

## Planting and Watering Ministry Seeds in Jamaica

The good news of the gospel is that Jesus Christ became the reconciliation between us and God in order for us to experience a wholeness in relationships that bears fruit to the glory of God; who was, is and always will be our Root. Should there be no roots in Christ, there will not be any fruit.

Of course a root grows over time, coming from a seed that is planted and nourished. What are some of those seeds in Jamaica? HarvestCall has four missionaries in Jamaica, three American and one Jamaican. Each of their life stories and testimonies of finding their roots in Christ were influenced

through one week mission trips. Jesus taught about faith as a mustard seed, a tiny seed, that could grow into a great tree. In the space of time in our lives on earth, a week really is like a tiny seed, which God can use for his purposes. We used to call these “work teams” because there was a lot of construction work done to build dormitories and classrooms. But over time, we’ve seen that during the course

of those building projects God was doing a greater work in each life and used these cross-cultural relationships and experiences to plant seeds in many souls, not just for a week but for a lifetime. That’s one of the reasons we now refer to our short-term missions in Jamaica as LiFE teams, where we reduce the focus on what we do as individuals (hence the lower-case “i”) and instead focus on the ministry of reconciliation that God is able to do in each life and in each soul.

Our four missionaries in Jamaica are engaged in three core ministry activities; orphan and at-risk child care at En Gedi House, education of youth at Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf, along with skills training and employment through Deaf Can! Coffee.

There has been a tremendous outpouring of support for both En Gedi and CCCD in the last couple of years, for which we are grateful to the brotherhood. Each of these ministries had a beginning, a small seed planted years ago or even decades ago, and your financial giving helps to cultivate the soil and nourish these seeds, so that there may be fruit.

Deaf Can! Coffee has also been blessed, and recently at the Proclaim & Serve 2018 conference in July, members of our team were able to travel to Tremont and serve coffee to those who attended. It was a tangible (and tasty!) way to continue that cultural exchange between Jamaican and American, Deaf and hearing cultures, whereby we all see that our common root is in God, who made each of us in

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Barista training



Children at En Gedi House



Kent and Blake inspecting new coffee plants





# A God-birthed **Blessing**

## THE SMALL FLOCK IN BARRA VIEJA

### A Kept Congregation

God is Faithful. For over ten years, in the absence of a local shepherd, God has shielded, protected and kept a small band of Christ-followers who live in the area surrounding Barra Vieja, MX. Through the difficulties of death, disease, and disappointment, God has provided them a sufficient and stable faith to persevere.

This church was not a strategic church plant, but rather a God-birthed blessing when converted siblings traveled back to their hometown with

a burden to conduct a VBS in 2005. During the teaching of younger children, God gave the adults “ears to hear.” Now, a decade later, this small band of believers has aspirations like most any fledgling church, desiring things like a church building or a local shepherd who can minister the word and offer pastoral care. They greatly appreciate both national and international visitors who are willing to come alongside them in caring fellowship, Bible study, and personal expressions of faith from real-life seasons of dependence.

### Interim Care

After a 3-4 year gap, the Mexico committee is reinvigorating efforts to bolster this small flock and provide opportunities for US brethren to participate. Beginning in 2019, the Mexico committee will be recruiting both Spanish-speaking brethren as well as English-speaking brothers and sisters. This can include a variety of commitments from week-long visits to relocating to support the church on a more permanent basis. A calendar is already in place for visits where English-speaking brethren can match their availability with a person capable of translation. That calendar will be managed by Bros. Jason Stoller (Washington) and Joe Klotzle (Altadena).

During a week-long visit, one can expect a mix of both formal and informal times of fellowship. Typically, they hold at least two afternoon Bible studies in addition to church. In more informal moments, there are opportunities for fellowship around a cooking fire, a fishing boat, or an afternoon snack.

### Qualifications to participate

The people most qualified are those who have a living faith and have experienced

You can encourage this small church family





the faithfulness of God through the seasons and storms of life. They have a testimony on their heart that they are willing to share with their mouth. They also have a quiet heart capable of asking good questions and listening to others share the joys and trials of life. Lastly, they have a hunger for righteousness and God's Word.

While there is no age or marital status requirement, there will need to be some consideration in matching an appropriate translator, should that be needed.

