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What's God up to in Haiti?

It's now almost two months since the devastating earthquake destroyed Port-au-Prince. So much has been happening that it is hard to keep up on it all.

In the meantime the news media have moved on to other stories and we're no longer saturated in details emanating from Haiti.

One of the first things that impacted many watching the early television coverage was the singing that was heard in the camps on a night and on the streets during the day. Haitian Christians brought prayer and worship to the heart of the devastation. What a testimony that has been!

Now gradually stories are beginning to emerge of a move of God amongst the rubble. It's human to exaggerate in these circumstances so EAC awaits full confirmation in the months ahead.

However, there are reports of large prayer meetings, of numerous commitments to Christ and of lives being transformed in the midst of death and destruction.

Christians globally must maintain the intercession on Haiti's behalf. Reconstruction will take years. If Haiti is to rebuild with new governmental structures and provide a new future for its citizens there needs to be divine wisdom and intervention.



We must also continue to give so that our brothers and sisters may rebuild their lives, homes, churches, hospitals, orphanages and a plethora of other ministries.

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Haitians neither helpless nor hopeless

Countless news reports have focused on the overwhelming worldwide response to the January 12 earthquake that shook Haiti. The continuing generous response of Christians around the globe will be necessary to help the Haitian people rebuild their crumbled nation, but make no mistake: They are not hopeless, and they are not

helpless.

Tens of thousands of people died in the quake, and close to a million people are without homes. Thousands of Christians in Haiti have been affected. Still, many congregations are using volunteers from within to distribute food, water, blankets and crisis care kits to those with the greatest needs in their communities.

Right now, in tent cities and church distribution centres all over the capital city, Carrefour, and surrounding areas church members are passing these lifelines to Haitian brothers and sisters.

In the midst of such great need, simple acts of Christ-like compassion are having a great and immediate impact.

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Imprisoned Cuban Pastor's Appeal Denied

HAVANA, CUBA (ANS) - A Cuban Evangelical Pastor has been denied the right to appeal his six-year prison sentence by the Supreme Tribunal in Havana.

Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) reports that Pastor Omar Gude Perez, a leader in a fast growing network of independent churches called the 'Apostolic Reformation', was convicted of "falsification of documents" after trumped up charges were made

against him during a summary trial last July. In a statement to Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) Pastor Gude Perez's wife said the court's decision confirmed her belief that her husband's arrest and imprisonment in May 2008 was orchestrated at the highest levels of government.

CSW says that Pastor Gude Perez was initially charged with human trafficking, but a local court threw out the charges ten

months later citing a total lack of evidence. The latest charge was brought against him a full year after his initial detention. The prosecution's petition also accused the pastor of "counter-revolutionary conduct and attitudes."

CSW also reports that another key pastor in the Apostolic Reformation Network is currently contesting government efforts to evict him from his home and confiscate his property.

Barbadian Author Publishes Second Book

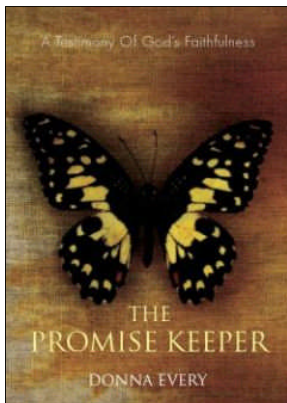
Barbadian Donna Every has published her second book, **The Promise Keeper**.

The book shares Donna's spiritual journey as an author seeking to obey God in writing the things He laid on her heart and actually getting the books published. It is

a warm testimony of God's faithfulness and provision.

This book is uncompromisingly honest and a great encouragement to obey God despite the discouragements encountered along the way. It is indeed a testimony of God's faithfulness.

Donna's first published work was **What Do You Have in Your House? Surviving in Times of Financial Crisis** and was released in 2009. That book was written for those facing challenging financial circumstances and has impacted many lives.



Nazarene Takes Independent Music Award

Russell Leonce, worship coordinator and youth pastor at the Tunapuna Church of the Nazarene in Trinidad & Tobago and son of George Leonce, superintendent of the Windward Islands District, has won an award for an album he recently released.

Leonce's album "Culture of Love" was one of the winners at the 9th Independent Music Awards (IMA) an-

nounced on January 26. The album won in the gospel category. The winners of the awards were determined by a panel of 80 artistes and industry professionals which included Tom Waits, The Black Keys, Ricky Skaggs, Pete Wentz, Mark Hoppus, Aimee Mann, The Apples in Stereo, David Garrett, Suzanne Vega, Bettye LaVette, Judy Collins, Zoey Deschanel, and M. Ward.

The IMA's are one of the most influential awards for independent bands and fans. According to Martin Folkman, the executive director of the awards, "The awards celebrate artists who follow their own muse and the true music fans who support them." He adds, "The artists who've been honored by the IMAs create some of the best music you may ever have heard."



EAC-CYNET Addresses “Sex in the Church”

EAC's Caribbean Youth Network (EAC-CYNET), in cooperation with the Guyana Evangelical Fellowship's youth arm, has begun a series of church programmes entitled “Sex in the Church.”

