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CONECAR Registration Deadline

The registration deadline for CONECAR 2009 looms nearer as Evangelical Christian leaders across the region rush to meet the September 19th early registration date. Registering by that time ensures a US\$25.00 discount on the registration fee of US\$350.00, which will be applicable to those registering between September 18th and October 19th.

Hundreds of Evangelical leaders representing scores of Evangelical denominations and agencies are expected to make their way to Kingston, Jamaica for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Congress of Evangelicals in the Caribbean.

CONECAR was the brain-

child of the late Dave Ho and several others who had attended the first ever Lausanne meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland in 1975.

Some of the finest Caribbean speakers have committed to speaking to the Congress theme: *The Church: Disciples in Transformation*.

Full information, plus registration forms, are available on EAC's website. **Persons planning to attend are asked to note that the Host Committee in Jamaica is asking that registration fees be sent by bank transfer and not by cheque.** Full information on how to do this is on the registration form available on the website.



One of a number of workshops during CONECAR 2007 in Trinidad

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- The Jamaican Slave who changed history.
- Your house may contain more than you think.
- Dominica PM expresses appreciation to Church.

Tribals Seek Permission to Sell Children

ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA (ANS) -- The drought-hit people of a tribal hamlet in the Medak district of Andhra Pradesh state in India have made a sensational

demand -- that they be allowed to sell their children. According to news released by www.persecution.in, the tribal people who live in Palugu Tanda had

adopted a unanimous resolution urging the government and the State Human Rights Commission to allow them to sell their children as "no work is available" to support their families.

What Do You have in Your House?



Are you in a financial crisis? Are you barely making it from month to month? Do you feel as if you need a miracle to get out of debt? Then the book ***What Do You Have in Your House? Surviving in Times of Financial Crisis*** is for you.

Drawing from the poignant Old Testament account of the widow's oil, author Donna Every shares proven principles and practices to help you

survive your financial crisis or just make it through each month without pulling out your hair. She will guide you with wit and reason through the process of looking inside your house at the gifts, abilities, and resources you have that you can use to supplement your income and improve your life. This short, easy-to-read book includes stories of people who have done it and will motivate you to

be the next success story!

Donna Every is a chartered accountant and an MBA. She worked with Ernst and Young Barbados, as an auditor and then as a consultant, for ten years before starting her own business in 1998. Donna is passionate about helping people improve their lives and shares this passion through motivational workshops and speaking engagements.

ANTIGUA: Nazarene Church Burns



It was in the wee hours of Sunday morning, July 12, 2009, that Pastor Martin and wife Sandra were awakened by a big blast and found the church building on fire. It did not take very long for the sanctuary to be engulfed in flames.

According to the Superintendent of the local Fire Department it seemed that the fire was started by an overheated fan in the

room which housed the primary Sunday school class and church records.

Though the fire department responded almost immediately there was extensive damage to the ceiling, roof, and structure of the building. All the equipment has been damaged and must be replaced.

Within the space of an hour, District Superintendent Dr. Ken Sharpe, oth-

er Nazarene pastors, and church members arrived to give support.

The tragedy did not stop members of the church, as well as some from the community, to hold service on the lawn later that same day.

Please pray for the congregation to rebound and for permission to meet for services in one of the government's schools in the community.

Baptists Recognise Former Slave as Prophet and Liberator

EDE, THE NETHERLANDS (ANS): He was hailed as a prophet during morning worship, and declared as a liberator in the afternoon.

Samuel Sharpe, an educated Jamaican slave and Baptist deacon, led a rebellion that some scholars say hastened the end of chattel slavery in the British colonies in the Caribbean in 1838.

The rebellion, which began

as a sit-down strike in December 1831, quickly turned violent, against Sharpe's wishes. In the end, more than 600 slaves, including Sharpe, were hanged by the British colonizers by the time the rebellion was put down in May 1832.

According to a Baptist World Alliance (BWA) media release, on the morning of Wednesday, July 29, the

Alliance, during its Annual Gathering in Ede, Netherlands, recognized Sharpe as a Baptist prophet, along with British missionary and anti-slavery crusader, William Knibb, and Martin Luther King, Jr., civil rights leader in the United States.

Before his execution, Sharpe declared, "We must be content to die for the benefit of the rest."



WEA Welcomes New Associate International Director

The World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Gordon Showell-Rogers as the organization's new Associate International Director beginning May 2010.

Mr Showell-Rogers is currently the General Secretary of the European Evangelical Alliance (EEA), the position he has held since April 1999.

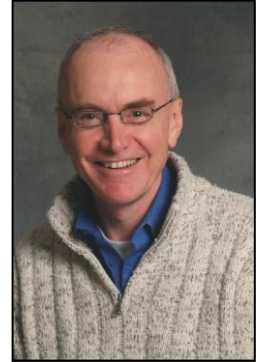
"Gordon has done a tremendous job of developing the European region," said Dr. Geoff Tunnicliffe, the International Director of

WEA. "We have been looking for someone to take on the key role of serving our regional and national Alliances - Gordon is the most qualified and able person I know in the world to perform the vital task of strengthening the Regional and National Alliances, and their inter-connectedness through the WEA. His effectiveness in serving national Alliances and developing the European Region makes him uniquely qualified for this new role."

