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## Young Leaders Value Jamaican Mission Experience

*By Cheryl Krewer*

In August 2011 six St. Paul's college-age Bible Leaders in Training (BLTs) planned and organized a mission trip to western Jamaica. Those going included Brian Hurlbut, Adam Nollsch, Glynn Roberts, Zach Roberts, and Kat Swain. Phil Rogers, youth minister, and Lee Ann Dielschneider, an active youth counselor acquainted with the BLTs through her high school work, went along. Funds from St. Paul's Foundation helped make the trip possible. The group flew first to Montego Bay, a city of 100,000, then traveled by bus up the mountains to Catadupa, a small town that was a station stop for a tourist train for nearly 100 years. Since the train stopped in the early 1990's, there have been no tourists to buy handmade clothes, wood items or baked goods from the people of Catadupa.



**Mixing concrete.** Glynn Roberts (center, red bandanna), Brian Hurlbut (green bandanna), Adam Nollsch .

### What projects did you work on in Catadupa?

**Zach**---We helped build a house for a single mom and her four kids; her oldest boy helped, too. Construction is really different there, so a carpenter named Joe helped us. Joe had only a hatchet, hammer, chisel and hand saw.

**Phil**---We helped built a house that would be like what a dad might build as a tree house for his kids here in the U.S.—no foundation, corners held up by tree trunks, a tin roof with no decking. There was no material for the floor yet, so the carpenter went ahead and put up walls first. The front of the house is siding; there are no support beams, no headers.

**Brian**---Once Joe was next to a foundation beam, and he tapped it, hit it, and it EXPLODED with ants. Then the kids killed ants

with their flip-flops.

**Kat**---There wasn't much room to work around the house, so Lee Ann and I talked to the homeowner and played with the kids—the kids have good English, better than many of the adults. Then we went to a schoolhouse with Phil and painted the interior.

**Brian**---One day we helped dig a latrine, a pit toilet about nine feet deep, and the clay really stuck to the shovel or pitchfork as we worked. Then we passed along buckets of cement to form the base.

**Glynn**---On the last day we improved a road by fixing washouts and improving the drainage, adding rock which was a limestone mix that hardens after rain.

**Is the Christian faith important in the lives of the people you met in Jamaica? Did you notice worship differences?**

**Glynn**---There was a week-long church convention while we were there, so we were on a bus an hour and a half to get downhill to Montego Bay for a service where the pastor from the Catadupa church gave his witness. People there are very open with their faith, and fired up—PRAISE GOD! AMEN!



Rear: Phil Rogers; L to R: Lee Ann Dielschneider, Zach Roberts, Kat Swain, Glynn Roberts, Adam Nollsch; Front: Brian Hurlbut

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# Foundation Board Benefits From Experience

## Stegall, Irvin, Johnson, and Bunch Rejoin

### Jim Steggall

Jim Steggall has devoted his 28 years as a St. Paul's member to active service, including Finance Committee Chair, Reaching and Receiving Chair, membership in the Compass Class, and currently, service on the Foundation Outreach Committee. He also is a worship service usher.

He and his wife, Barb, have two children and four grandchildren.

Jim worked in contract management at Rockwell-Collins for 36 years.

Jim says that he accepted a position on the Foundation Board "so I could become more involved in shaping the solid future for the Church and its members. I have been impressed with the Foundation's work and believe that the current leadership has a great vision for the future."



Jim Steggall

### Diana Irvin

Diana Irvin is serving her second term on the Foundation and is the current Board Secretary .

Diana and family joined St. Paul's UMC in 1988 after moving to Marion from Davenport, where she was on the lay staff at St. John's UMC.

Diana is a member of Compass Class and has served on Finance, Trustees, Worship, Sanctuary Renovation, and Facility Planning committees. She will co-chair UMW Deborah Circle in 2012. She is currently training as a Stephen Minister, has facilitated at two Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University courses at St. Paul's, and will rejoin the Finance Committee in 2012.

She has three daughters and four grandchildren.



Diana Irvin

### Joyce Johnson

Seventeen years ago Joyce and husband Tim were looking for a church with strong youth and children's programs, and a vibrant music ministry. Joyce says, "We knew when we attended our first service at St. Paul's that we had found our new church home." Tim, Joyce, and the children have been active in the church, but Joyce was surprised when asked to serve on the Foundation Board, feeling she might not have the right talents. She remembers praying, "Lord, you are going to have to do a lot of equipping here!"

She found her niche by serving on the Scholarship Committee. As a former teacher, education and the welfare of students was very close to her heart.

Joyce says, "It has been a joy to serve on the Foundation Board and I am so glad I was asked to serve."



Joyce Johnson

### Ron Bunch

Ron Bunch joined St. Paul's in 1993. He is a member of Compass Class and enjoys teaching Sunday School and Bible studies. He is serving his second term on the Foundation Board and is Vice Chair, as well as Chair of the Investment Committee. He is also a Stephen Minister and involved in other ministries of the Church.