**Expectations for the week**

Those who travel to Barra Vieja will fly into Acapulco International Airport. Arrangements will be made for someone to pick you up and drive you to the air-conditioned hotel where you will stay. The homes of brothers and sisters are within walking distance and many of your meals will be prepared by Sis. Kike (Kee-kay) or one of the other sisters. Before traveling you will be able to connect with those who have traveled ahead of you. They are willing to share notes and pictures of activities that were helpful to the brothers and sisters.

**Next Steps**

Prayer is the “first resort” for these opportunities. Allow the Lord to place in your heart a willingness to go. As in many U.S. cities, crime is present in this area, but just as any prudent citizen knows, the local brethren know which areas to avoid. We encourage participants to go in the confidence of God's divine protection.

If interest warrants the next step, contact Bros. Jason or Joe at [mexico@harvestcall.org](mailto:mexico@harvestcall.org) for more information for open dates when they have translators available in advance. If dates line up, they will place you in contact with others who have already gone and will help you understand what to expect. And lastly, expect the Lord's presence, peace, and power as you go in his name for his glory.

**by Justin Koch**

# Highlighted Missionary Openings

These are either recent openings or critical needs that remain unfilled. **For more information about these and other long-term service opportunities, visit [harvestcall.org/missionary-openings](http://harvestcall.org/missionary-openings)**

**CAREGIVER**

CVE, a children's home in Mexico, is seeking married couples or singles who are willing to answer the call and share their God-given spiritual gifts in the harvest as houseparents.

**ASSISTANT CAREGIVER**

CVE, a children's home in Mexico, is seeking caregiver assistants, single or married, willing to provide a Christ-centered family-like home for children who have been removed from their biological families.

**DIRECTOR OF  
OPERATIONS  
AT HOSPITAL  
LUMIERE, HAITI**

Seeking someone with knowledge and understanding of business administration including financial control and accounting, general knowledge of human resource management, business work processes and the ability to lead and manage people at Hospital Lumiere in Haiti.

**MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

Seeking a board-certified, licensed physician to lead a team of Haitian physicians and surgeons, and provide oversight of the nursing, laboratory, radiology and pharmacy departments serve at Hospital Lumiere in Haiti.

# Passing on the

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.

In Ukraine, there are many young people embracing the faith of our forefathers in spite of pressures around them. But these growing churches need places to worship. Financial support from HarvestCall is helping fund a new building in Korovia, where construction began this spring. When the HarvestCall European Committee traveled to Ukraine, they witnessed many people working on forming and pouring the concrete basement walls. Lord willing, as churches are built and remodeled it will allow the congregations to continue to grow as they have many large, young families.



Korovia church basement walls are ready for concrete

The brethren in Ukraine are very thankful for your financial support, but that is just one aspect of how HarvestCall assists them. Many Ukrainian believers make their living from agriculture. HarvestCall also helps furnish and repair farming equipment. Earlier this year, a sea container was packed at the Rittman



