

Dear Cool Water Ministry friends,

September 17, 2009

This is a very quick update as we just arrived back in Mandeville yesterday afternoon. It is so good to be home again, and to be with David and Kedar, our staff interns. Our other boys look forward to returning to the ministry house on Monday morning.

In less than 24 hours, God has already begun to show us that He is in control and hasn't forgotten the lost boys of Jamaica. I was in the front yard today when a boy came up to our gate and wanted to speak with me. I'm always cautious and don't like to be alone out there. This young man had been walking up and down our road trying to find us. Well, it turned out to be a God ordained moment, as it was one of the boys that Jay and I spent many hours and days with in 2004 at the Mt. Olivet Boys' Home. While there, we did weekly devotions, and took many of the older boys weekly to play basketball, and to church youth group and choir. God used those days with this young man, among many other young men at Olivet, to lead us to begin Cool Water Ministry in 2005.

This young man is now 19 years old, and is called Damian Smith. He has no family that he knows of, and has been on his own for a few years now, working and trying to survive. Damian heard about us from another one of our past boys and was determined to find us at CWM. He is currently unemployed and has to move out from his current place next week. He spent several hours this afternoon with Jay, David and Kedar. After time speaking with them, he accepted Jesus as His Saviour, and he shared with them that he had such a pain and ache in his heart before coming to us today. After his salvation experience and spending time with Jay and the men, he had many questions about Jesus answered. He now feels so happy and hopes to be able to come to the ministry. He will read more about the ministry this weekend and fill out an application. On Monday, he will come back and meet with all of the young men, and do a more formal interview. As CWM is a community, we feel it is important that he get to know all of the young men, before he, and we, decide if the ministry is a fit for him.

We ask you to pray for Damian, as he is at an important crossroads in his life. In the meantime, another of the boys we worked with at Mt. Olivet, Kemroy, age 14, was struck by lightning this week and killed. It was a sunny day, and not even raining, when he was struck dead at his school. We don't have a lot of details yet, but please be praying for Andy McDonald and his family, as they recently adopted Kemroy. Damian and the others are still very close, as they grew up together, and are very upset about this. We thank God for the open door this gave Jay today to share the gospel message with Damian.

Another Mt. Olivet boy, Steven Brown, is also on the street with no family, and recently was in touch with Damian. Please pray that we are able to find him, as we would like to speak with him also. He wrote us two letters when he was only 14, and spoke of how he would like to be in our ministry some day. He spent a lot of time with Jay and we had a special connection with him.

I am attaching 2005 pictures of Damian, Kemroy, and Steven. Many of you that have visited Mt. Olivet with us will remember their faces. We ask you to pray that God opens

their hearts to the hope that only He can give. Sadly, that hope and reassurance is missing in many churches here in Jamaica.

Many blessings,
Jay and Linda Cruze



Steven Brown - January 05



Damian Smith - January 05



Kemroy March - Apr 05