


HELPING HANDS BULLETIN

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**MISSION AND MINISTRY EFFORTS BEYOND
THE BORDERS OF THE UNITED STATES:**

HOW CAN YOU HELP?



“This Bulletin provides insight into how individuals, organizations, and congregations can assist with CME Mission and Ministry efforts beyond the borders of the United States.”

Jamaica

West Africa



East Africa

Haiti

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**MISSION AND MINISTRY EFFORTS
BEYOND THE UNITED STATES BORDERS**

Since being elected General Secretary of the Department of Lay Ministry for the CME Church, I have sought to better understand our mission and ministry efforts beyond the borders of the United States. My focus in seeking to bring clarity to this phase of Lay Ministry work has been to determine how we can and should approach lay ministry in the countries where the CME Church has been established.

To that end, I have traveled to both West and East Africa (the Tenth and Eleventh Episcopate Districts respectfully), Jamaica, which is part of the First Episcopal District, and Haiti, which is included in the work of the Sixth Episcopal District.

In seeking answers about how to provide effective 21st century ministry in Africa, Jamaica, and Haiti, we have worked with the Presiding Bishops in each Episcopal District.

Each of our foreign works is different, however, there is one common denominator, - ***need!*** I, therefore, believe it is very important that all lay persons understand what is taking place abroad and what we as individuals, organizations, and congregations can do to assist with present and future efforts.

Hence, the information in this bulletin is a brief statement of the work that is taking place in Africa, Jamaica, and Haiti but most importantly, an understanding of *“How You Can Help!”*

WEST AFRICA: THE TENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
Bishop Godwin T. Umoette, Presiding Prelate

The Tenth Episcopal District (West Africa) includes the countries of Nigeria, Ghana, Togo, and Liberia.

The areas of immediate need are:

1. Renovation and upgrading of the learning facilities at the Chief Dr. I. Carlton Faulk Primary School, located in Nigeria. The Faulk School was established and supported by the diligent efforts of Chief Dr. I. Carlton Faulk during his 24 years as the General Secretary of Lay Ministry of the CME Church. So that is legacy will continue to be honored, we (Department of Lay Ministry) see the need to assist with refurbishing the current structure. Specifically the roof needs replacing, the eaves are in need of repair, and the building needs painting (See pictures in Appendix).
2. Completion of six dormitory rooms at Breeding Montgomery Bible College (BMBC), located, plus upgrading of learning facility classrooms.
3. Financial assistance for needy students at CMEC Senior Secondary School, in Accra, Ghana.

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MAP OF WEST AFRICA



HATTIE: PART OF THE SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

Bishop Kenneth W. Carter, Presiding Prelate

Haiti is part of the Sixth Episcopal District. It is a one and one-half to two hour plane ride from Miami or Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The primary focus for the work and the needs in Haiti are centered around the W. C. Lockett Village of Hope, outside of the city of Port-au-Prince. The Village of Hope is located within a compound built by members of the Sixth Episcopal District under the leadership of Bishop Kenneth W. Carter. Within the compound there are various structures/building that house facilities for an orphanage, school, and church. Each building bears the name of one or more of our active and retired Bishops.

How Can You Help?

- 1) Currently there are 134 children in the orphanage. One of the on-going projects is to get sponsorship for each child. Interested persons, organizations, and congregations can sponsor a child for \$30 per month, \$90 quarterly, or \$360 annually. A sponsored child will receive three meals a day, school supplies, and school uniforms.
- 2) On-Going Food Drive - Food can be purchased through CAM at <http://camtransfer.com/>. Prices vary based on commodity. CAM will deliver directly to the compound or the Sixth District can pick up in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. For example (55 lbs. rice - \$28.00; 110 lbs. rice - \$56.00; Sardines - 50 cans - \$40.00; Spaghetti case of 24 cans - \$18.00; Beans - 50 lbs. - \$49.00; 100 lbs. - \$98.00. More information can be found on prices at <http://camtransfer.com/index.jsp>.
- 3) Peanut Butter Drive (On-Going) - Peanut butter provides immediate protein. After being examined by a physician, most of the residents lacked protein. Peanut butter is a commodity that is provided on an on-going basis.
- 4) School Uniforms - khaki pants, navy polo shirts. Various sizes.

Please direct your questions and inquiries relative to assistance to Rev. Carolyn Carlisle – email - carlisle60@live.com; Telephone: &06.536.6149

MAP OF HAITI



JAMAICA: PART OF THE FIRST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT
Bishop Lawrence L. Reddick, III, Presiding Prelate

The need in Jamaica is primarily focused on the Mae Lindsey Primary School and the Helen B. Grant Primary School. Our Lay Ministry efforts will currently focus on teaching and training of the new Regional Lay Leader and officers and our outreach assistance will be directed toward the the Mae Lindsey School, which is housed is in the Mt. Hope CME Church. The studens are ages 4-6. There is a need for school supplies and school uniforms. Additional information will be provided from this office very soon.

For now please direct your questions and inquiries relative to assistance to the office of Bishop Lawrence Reddick – email- llreddick3@yahoo.com; Telephone- 901.3454114.

MAP OF JAMAICA



EAST AFRICA: THE ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT **Bishop Ronald M. Cunningham, Presiding Prelate**

The Eleventh Episcopal District includes: South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia, D.R. Congo, Burundi, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Egypt and Sudan.

For the past three years Bishop Ronald Cunningham has given major attention to a facility in East Uganda that is focused on giving young people a home and a first and second chance at living life and having a future. In addition to providing relief efforts across the 11th Episcopal District, providing funding to build a church in Rwanda (began under Bishop Teresa Snorton), and holding Annual Conferences, Bishop Cunningham has given much attention to the work and efforts of **“Family Place”**, highlighted in the first sentence of this paragraph. Our Lay Ministry outreach presently is and will be focused on assistance to **“Family Place”**.

For now please direct your questions and inquiries relative to assistance to the office of Bishop Ronald M. Cunningham – Telephone - 214.372.9073.

MAP OF EAST AFRICA

