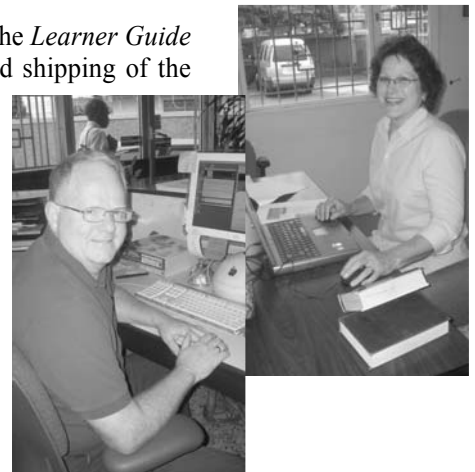
As art director, John was a member of the CCP team for 14 years, first full-time and later, part-time. Dan and Betty Jo, editor and co-editor for the youth material, *Exploring Together*, worked with the team for 11 years. The CCP team—staff and trustees—commend these IMB missionaries for willingly sharing their God-given talents to enhance the CCP publications used by churches in the English-speaking Caribbean.

Betty Jo, an excellent Bible teacher, enhanced the interactivity of the various issues of the *Learner Guide* with interesting activities. In addition to editing, Dan assisted with the production and shipping of the Sunday School material. He ensured that the printers delivered on time and that each shipment was on schedule, even himself taking the packages to the shipping agencies, so that the churches could receive their literature on time.



Thanks to John for designing the maps, charts and illustrations which make up the CCP Resource Packet; the gospel tracts which CCP makes available to all who would purchase them; and the covers of *The Together Series* and the *Vacation Bible School* lessons.

We will not forget the selfless contribution which John, Dan and Betty Jo have made to CCP. They will always hold a special place in our heart. Even as God has called them to change course, they can be assured that God is in the future just as He is in the past and the present, having sovereign control over everything and everyone. God began a good work in these faithful Christians and, therefore, He will continue it. God's speed!



Gillian Francis

## The Sunday School in the Church 's Outreach

### Mahaut Revival Baptist Church, Roseau, Dominica

Mahaut Revival Baptist Church was founded in 1982 with three members. Presently, there are about 200 members. The church operates in a large urban community which is a bastion of the Roman Catholic church..



Superintendent Sister Sylvia Robinson visits a youth class

Under the stewardship of Pastor David Serrant, from 1983 to 2005, the church adopted the CCP-produced Caribbean Bible Lessons. Sister Sylvia Robinson is the Sunday School Superintendent. She has held the position for the past eight years.

There are four Adult classes and one each for Youth, Older Children, Younger Children and Beginner. Each class teacher has been serving for at least 10 years and each teacher has an assistant.

The Adults have chosen representative names for their classes: "Joy", "Brighter Lights", "Original" and "Spicy", from the oldest to the youngest, respectively.



Beginner class at Mahaut Revival Baptist Church

Young Adults chose their name, "Spicy".



On a rotating basis, each Adult class provides snack for the entire church on Sunday mornings.

The church's Outreach Department draws heavily on the Sunday School in the furtherance of its outreach activities. As a result, the Adult to Youth classes are involved in such outreach activities every other Saturday. The "Joy" Adult class provides breakfast for the Senior Citizens Home, at least once a month, on a Sunday morning.

Sunday school attendance is usually high. This is so because classes are held after the morning worship service.



Older Adult class, "Brighter Lights"

Sunday School month is observed in October. Fierce competition is generated among the classes during that time of heightened 'in-reach', outreach, talent displays, Bible knowledge tests and quizzes.

Vacation Bible School, held during the summer vacation every year, continues to be a major church activity. It is always well attended. NSN

## Spotlight on a Sunday School Worker

Malcolm W. Reid, Roseau, Dominica

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

*I became involved when I was encouraged to teach the Adult Sunday School Class by my pastor, at the time, Rev. David Serrant.*

### **In which areas have you served over the years?**

*I have been involved in the ministry for over 20 years. I have served as Adult class facilitator, Sunday School Superintendent and presently, Youth facilitator and assistant to the Sunday School Superintendent, Sister Sylvia Robinson.*

### **How much time do you spend preparing for Sunday School?**

*Caribbean Bible Lessons take all the work out of preparation. My preparations are basically prayer and Bible research. My regular employment drains me. My Sunday School work uplifts me.*