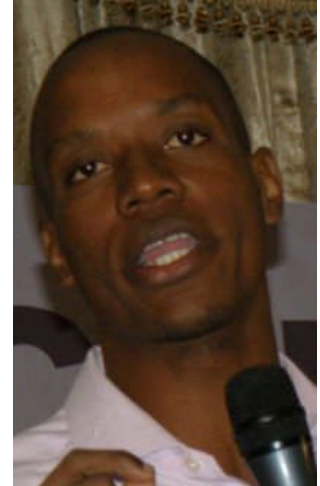
According to Pastor Eworth Williams, Executive Director of EAC-CYNET, “For too long talking about sex in the church has been a ‘no no’. As a result we are seeing an upsurge in sex-

ual immorality, morals are slowly decaying and church continues to be ‘church’. We felt that it is time to address young people in the church and, most importantly, their parents.”

The programme, which is run Sunday afternoon in participating churches in Guyana, informs parents about issues affecting their children and grandchildren and seeks to provide solutions to

questions and issues raised by the youth. Professional peer educators, counsellors and real life testimonies from the youth themselves are all part of the programme presented.

Pointing to the Survey of Sexual Practices' finding that more than 2% of youth attending Evangelical churches have tested positive for HIV, Pastor Williams says, “It's time to get up and speak.”



Pastor Eworth Williams

Hoszia Hinds – Breakin’ Out!

Barbadian gospel singer Hoszia Hinds has released his second album. It is entitled “Breakin’ Out” and is made up of 16 tracks.

The compact disc has been produced by top gospel singer, Trinidadian Sherwin Gardener who co-wrote all of the songs with Hinds.

A packed crowd turned out for the album launch where several top performers were on stage. They included Sherwin Gardener himself, and Imram Henry from St. Lucia. Also performing at the launch were Barbadians Allison Norville-Forde, De Warrior, Psalmist Jamal, and

Barry Reid among others.

Twenty nine year old Hoszia Hinds entered gospel music about 10 years ago singing in choirs, chorales, solo and then in groups before becoming leader of a group called Youth-A-Flame, which was later renamed Hoszia.



Hoszia Hinds

Symposium for Born Again Parliamentarians

EAC is actively working towards convening a symposium for born again Parliamentarians in the Caribbean. To facilitate this it is critical that contact information be obtained for Evangelical Christians serving in the House of Assembly or Senate in any Caribbean

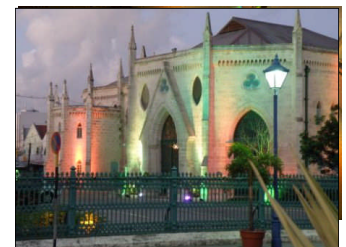
country.

The purpose of the symposium is to provide a biblical framework for engagement of the society and establish relationships among Christians seeking to serve God in the Parliaments of their countries.

Anyone who can supply

contact information for born again Parliamentarians in their country is asked to send that information to EAC's General Secretary and CEO, Bishop Gerry Seale, at gaseale@caribsurf.com.

Prayer for the preparation of the symposium would be appreciated.



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MISSION: In a spirit of servanthood the Evangelical Association of the Caribbean exists to unite Evangelical Christians in the Caribbean, giving them a regional identity, voice, and platform to extend the Kingdom of God through Christ-centered proclamation of the Gospel to all peoples, discipling the nations, and the transformation of society.

VISION: Every Church empowered to transform Caribbean society through biblical discipleship so that poverty is reduced, peace (wholeness) is increased, public justice is ensured, and national righteousness develops.

PURPOSE: Empowering the Church to transform society.

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE: Throughout the islands of the Caribbean, including the Spanish, French, English, and Dutch islands and including those Central and South American countries which traditionally relate to the Caribbean islands, namely Belize, Guyana, Guyane (French Guiana), and Suriname.

St. Vincent Reacts to Sexual Practices Survey

The results of the sex survey have been disseminated throughout St. Vincent and especially the Christian community. Following the discussion of the results that Bishop Gerry Seale lead with that group at the Glen Baptist Church, various aspects of the results of the survey were included, and discussed, by Rev. George Fredricks and Rev. Noel Clarke on their nationally televised programme "Encounter". This peaked interest amongst many in the Christian community. Dr. Jules Ferdinand then wrote extensively on the results in his weekly newspaper column in the "Vincentian" newspaper. I had the opportunity of discussing further the survey and its impact and possibilities on Youth

For Christ's radio programme held on Saturday mornings and the televised programme of Hope For Life Restoration Ministries. On that programme I sat on a panel with three young ladies from the church's youth executive along with host, Ms. Pearlette Williams. Added to these, I have been sharing the survey results with churches, youth groups, health officials, individuals, service groups, schools and Christian leaders throughout the island face-to-face and through other communication mediums.

At this point the impact of the survey has been that:

- ◆ Information never before collated and tabulated has been made accessible to key national church leaders and their congrega-

tions influencing decisions and programme formulation.

- ◆ The Association of Evangelical Churches will be embarking on a series of targeted discussions and forums on the result of the survey.
- ◆ Churches have been using the results as the basis for a greater emphasis on sex, sexuality and HIV/AIDS.
- ◆ The issue of sex as it pertains to the church and churched is no longer in the closet, national platforms have been used to discuss the subject.
- ◆ Youth in churches are speaking out and to their friends about sex. I foresee future and indirect impact to be:

- Open discussions about HIV/AIDS, sex and sexuality.
- Projects that focus on such topics.
- Increase in healthy sexual practices as a result of the concentrated spotlight placed on the matter.
- Future surveys.
- Involvement of cross sectoral agencies in the programmes of the church (Gender Affairs, Health Unit, etc.).
- Parents, teachers and youth leaders aware, informed and thus equipped to be a part of the solution.

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