# Faith in Ukraine

Psalms 127:1

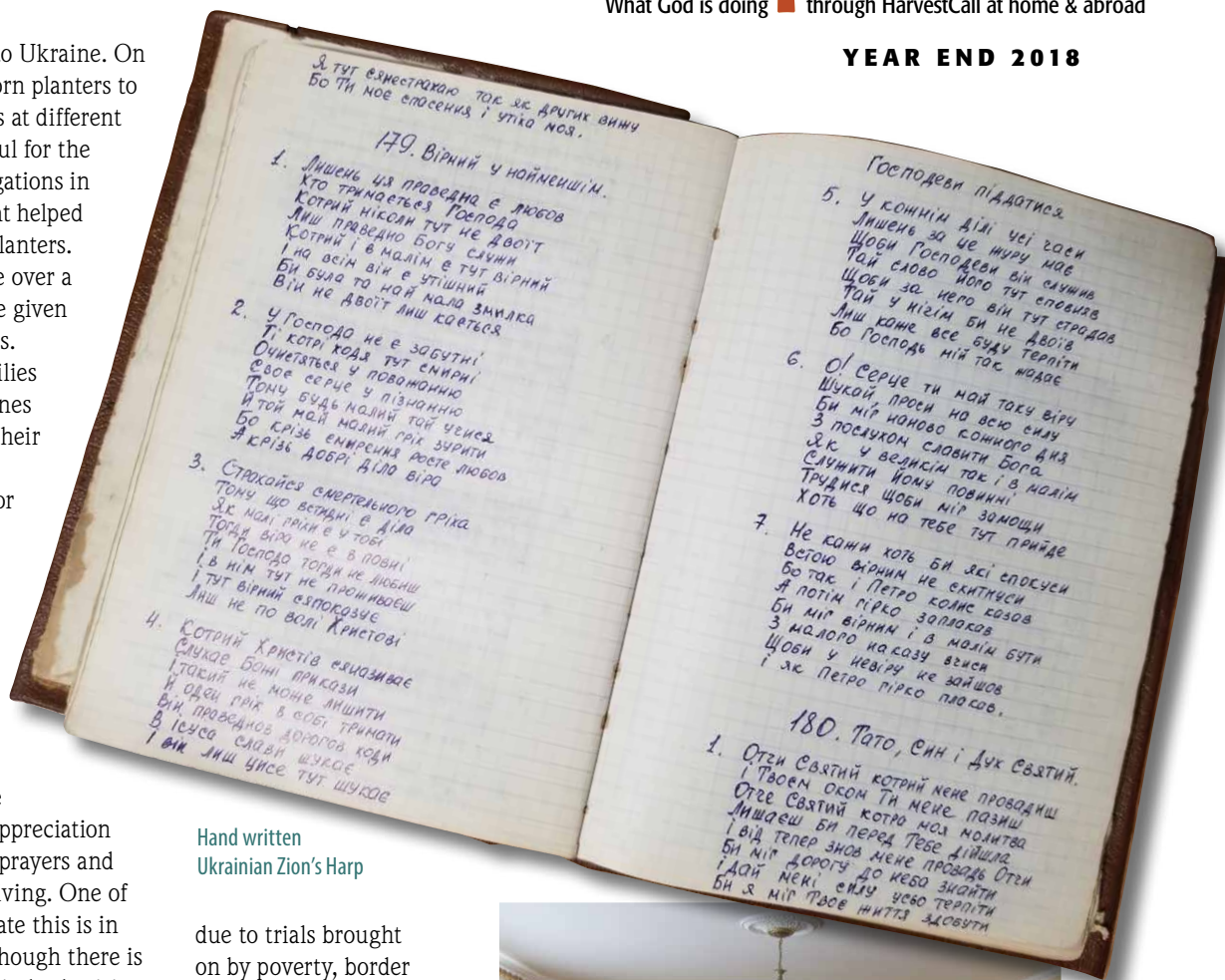
Distribution Center and sent to Ukraine. On it, were two updated 6-row corn planters to be shared among the believers at different congregations. We are thankful for the brethren from several congregations in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio that helped tear down and update these planters. Also in the sea container were over a dozen used hospital beds to be given to the elderly in the local areas. These will be used to aid families in taking care of their loved ones who are living at home with their family, since they don't have

access to or the means for nursing home facilities. Once the sea container arrived in Ukraine, the European Committee worked side by side with the brethren there to reassemble and test the planters.

The brethren in Ukraine continually show their appreciation for all of the fellowship, prayers and support HarvestCall is giving. One of the ways they demonstrate this is in their youthful singing. Even though there is a language barrier, we feel a kindred spirit as we sing the familiar Zion's Harp melodies together. For more than 150 years, these hymns have been a part of our worship service and our heritage, but in some areas, the Zion's Harp was difficult to access



Brethren in Milford, IN putting new parts on corn planters to be sent to Ukraine



Hand written  
Ukrainian Zion's Harp

due to trials brought on by poverty, border restrictions, and oppressive governments. In Ukraine, where various dialects, languages and mountains separate the brethren from each other, by God's grace, they found a way to preserve the Zion's Harp by hand copying them into a notebook, daily planner, or whatever other types of paper books they could get. This would take up to a year of dedication to accomplish. When the churches were closed and they gathered in secret, it was some of these hymnals that the brethren softly sang from to encourage one another. Today, these hymns are just as alive and carry just as much meaning as they did to the brethren back then. Almost all of the congregations in Ukraine now use printed Zion's Harps, but not all. *Speaking to*



Church in Khyzha where they use hand-written Zion's Harps

*yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 5:19 -20*

by Christopher Indermuhle

# Update

What God is doing through HarvestCall at home & abroad

YEAR END 2018



# Save the Date

## FOR PROCLAIM & SERVE 2019!

Our second annual missions conference will be in Roanoke, IL on July 20, 2019. We'll announce late winter via email and social media when the 2019 agenda is posted and registration opens.



