

Dear Friends,

November, 2009

As we reflect on this season of Thanksgiving, Ephesians 1:16 comes to our minds: "I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." You all are instrumental to the success of Cool Water Ministries, and we wish to remind you of our gratitude!

This past month Jay has been teaching on the topics of *love* and *respect*, of which true godly love and respect are simply not a part of Jamaican culture. This past Thanksgiving week, he emphasized the importance of gratitude and thankfulness. Most of the young men come to us with so much emotional baggage and anger due to the neglect, abuse and lack of proper guidance throughout their lives. Jay emphasized that they can still be thankful that God has rescued them, and they now have a roof over their heads, good food, and a place of refuge for their souls.

David and Kedar, our student interns, often successfully lead sessions that Jay has prepared the lessons for. However, this month Jay has given them the responsibility to create and teach their own lessons. This has been a challenge for them, and has stretched them out of their comfort zone. They have done a great job, and it's given Jay the opportunity to come alongside and to teach them how to plan and organize a lesson.

We have a new young man moving in this weekend. His name is Kami, and he comes to us from the parish of Westmoreland. He has been heavy into the 'ganja' lifestyle (marijuana), and wishes to break off of this, and make a clean start. We pray that God miraculously breaks him of this bondage, and that he is transformed into a new creation in Christ.

The director of a local boys' home has also showed interest in having a couple of her 'soon to be 18 year olds' meet with us, to see if CWM is a fit for them. We don't advertise or seek out boys, but more and more, the word is spreading about CWM.

This Thanksgiving week we are especially thankful for:

- You, our CWM friends and supporters
- Your prayers and encouragement for us
- Our Jamaican residency was FINALLY approved this week!
- Our daughters, son-in-law and precious grandson
- Our son, James, who is doing so well in school and tennis, and for his heart for the ministry and our boys
- The faithful provision of God for the ministry

In closing, I Thessalonians 5:18: "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." We always praise God, for the good days and for the not so good days. He honors this and is so faithful!

Love and blessings,
Jay, Linda and James