

Dear Friends,

Wow, what a week we've had since we last wrote you. We took in three new boys this week, rather than one! We ask you to be praying for these young men, Shevroy, McGiver, and Damian. All three have spent the majority of their lives in children's homes, and are quite street wise, as they've been struggling to make it on their own the last couple of years. We'd like to introduce them to you, by telling you a bit about each and enclosing their picture.

Damian Smith will be 20 years old this December. He spent his early years in three different children's homes; we met him as a young teenager at Mt. Olivet Boys' Home in nearby Spalding. He only recently found out that he has some family, but there is no meaningful relationship there. He seems to be bright, and is tired of trying to survive with the wrong crowd on the streets. Yesterday morning (Damian's first full day at CWM), I approached the men's dorm, to see him reading his Bible out loud. He was so enthralled; he didn't even see me enter the porch where he sat. He is so happy to be here, and is already actively participating in classes.

McGiver (Maggie) Miller is 21 years old and grew up in two children's homes. We also met him as a teenager at Mt. Olivet Boys' Home in 2004-05. Maggie has a very pleasant disposition, and is also tired of making the wrong choices and trying to just survive. He has worked several jobs the past few years, and can't seem to keep a job, or get settled.

Shevroy Manning is also 19 years old, and comes to us from Copse Boys' Home, probably the roughest home on the island. When a boy becomes incorrigible, Copse is where he is sent. He confesses to an anger problem, and desires help in overcoming this. Shevroy's parents died when he was very young. Previous to coming to CWM, he had been living with the roughest group of orphaned men in town.

Cool Water Ministries has been described as an oasis, or a watering hole, where young men can receive the refreshment and rest that only God can give. We ask you to pray with us that these young men will come to know God and His unfailing love and grace.

Even though, we've only been back on the island for a week, we feel the presence of God moving in the ministry more than ever. Thanks again for your prayers, encouragement and gifts to the ministry!

Blessings,  
Linda and Jay Cruze



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