### **What has been your most rewarding experience working in the Sunday School?**

*October is Sunday School month. The planning of the programme and the execution of activities generate tremendous church participation and excitement each year. The end product is always fantastic.*

### **What has motivated you to continue in Sunday School ministry?**

a) *Participation from class members who normally would not speak or share at other regular church sessions.*

(b) *Helping others to understand the Word and to apply it to their daily life. (c) Making the Word relevant.*

### **Share a difficult experience working in Sunday School? How do you handle it?**

*Nothing specific comes to mind. We handle each situation as it arises - through prayer, appeals to members or personal sacrifice. There is always support from the church hierarchy.*

### **Are the CCP guides helpful to you? Explain. How can they be improved?**

*CCP material is fairly comprehensive and reasonably well prepared. I would suggest no unnecessary changes for another year or so, unless there is need to do so.*

### **Based on your experience in Sunday School, what, if anything, would you like to see changed or improved upon?**

(a) *I would like to see the groups in less of a class room setting, occasionally.*

(b) *In the matter of improvement, I would like to see more Sunday morning outreach.*

### **If a new activity or method could be implemented to improve Sunday School, what would that be and how could that be implemented?**

*Sunday Morning Outreach, when we hand out tracts for example, at places such as playing fields, rum shops, fish markets and homes (knocking on doors).*

### **Please share a word of encouragement with our readers.**

*The television and the computer have seriously undermined reading. The personal Bible is still a book, and it still requires personal interpretation based on God's revelation to you. The work of CCP is divinely inspired, approved to meet an ever-increasing need to apply the Word in today's world. The competition is fierce, so let us lift up CCP in prayer daily. N&N*



Sunday School worker training seminar at Grateful Hill Baptist Church, St Ann, Jamaica

## Vacation Bible School 2010

Theme:

**God's Forever Family  
COME ON IN!**



## Welcome to New Users

- ♦ **Antigua:** Gracefield Moravian Church
- ♦ **The Bahamas:** Zion Gethsemane Baptist Church
- ♦ **Jamaica:** Bethany Fellowship, Kingston  
Church of God in Christ United, Kingston  
Church of God in Christ, Mandeville, Manchester  
Door of Faith Church of God, Kingston  
Lighthouse Assembly, Spanish Town, St Catherine

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## Sunday School Tips

### Motivating Your Sunday School

*Adapted from an article by Tim Smith, Lifeway-eSource.*

A winning Sunday School requires that Pastors and other leaders motivate their team members to achieve more than they thought possible. The most successful Sunday Schools are often those that include ordinary believers who are highly motivated to do a great job for God's glory. A winning Sunday School should:

#### 1. Remember the Call

*The most thrilling experience in any believer's life is the call to salvation. Pastors need to remind Sunday School leaders about their call to service.*

#### 2. Remember the Commission

*Keeping the church's mission in the mind of Sunday School leaders is also essential for motivation. Pastors must teach that "the Great Commission" requires winning people to faith in Christ. Sharing the gospel, in the power of the Spirit, results in converts.*

#### 3. Remember the Cross

*The greatest source of motivation for Sunday School leaders should be the cross. Pastors must regularly remind team members of four truths about the.*

#### 4. Remember the Companionship

*No leader faces the challenges of ministry alone. Pastors can greatly encourage leaders by helping them to understand that Sunday Schools rise or fall together.*

#### 5. Remember the Champions

*Hebrews 11 contains what some call "the hall of faith". It lists the names of believers who remained faithful to God despite difficult situations. Pastors can use these and other biblical models of faithful servants as examples to inspire leaders to excel in their ministries. Recalling modern day examples of faith - including those in your own church - is also beneficial.*

#### 6. Remember the Consequences

*Leaders need reminders of the consequences of doing poor Sunday School work. There is too much at stake for God's people to have a half-hearted commitment to service. The problem is as Jesus said in Matthew 9:37b: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few".*

#### 7. Remember the Crown

*Sunday School leaders can be motivated to continue the race by Pastors who remind them that Jesus will be at the finish line to say, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." One day, the Master will award a crown to every Sunday School leader who faithfully served the Lord. N&N*

# A Blessed New Year to All