Mr Showell-Rogers, who has witnessed a dramatic growth in the EEA during the

last decade, hopes that with his appointment, the WEA will have greater capacity to facilitate global evangelical solidarity and provide a global megaphone for the needs of evangelical communities around the world.

"My wife, Jane, and I are excited about this new role, which we pray will help to strengthen the grassroots and the regions, and create greater global synergy," commented Mr Showell-Rogers about his new position.



For This Purpose ... *Jo-Anne Richards, Jamaica*

A few weeks ago, I conducted what I call a 'patois Bible study' in the inner city community of Grant's Pen, St. Andrew. First, we read the passage (the Prodigal Son from Luke 15) in English from the NIV. It was projected on a screen, and we all read it together. Next, I read it to them in Jamaican Creole, having received a second draft copy from the Bible Society of the West Indies. During that second reading, I could hear and feel the participation of the congregation. It was as if they were actually in the story. At

the end of it, one boy commented that it was so much clearer.

The turning point, and comment that changed my whole outlook, came from an older woman. She said that with the English, it was just words to her, but with the Creole, it was as if she could see everything that was happening. Then she said, and I paraphrase and translate here: "The thing is, **I don't think in English**. Whenever I hear anything in English, I have to process it and translate it into patois in my head. While I'm doing that, I'm

missing a lot of what is being said!" My mind went back to those times when I had to attend meetings in Spanish, French, Djoula or Moore. There was so much I lost because I had to pause to process in my head. That's when I realized how absolutely essential it is for us to have the Bible in Creole, and to be singing songs in church that use our language and our music!

My life course has been charted. For this purpose came I into the world! It's going to be a long and difficult road, but others have walked this road before.



Christians in Hiding in Karnataka, India

Hindu radicals on August 9 disrupted the worship service of Indian Missionary Service and beat up Pastor V. James in Gulbarga, Karnataka.

Rev. Noel Kotian, an EFI correspondent reported that around 10 a.m., about 20 Hindu extremists shouting anti-Christian slogans barged into the Sunday worship ser-

vice, accused Pastor V. James of forceful conversion and assaulted him.

The extremists dragged the pastor out to the street, kicked, punched and beat him up. The pastor fled to Ganigapura police station and filed a complaint against the extremists, according to reports.

Later in the evening, around 9:30 p.m., the extremists went to the pastor's house and assaulted him again. They chased the pastor, his wife and four children away from the village. The pastor is hiding in another area.

Kindly pray for the safety of the pastor and his family.

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Dominica PM Surprises Nazarene Missionaries

On Saturday, July 11, Missionaries to Dominica Daniel and Brenda Hopkins heard a knock and were surprised to open their door and find the parliamentary representative for their area. On the road were several large government cars. "The Prime Minister would like to visit with you," he said, "would that be okay?"

Daniel Hopkins recounts the experience.

What in the world would the Prime Minister be doing here? We live in a small Caribbean island, but we have very little government contact, especially with the Prime Minister.

"Sure," I said, "invite him to come in." The representative walked over to the large black car, said a few words, and the Prime Minister stepped out. As he walked up the driveway I could not help but wonder what he could want with me.

He is a tall, imposing person, but I relaxed a little when I saw a smile on his face. I invited him in and we sat down in the living room of our modest mission house.

"What brings you to my house, Mr. Prime Minister?"

"I just wanted to stop and thank you personally for the things that you and the Church of the Nazarene are doing in Dominica," the Prime Minister said. "Your church is making a big difference in our country and especially among the Carib people. The work of the Church of the Nazarene has not gone unnoticed and we

want you to know how much we appreciate it."

We reflected for a moment on what the Church of the Nazarene has been able to accomplish in the last three years in Dominica. After Hurricane Dean struck the island, we were able to secure EC\$134,000 for emergency food distribution along the hard hit east side of the island. Once a month for four months, people were able to get basic food supplies while their crops made a comeback.

A brand new medical clinic was completed in Carib Territory with seven Work and Witness teams from the U.S. in partnership with the Christian Children's Fund. The clinic is one of the finest medical buildings in the country and has facilities for emergency medical services, child delivery, a dental clinic, and public and private pharmacies.

The church has refurbished areas of the local hospital and is in process of receiving medical equipment for the hospital and clinic.

A team of college students from Point Loma Nazarene University provided much needed paint to the Atkinson Primary School and built bleachers for their playing field. The Church has assisted the local government in securing much needed equipment for the playing field and will provide resource management and oversight of development of this important community asset.

I thanked the Prime Minis-

ter for taking the time to show his appreciation and shared with him the most important thing we are doing in his country. "Our primary purpose is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and to see hurting and broken people transformed by His love."

"Keep up the good work," he said.

Related News: Garnette Joseph was elected as chief of the Carib Nation on the Island of Dominica, a post he will hold for five years. The Carib Territory on the Island of Dominica in the Caribbean is the last remaining reserve for the indigenous Carib Indians, the people who occupied the Caribbean Island when Christopher Columbus came to the West Indies.

Chief Joseph is a member of Bataca Church of the Nazarene, where he serves on the board and teaches the youth Sunday School class. He and his wife, Winnie, are dedicated Christians and are faithful to the church.

According to Hopkins, this election opens up tremendous opportunities for the Church of the Nazarene as they seek to serve the Carib people with their many needs. The Carib Territory has 70 percent unemployment and poverty and its accompanying problems are rampant. The Church of the Nazarene seeks to provide a holistic ministry to the people as it proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ.