

Touching Lives by Telling and Teaching

In January when Don arrived in Kingston, Jamaica, the GLEANER'S headlines read *Political Violence Rocks Jamaica; 69 Killed in 29 Days*. He ended 2001 in Haiti during an attempted coup, and then started the New Year in another politically unstable country. GOD uses these conditions to show people their need of the abundant and peaceful life they can have in Him. Evangelism Explosion trains many to share this Good News. The two clinics in Jamaica were unusual in that they were scheduled for six consecutive days. One clinic ran each day, and another each night. God's plan for these two Clinics was larger than just increasing the number of children's workers trained in Jamaica, Three nurses who attended these Clinics were working in Jamaica on six month visas. Two were from Nigeria, and one was from Ghana. These women had never heard of Evangelism Explosion before, but will now return to share this tool with others in their respective countries. This was very exciting since a clinic in Nigeria had previously been cancelled. That didn't stop God from having Nigerians receive this training. If the training didn't go to Nigeria, God just sent Nigerians to another training! Don was amazed at how well the children had learned the Gospel Presentation and Scriptures after the November Clinic. These children came to the two Clinics to do demonstrations for the clinicians. Not one of the children was over the age of 8; some were as young as four. He was truly humbled by their ability to share the Gospel. We continue to be grateful to be a part of how and where God is at work.

Three successful clinics in spite of Engine Failure! Attempted Coup! Dengue Fever!

In spite of several setbacks, 2001 ended with phenomenal success in Haiti. On the way to Haiti, Don's plane had to make an emergency landing in the Bahamas after the engine on the DC3 failed. (This has happened on two of his last three trips to Haiti.) After trying to repair the engine, they overnighted in the Bahamas, The next day they unloaded, and then reloaded another plane, which took them on to Haiti. Once in Haiti there was an attempted coup, which caused many of the clinicians to arrive late. There were roadblocks and scattered violence throughout the country. Although Don was only 10 miles from the airport, there were 16 roadblocks between the mission compound where the clinics were held and the airport.

Don knew that the best thing to do in this situation was to stay put. We knew about the 16 roadblocks because two others had tried to get to the airport to catch a plane. They didn't quite make it through the roadblocks before they were taken out of their car. They had to walk with a man who took their luggage to the airport in a wheelbarrow. (They were fortunate to even get to keep their luggage.) Then their plane never arrived. They took the only flight there to somewhere in Central America and then almost couldn't leave that country. All in all, it cost them a lot of money and a great deal of fear. By staying put, Don and the others were safe and the three clinics continued. Over the compound walls

they saw smoke all around them as people of the opposition party were taken from their homes –then their homes were destroyed.

Don was grateful that all the clinicians from around the island finally did arrive. The three clinics were wonderful. First a KIDS EE Clinic was held. Then there was a Clinic Teachers Training that ended with an Adult EE Clinic. It was quite an ending to an exciting year, but a bit difficult as Don was suffering from dengue fever while teaching these clinics.

We continue to receive requests for clinics. It costs approximately \$100 to train and provide KIDS EE material for each clinician. Won't you help us in Haiti, Jamaica, Belize, and Albania to reach our goal of equipping 1,000 children's workers this year?

Bicycles for Pastor's in the Sudan

Praise God! Last summer in Jamaica Don met a man on a short-term mission trip who was burdened by the Lord to do something for the EE trained pastors in Southern Sudan. He is providing 200 new bicycles for them. The bikes are being shipped by container from China to Mombasa, Kenya. From there they will be trucked overland to Uganda and then to Southern Sudan. Don has been invited to help distribute the bicycles to the pastors he helped train in November 2000. We covet your prayers and support for this awesome and incredible mission opportunity.