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South African Gospel Singer to Visit Caribbean

- *Musa Njoko is a proud African Zulu woman.*
- *She is one of the Tearfund HIV Champions through the Inspired Individual Programme.*
- *UNICEF is partnering with EAC in making this visit possible.*
- *Gospel concert on July 11 at 6:00 p.m. at The People's Cathedral, Barbados*
- *Gospel Concert July 18 at Central Assembly of God, Georgetown, Guyana at 6:00 p.m.*

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Musa Njoko, a Pentecostal gospel singer from the Zulu nation in South Africa, will be visiting and ministering in Barbados and Guyana this July.

Trained as an HIV Champion by Tearfund (UK) Ms. Njoko will headline a gospel concert on July 11 at **The People's Cathedral** in Barbados and on July 18 at **Central Assembly of God** in Georgetown, Guyana.

On July 12 Ms. Njoko will lead a workshop in a special symposium at the **Erskine Lloyd Conference Centre** in Barbados. Ms. Njoko will focus on combating stigma and dis-

crimination of persons living with HIV.

The day-long workshop will also review the data collected in Antigua, St. Lucia and St. Vincent in the 2009 survey of the sexual practices of youth attending Evangelical churches.

Most of the day will however be given to discussing the life skills our youth need to empower them to handle their sexuality in a healthy spiritual and scientific manner. This workshop will be repeated in Guyana on July 19.

Admission to all events is free but registration is required for the workshops. Pastors must register and bring a teenager in



order to attend the workshops. **UNICEF** and **Tearfund (UK)** are partnering with **EAC's Caribbean Youth Network** to make this possible.

Birdsall: Lausanne ... Like Nothing in Our Time

Greetings from 37,000 feet over the North Atlantic. As I write to you I am flying home from London to Boston on the final leg of a round-the-world trip for the Lausanne Movement. The trip began 17 days ago as I departed from Boston going to Hong Kong, with subsequent stops in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta and Dubai before going on to Cape Town, South Africa

While in Cape Town, our Lausanne Global Lausanne

Leadership and our Cape Town 2010 Congress Team—120 gifted and highly motivated people—held a productive week of meetings in preparation for the *Third Lausanne Congress on World Evangelisation* (October 16-25, 2010).

The highlight of our week was a meeting Wednesday at the Cape Town International Convention Centre. We were dazzled as leaders of each of the working teams presented their reports and together had a growing awareness of history in the mak-

ing. At the end of the presentations at the Convention Centre, Archbishop Henry Orombi of Uganda, Honourary Chairman of the Congress, turned to me and said, "This is incredible, just amazing. This will go down as the most thoroughly planned Congress on world evangelisation in history!"

The week just completed is a foretaste of what is in store for us at Cape Town 2010. We believe this Lausanne Congress will unite the global Church like nothing in our time. ... Doug Birdsall.



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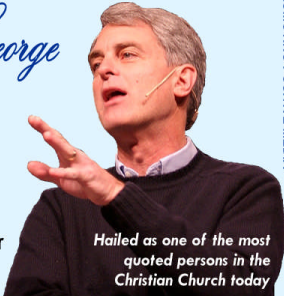
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Youth "Do Something" in Caymans

An uplifting spirit of volunteerism was exhibited for a week in May 2010 in the Cayman Islands when nearly 100 San Diego residents did something for the people of this Caribbean nation.

The volunteers—who are part of the California-based Miles Ahead organisation headed by Caribbean-American Miles McPherson, the former U.S. professional football player turned evangelist—worked alongside residents on community service initiatives including school

building, hospital and girls' home beautification projects as well as youth and prison outreach and medical health education seminars.

The projects, one of which saved the local government US\$1.2 million through the expansion of 12 new classrooms at the John A. Cumber Primary School in West Bay, formed part of the "Do Something World" campaign which focuses on giving back to communities around the world and follows a major Miles Ahead outreach initiative in Jamaica in 2008.

PAWI Celebrates Centenary

The Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies (PAWI) is this year celebrating its centenary with events being conducted throughout its twelve districts from Montserrat in the north to Trinidad and Tobago in the south.

The thirty-third biennial general conference, held at the Trinidad Hilton in Port-of-Spain during May, was the apex of the celebration. During that conference several candidates were ordained to the ministry and the West Indies

School of Theology also held its graduation exercises.

