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A Bright Future...Today!

By David Woods, Pastor in Cayman Brac

At the threshold of a new year, these words from missionary David Woods are a good reminder for all of us who want to see God move in 2017.

Our hearts thrill as we read through the Hall of Faith in Hebrews 11. We wish to dare such exploits for God. But verse thirteen almost seems discouraging. These heroes died in faith, not receiving the promise. But the writer's point is not to discourage us, for he goes on to say that these saints saw the promises and greeted them even afar off.

This enhances our understanding of the first verse of this chapter: "Faith assures us of things we expect and convinces us of the existence of things we cannot see" (GWT). Even though the future is not yet real, we experience it as real today ... through faith.

In other words, we must no longer view our future hope as some distant promise, but instead, through faith, begin to live it today. Do we believe our church can grow? Then we view life and act as if our church is growing today! Do we believe sinners will be saved? Then we must work today to reach them! Do we want to see believers equipped for ministry? Then we must train them today for God's service!

*Our church can have a bright future; it starts
TODAY!*



Painting by Zenia Woods

Updates from Cayman Brac

- Zenia baked BBQ chicken in a fundraising effort to help a family put a new roof on their house.
- Old Fashioned Night was held on October 31—children and adults dressed up as Bible characters. Prizes were given to contestants and refreshments were served at the conclusion of the night.
- David attended the Caribbean Conference in Jamaica, November 8-9.
- On November 13, our church lifted morning services to participate in the community celebration of Remembrance Day.
- Revival services were held with Bob and Cinda Thompson, November 15-30.

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Jamaica



A village clinic uses makeshift dental chairs.



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CARIBBEAN

The annual Caribbean Conference met in Jamaica this year on November 8-9. Representatives from various Caribbean ministries, including Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, St. Croix, and Anguilla, gathered for encouragement and inspiration. On the heels of this event, the Jamaican Conference was held.

We are thankful for God's presence and help at both these events. Bro. Bob Thompson represented the Board at the Caribbean Conference, and both he and Bro. Rod Davis were present at the Jamaican Conference.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our Caribbean ministries!

GHANA

Oleta Witt's internship at Baptist Medical Centre in Nalerigu is ending soon. Her three months have been filled with new information and new experiences.

She now can say she has pulled a tooth, delivered a baby, and eaten dog meat, among other things.

She has also made many friendships and learned about common diseases and locally available resources.

Please pray as she transitions back to Wa. Her dad, Larrel Witt, and Dr. Mike Shoemaker are traveling Dec. 1 to be with her at BMC and then help her move back to Wa.

Oleta writes, "I'm very thankful for God's faithfulness and the blessings that he continues to give me here in Ghana."