

# Jamaica School of Preaching & Biblical Studies



## Introduction

2018 marks the 48<sup>th</sup> year of the existence of the JSP. We thank God for His providential provision to the school to not only help her to survive but to make a significant contribution to the growth of the church in Jamaica and elsewhere. JSP graduates or past students now serve in at least 25 countries worldwide. We thank God.

The year began with the JSP team optimistic and enthusiastic in pursuing its efforts to train Christian workers internationally.

### **Full Time Programme Resumes**

Our full time classes began in the second week in January with a full slate of classes for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 students.

## **Extension School (JSP International)**

In early January JSP Extension classes resumed in Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Colombia, Cuba Grenada, India, Jamaica, Turks and Caicos Islands, USA, Mexico, Nepal, St Lucia and Trinidad and Tobago. We have a focused and dedicated student body. In Jamaica we have 65 extension students in 5 locations across the country.

## **New Full time Students At Mona Campus**

Also in January the JSP began admitting new full time students from Jamaica.

Applicants from Cuba, Haiti and the Turks and Caicos Islands and some from Jamaica are delayed in arriving but are still expected to join the first year class.

## **Dorm Repairs Complete**

The repairs to the JSP Dorm were completed. Students are housed in Dorm room at our facilities at the rear of the Mona building. In general dorm rooms have

been spruced up. The JSP is planning to rebuild the Dorm over the next two to three years.

## **Media Center**

Work on the JSP's Media Center at the Mona building is nearing completion. We are doing limited transmission of our 1<sup>st</sup> classes on skype. As the weeks progress Year 1 and 4 classes will be broadcast live via skype and Youtube. Plus each class will be video recorded and available on our website.

The Media Center will be a major step forward for the JSP. As we begin broadcasting our Full time Degree classes, we hope to recruit students from all over the world. This ambitious plan will help to advance the JSP's "Six continent project."

## **Francis Yorke, JSP's Deputy Director Travels to Guyana**

In January JSP's Deputy Director made trip to Guyana, South America to help plan the next Caribbean Lectureship set for July 2018. This annual event first started in Jamaica in the early

1970's. It has been held moving from country to country each year without fail every year since its inception.

Brother Yorke travelled from Jamaica to Guyana on Thursday January 25 along with several members of the Annual Caribbean Lectureship planning committee to meet with the local organizing committee in Guyana to plan this year's event.

The planning meetings went well and the committee was treated with kindness and hospitality by the brethren in Guyana.

**The theme of this year's Caribbean lectureship is "Christians in a Changing World" with Luke 16:8 as the supporting text.** The event will take place July 15 to 18.

The congregation which has taken the lead in organizing the lectureship is the North Road Church of Christ in Bourda Georgetown. Guyana has over one hundred congregations of the churches of Christ and it is hoped that most of them if not all of them will support the lectureship.

The venue for this year's lectureship is the Cultural Centre in Georgetown. It has adequate facilities to accommodate attendees of the event.

One of the highlights of this trip was Brother Yorke's meeting with Guyanese Brother Calvin Semple and his wife. They who now work with the Blairmont Church of Christ in Blairmont, West Bank, Berbice in Guyana. The Semples are both graduates of the Jamaica School of Preaching. Calvin's wife is from the Negril Church of Christ in western Jamaica.

Calvin has been preaching at the 24 member Blairmont church for about two years. Calvin is heavily involved in preaching and teaching and (along with his wife) a lot of personal work in the community.

Please continue to pray the Semples and the Lord's church in Guyana.

Brother Yorke returned to Jamaica on January 30.

### **The Passing of Margie Kirby**

**In January while visiting the USA, Brother Kiddoe received the sad and unexpected news of the passing of Sister Margie Kirby of Granbury, Texas. Margie was a very close and encouraging friend of the JSP for 44 years. She and her late husband, Weldon were huge supporters of the JSP and dear friends of the Kiddoe family. Alva, Jared and Gladwyn Kiddoe attended Margie's Thanksgiving Service and Graveside ceremony in late January. We will say more in our February newsletter.**

### **Results of Fundraising Drive**

**In January one time donations began to come in. This year's Annual Fund Raising Drive seeks to raise donations to help bear the heavy cost of completing and equipping the Media Center under construction at our Mona facility in Kingston, Jamaica. Letters were sent to supportive brethren in several countries.**

**Remember donations can be sent to:  
Jamaica School of Preaching  
Box 212  
Mona, Kingston 7  
Jamaica, West Indies**

**Brother Kiddoe Appointed Chairman Mona High  
School  
Board of Management**

As of January 1st, 2018 brother Kiddoe began his second stint as chairman of the Mona High School Board of Management.

Mona High is a Coed school with a population of over 1400 students and is located on Mona Road (as is the JSP). It is located a mere 5 minutes' walk from the JSP Mona building.

The school was established September 1979 the very month Brother Kiddoe began his ministry.

Several Christians are members of staff and of the student body of the school. May much good be done at the school by God's Grace.

Please pray often for the JSP.

Gladwyn Kiddoe  
JSP Director  
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