As early as 1910, there were zealous and devout Christians in the Caribbean region who testified to the experience of a personal Pentecost. In 1912, on the island of Montserrat, American Missionary, Rev. Robert J. Jamieson, whose Pentecostal experience had revolutionised his life and ministry, found support for his cause in a small band of people of similar persuasion.

Under this new stimulus, the young church spread rapidly in

Montserrat and throughout other Caribbean Islands, from St. Croix in the north to Trinidad and Tobago in the south. Rev. Jamieson and his associates, who eventually comprised nationals and missionaries from the United States of America and Canada, sought to establish a Pentecostal Movement. That group of believers became the nucleus of what is today known as the **Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies**.



JTS Celebrates Fifty Years

Since 1960, the Jamaica Theological Seminary (JTS) has provided tertiary-level Christian theological education and leadership training to serve the Church and society. Current programmes of study include Bachelor Degrees in Theology, General Studies, Guidance and Counselling, and Social Work. Course offerings are being extended into the Eastern

Caribbean and ONLINE. More than 1,500 JTS graduates are engaged in Church ministries and nation-building throughout Jamaica, the Caribbean, North America and the United Kingdom. In addition to various Christian ministries, areas of service include the social services, the helping professions, education, health care, the security forces and in academia. This year,

ninety-five (95) "golden graduates" will join the ranks of those who have been prepared for service. JTS rejoices in the Lord's favour over the past five decades and commits to continue to educate and train in order to meet the desperate need of our day for the liberating Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Christian Leadership Conference on HIV & AIDS Stigma and Discrimination

The St Kitts Evangelical Association convened a special conference that brought together some forty pastors and ministers of the evangelical community to address the issue of stigma and discrimination. This one day event was held on Friday, March 11 at the Frigate Beach Hotel and was facilitated and sponsored by the Caribbean HIV and AIDS Alliance.

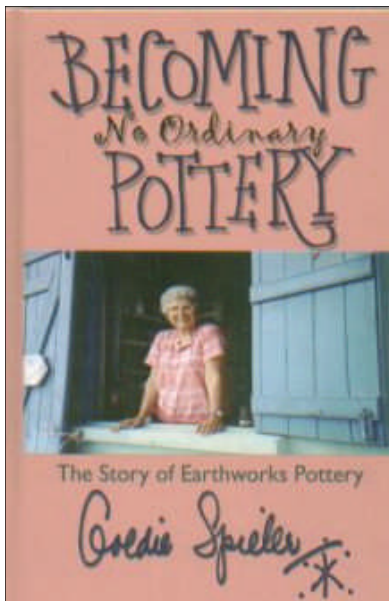
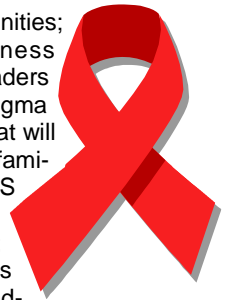
The conference examined the stigma, discrimination and prejudice faced by people living with HIV in the Church community, and explored the social, economic and medical repercussions of HIV for

those living with it.

President of the St Kitts Evangelical Association, Bishop Ron Dublin-Collins, who served as coordinator of the conference, challenged the Christian leaders to speak out against stigma and discrimination, and to realise that the Church also has a role to speak out prophetically against the injustices which perpetuate poverty and encourage the spread of HIV and to fulfill their duty to support people with HIV in a bold and open way.

The objectives of the conference were to deepen participants' understanding of stigma and discrimination and how it affects individuals,

families and communities; to raise awareness among church leaders and members on stigma and discrimination that will enable PLWH and families affected by AIDS to be treated with dignity in the church; to raise awareness amongst church leaders and members to promote behaviour change and fight attitudes and practices favourable to stigma and discrimination; and to stimulate action by church leaders towards supporting PLWH in their various churches in St Kitts .



Messianic Jew Publishes Book in Barbados

Goldie Spieler, a Jewish widow with a young son, arrived in Barbados more than four decades ago. Captivated by the idyllic landscape and the engaging people, she made it her home.

Setting out to save the pottery industry in the island she eventually developed her own pottery, building a successful business in the process. In 1997 she was named Entrepreneur of the Year in the Marketing: Wholesale and Retail Category by Ernst & Young.

Along the way she personally met the Messiah, Jesus, and her life was transformed. She still often attends Shabbat services at the synagogue in Barbados and is firmly committed to serving Jesus Christ with all her heart.