Update Year End 2018: Your Involvement Can Change a Life

### "ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN? DO YOU HAVE A BIBLE?"

## Will you explain to me why I should be a **Christian** and not a Muslim?"

These are questions asked of a young brother at a dinner for Illinois State University international students. We're happy to report that this Brother, Drew Martin, was faithful in sharing the gospel with Tofiq Mammadov, originally from Baku, Azerbaijan. We're even more happy to report that Tofiq was receptive to the gospel, began attending church, and is now a brother in the Bloomington congregation. Not only that, but we can also report that Tofiq is now our son-in-law!

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations... teaching them to observe all the things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. (Matt. 28:19)



Bro. Tofiq Mammadov sharing the Bible with a Turkish student attending Illinois State University.

Thankful for Christ's redemptive work in his life, Tofiq hopes to be a valuable source of information and encouragement to any brother or sister who is interested in engaging Muslims in their communities so that they, too, will come to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Many of you, by now, are aware of KAIROS, part of the Harvest Call ministry. In summary, "KAIROS equips the church to humbly share God's love with Muslim people and pray for their belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and for their transformation by the Holy Spirit." KAIROS is currently equipping and educating Apostolic Christians in a variety of ways. Currently, bi-weekly articles are sent by email providing education

about Islam, outreach strategies, personal stories, and prayer requests. Additionally, there are monthly conference calls for praying together. There have been online book studies. Also, requests can be made for a KAIROS presentation to congregations. In the future, it is hoped that the HarvestCall website will include a tab for KAIROS where a wealth of information will be accessible.

KAIROS is a ministry where the fruit is not necessarily visible or known to anyone other than the quiet workers in the field. Where is ministry taking place? On college campuses, in workplaces, in neighborhoods, within international organizations, and at kitchen tables, to name a few. God has called some of us to go into foreign nations, but you don't have to leave the



United States to find Muslims. God is bringing them to us. A 2017 study estimated that 3.45 million Muslims were living in the United States, about 1.1% of the total U.S. population. Because of 9-11 and terrorist activity reported in the news, Muslims are often viewed by Americans as "the enemy". However, most Muslims are just as appalled at Islamic terrorism as you and I are. We need to remember that God loves everyone, and he is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (2

Peter 3:9) Many Muslims are curious about Christianity and willing to learn.

Muslims are taught that Jesus is not the Son of God, that he did not die on the cross nor rise from the dead, and he does not save sinners. We have plenty of work to do! So please don't hesitate to get involved in the KAIROS mission. KAIROS can be reached at [kairos@harvestcall.org](mailto:kairos@harvestcall.org).

by **Tim and Cathy Hohulin**

Many Muslims are curious about Christianity



# Ministry in Jamaica

## CONTINUED FROM FRONT

It still amazes our team to this day to look back on the seed God planted in January 2015, when a LiFE team from the Gridley church took a field trip with 17 young men from the CCCD campus and traveled to rural Top Hill and met Everlin Clarke, a 78-year-old Deaf coffee farmer. He had roots in Christ and believed that God had given him gifts and talents that he should use to help others, like teaching the youth from CCCD about his farm and how he grew coffee (cherry) trees. God did an amazing work and fruit was

born that day in the form of these youth being inspired to believe that being Deaf doesn't mean that they can't, but rather that they can learn and serve others too. They began to realize that God has made them

in his image, and it doesn't matter that they are Deaf and different from the majority of the hearing world, they are still called to bear fruit. The business is now employing over a dozen Deaf young adults and has successfully planted a small coffee farm at the Knockpatrick campus of CCCD.



Coffee counter at a Toyota dealership



Deaf Can! baristas provided coffee at Proclaim & Serve 2018

And while this growth is encouraging, we desire your prayers most for fruit to bear out in individual lives and souls. Pray for the young men and women who occasionally gather together on a Sunday to spend time in fellowship and Bible study. Pray for thirsty souls to be watered and to find that there springs an eternal well of Living Water when we are tapped into the Root of Jesus Christ.

By Blake & Tashi Widmer



Making use of the new food trailer

**STAY CONNECTED** | Prayer support is needed in every part of HarvestCall work. Here are two ways to learn about projects, how to be involved and how to pray specifically.

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Instagram at acharvestcall



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