Her son, David, has grown into a fine man and now manages the pottery while Goldie divides her time between Israel, Barbados and Bequia.

Becoming No Ordinary Pottery is the story of how God changed the life of a Jew who met Jesus in Barbados. It is well worth the read.

Wycliffe Seeks Intercessors for Vision 2025

Wycliffe Bible Translators and its partners around the world are committed to Vision 2025—a desire to see a Bible translation programme in progress in every language still needing one by the year 2025. Humanly speaking, this vision seems impossible. But, the impossibility of it drives us closer to God, seeking His face and, in prayer, lifting up all aspects of reaching the least, the last and

the lost with God's Word in a language they can understand.

- ◆ **Praise God** that no task is too big for Him. The number of Bible translation needs is dropping. We are witnessing the greatest acceleration of the pace of Bible translation in history.
- ◆ **Pray** for more people to partner with Wycliffe through prayer. Visit www.wycliffe.org pray for ways to be involved.

Tell your friends too!

- ◆ Consider being part of a global community praying around the clock for Bible translation. Can you imagine an unbroken conversation with God about the work He has given us to do, and keeping that conversation going until Vision 2025 is fulfilled?



EAC Summons Special General Assembly

EAC has summoned a Special General Assembly (SGA) for July 06-07, 2010. According to Bishop Gerry Seale, EAC's Secretary General, the main focus of this SGA will be to receive and review the report of the sex-



**Bishop
Gerry Seale,
EAC's
Secretary
General and
CEO**

ual practices survey conducted in Antigua, St. Lucia and St. Vincent in 2009, discuss and approve a number of bylaw changes, and have member-bodies play an integral role in developing EAC's strategic plan through to 2015.

"The staff could develop a strategic plan," says Bishop Seale, "But without the full participation of member-bodies in the process that plan could easily be irrelevant. We, therefore, need the full cooperation of our members in strategising for the next five years and beyond."

The SGA will convene at the facilities of Grace Communion International (formerly the Worldwide Church of God) in Arima, Trinidad. Delegates from outside of Trinidad are asked to plan their arrivals on July 05 and departures on July 08. Sessions will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily.

Member-bodies who have not yet indicated who their representatives will be at the SGA are asked to do so quickly as documents need to be circulated.

Wesleyans Rebuilding Lives and Ministries in Haïti

Lives are being touched and rebuilding continues in Haïti four months after the country suffered a devastating earthquake.

The Wesleyan Emergency Relief Fund for Haïti is making some of that rebuilding possible. To date, Wesleyans all over the world have given over US\$600,000 in response to the tragedy. Those gifts are being administered through Global Partners, the missions arm of The Wesleyan Church, and are being used in rebuilding churches, par-

sonages, and schools. One project includes the construction of provisional (short-term) buildings to provide for immediate needs of church communities. These 40' x 64' and 72' x 96' pole building structures will allow Wesleyan churches in Haïti to continue short-term ministries over the next 1-2 years, while plans are developed and executed for long-term needs of each congregation.

In cooperation with disaster relief partner World Hope International, Global Partners has also distributed over 50 tons of food,

medicine, and personal hygiene items in 60 affected areas. The short-term field clinic in Petit Goave has treated an average of 277 people a day in recent weeks.

The need for prayer and financial support is great: 128 Wesleyans lost their lives; of the 106 Wesleyan churches in Haïti, 25 were demolished and 36 suffered damage; 12 Wesleyan schools were destroyed and 17 damaged; while 4 parsonages were obliterated—and 11 more damaged.

EAC Experiencing Financial Squeeze

EAC has not been exempt from the financial downturn of economies across the world. Having to underwrite about US\$10,000.00 of CONECAR 2009 expenses has greatly strained EAC's cash flow so that basic bills now present a challenge.

Staff, who raise their own sala-

ries, are also experiencing very challenging times as the salary account is US\$10,000.00 below where it was at this time in 2009.

According to Bishop Gerry Seale, the financial situation is compounded by member-bodies who have not been paying their dues. The total currently outstanding is around US\$4,000.00. Bishop Seale also pointed out



**Emerson
Boyce,
Gerry
Seale,
Eworth
Williams—
EAC staff**

that 250 individuals and churches giving \$50.00 each per month would collectively contribute \$150,000.00 annually.

Redemptive Productions Stages Play in Nassau

Rain Forest Theatre, Wyndham Nassau Resort, Bahamas is the venue for Redemptive Production's *One Man's Struggle*—a play that examines the Christian man's battle with pornography—June 11-13, 2010.

The play's plot revolves around Edward Spence, a 34-year-old top sales executive whose non-nonsense boss loves him, his colleagues look up to him, and his customers can't stop talking about him. Add to that Edward's

recent engagement to a former pageant queen and his outstanding leadership in the church, topped off with great friends and the most humble of attitudes and what you end up with is a model citizen—a good black man with a steady income, high morals and a bank account that is not in the red. Edward is a unique man and yet he holds reflections of every man.

The play examines Edward's struggles with his sexuality and

demonstrates how he finds deliverance and restoration in God's passionate love.

The play has three performances **June 11, 12 and 13, 2010** each starting at 8:00 p.m. If you're in Nassau grab the opportunity to see this professional production. It could change your life!



Sisters Radel Parks and Ranel Pierre, writers and producers of "One Man's Struggle"

Is Casual Sex Losing Its Zing?

ASSIST News Service: Some university students are giving up casual sexual activity because they feel it's not fulfilling. Take, for instance, Vanderbilt University student Frannie Boyle. She told CNN that, in the past, she sometimes drank to excess before parties and hooked up with a stranger or acquaintance before the night was over. "I saw it as a way to be recognised and get satisfaction," Boyle admits.

But satisfaction eluded her. "I felt so empty then," she laments.

So she decided to kiss casual physical involvement goodbye. Criticism came. Some male friends shunned Boyle. "They probably weren't my friends anyway," she observes. "I'm respecting myself," she affirms. "And I won't waste my time with some guy who doesn't care about me."

Boyle is in the minority, but she's not alone. Of course, many students abstain from non-marital sex because of spiritual convictions. But nowadays, even non-

religious campus groups are promoting sexual self control and commitment.

For example, CNN notes that the Love and Fidelity Network features speakers and discussions to encourage students to rethink uncommitted sex. The secular non-profit promotes "sexual integrity" and marriage.

Some observers, citing online dating's campus popularity, say many students long for a return to traditional dating. Even entertainer Lady Gaga says she has chosen sexual abstinence.



This will be the 15th year of Viva's prayer initiative for children at risk June 05-06, 2010 and they would be delighted to welcome you to participate in whatever way you are able.

Today the Christian community is a significant provider of care for the estimated 1.2 billion children at risk worldwide. Tens

Global Prayer for Children at Risk

of thousands of individuals and projects are reaching out to them and speaking up for them. Yet, due to the sheer scale of the situation, these workers often find themselves isolated and under-trained, with some projects existing on the brink of closure.

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Musa Njoko will also be ministering at Central Assembly of God in Georgetown, Guyana on the evening of Sunday, July 18, 2010 starting at 6:00 p.m. There is no admission fee to either concert. Njoko will also conduct workshops in Barbados on July 12 and Guyana on July 19. Pre-registration is required to attend the workshops.

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A Word from the Chair: "Labourers Needed—Send Me"

It has been said that the only constant in life is change. Everything changes. The songwriter H. F. Lyte wrote, "Change and decay in all around I see: O Thou who changest not, abide with me."



Rev. John O. Smith,
EAC Chair

Long before the song writer, God wrote in Isaiah 13:13, "Therefore I will shake the heavens." Since the beginning of this year a pronounced shaking has been taking place.

Matthew 24 is being fulfilled daily—"Earthquakes in diverse places." Our daily question is where, or who, is next.

Add to these natural disasters the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, unrest in several places—including our own Jamaica—and national economies failing. We can go on and on. There is no need to and this is not the aim of this article.

In Matthew 24:3 Jesus was asked three questions among them, "What will be the signs of Your coming?"

If these signs about us point to His return then the signal to us, to the Church, is to be prepared and to maximise our soul winning and

missionary efforts. In our world population of 6.6 billion people statistics reveal that 1 in 4 is a Muslim and 50% of this group is under 15 years of age. The Continent of Africa boasts that they now have 1 billion people. Paul asks, "How will they hear without a preacher?"

Our task, therefore, is to win the lost. It has always been this way but sometimes the Church loses its focus.

Many times we consume money on ourselves rather than the harvest. Our prayers should be two-fold—"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers" and, "Here am I Lord, send me."