Ron grew up on a farm in southern Iowa and has eight brothers and sisters, all involved in their local churches. He and wife Pat have 6 children, two boys and four girls, and 16 grandchildren—6 boys and 10 girls.

Ron has a Ph.D in animal science from Iowa State University. He worked for 40 years in the feed industry, and after retiring, worked for 5 years at Kirkwood on a National Science Foundation Grant.



Ron Bunch

## Scholarship Gifts Honor Naomi Lash

When Naomi Lash died this fall, her husband Newell suggested that gifts in Naomi's memory could be made to St. Paul's Scholarship Fund or to a charity of the donor's choice. About two dozen people, knowing that Naomi had been a teacher for most of her working life, chose to make a memorial gift for scholarships. The foundation extends its thanks to Naomi's family for this thoughtful suggestion. Every year for forever Naomi's legacy will benefit St. Paul's students.

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**Zach**—Music is so important there in worship, which was hours long.

**Adam**—I liked the upbeat, active worship songs in their language. They spoke an English/Creole dialect—Patois.

**Lee Ann**—Everybody dressed up for church.

**Phil**—Membership in a church is an honor, a privilege there, and people are joyful about their faith. If a person is hungry, they look up at a fruit tree and see God. God is more personal to them, not theological. Where did you see God TODAY?

### What was the toughest situation you faced there?

**Kat**—It was tough to stay hydrated. It was quite warm and we got involved in the work and forgot to take water breaks.

**Brian**—While building the latrine, there was an argument between Jamaicans on how to do it; that was tough.



**Carpenters at Work.**  
Adam Nollsch on ladder,  
Brian Hurlbut.

**Glynn**—When we were working on the road, we moved rock in a wheelbarrow. As we worked farther and farther out on the road, that was hard. Because of the altitude, I got tired and winded.

**Zach**—When we worked on the house, there weren't a lot of directions. The carpenter didn't have much English, and there wasn't a lot of working space; it

was crowded.

**Adam**—Early in the week I rolled my ankle, and it got worse so I couldn't work as much.

### What did you learn about those you met in Jamaica or about yourself?

**Kat**—Jamaicans are a talented, generous, joyful, welcoming people. I was impressed by what the Jamaicans could do by hand—the clothes, woodwork and jewelry they had made. Also, they can build a house with no power tools.

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# Planning Matters

By Connie Richardson, Executive Director

This year several graduating seniors at St. Paul's benefited from our larger endowed funds for scholarships. In part, the funds available for scholarships have increased because several families have chosen to direct memorials for this purpose or have used memorial gifts to establish an endowed scholarship fund with the Foundation.



Connie Richardson

Giving in lieu of flowers is a loving expression, and there are other occasions that can be gift-giving opportunities that will last forever. Here are a few to consider:

- In honor of the wedding anniversary of your parents or your children.
- To remember the birthday of a St. Paul's friend.
- In memory of a friend on the friend's birthday.
- To celebrate your own anniversary or birthday.
- To celebrate the birth of a child.
- To celebrate graduation from anything.
- For Mother's Day in memory of your mother, grandmother, or daughter.
- For Father's Day in memory of your father, grandfather, or son.
- On Valentine's Day to celebrate love.

You probably get the idea. Not all gifts to the Foundation need to be large, nor have they been in the past. Small gifts add up, and over time, invested well, they will make a substantive difference in the ministries of St. Paul's.

You may direct your tribute to a restricted fund (scholarships, mission, youth, music, capital, camperships, etc.) or to the Undesignated Fund portion of the endowment. The income from the unrestricted portion is distributed by the Church Council through a grant process, while restricted funds benefit the area of the restriction.

The Foundation will send a gift notification card to an honoree without disclosing the gift amount. To make such a gift, just drop your check into the offering plate any Sunday and note your intent on the memo line. Or contact Clarence Burton or me. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Foundation Financial Report

By Clarence Burton

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AND, they are HAPPY with what they have—NO MONEY.

#### What did you learn about the people you met in Jamaica or about yourself?

**Adam**—Jamaicans live close to the land, eating fruit and bathing in the spring. I enjoyed the young adults we met—Nick, Max and Strongman---who helped us on our projects and later played cards and hung out with us. I also liked meeting Janna and Sean, the American leaders in Jamaica with Experience Mission.

**Zach**—They have a HUGE sense of community. They live outside and are with people all the time. Car windows are NOT rolled up like here. People hang out of windows and everybody knows everybody.

**Phil**—They are a happy, joyous people, CONNECTED with each other. If no mission team is there, neighbors will bring a shovel to help build a latrine.

**Glynn**—Jamaicans are more faith-oriented. Life is good there, simpler. We don't appreciate what we have. We learned more from Jamaicans than we could have taught them.

#### Would you be willing to return to Catadupa for another mission trip?

**ALL**—Yes, let's go!

**Phil**—The preschool in Catadupa has a program somewhat like St. Paul's FOCUS preschool. We noticed that the playground for the preschool has only a couple of tires for the kids to play on. I'd like to find sponsors for playground equipment, then we could return to install it.

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### Make a Gift and Receive Income for Life

—Do you have a bank CD that is maturing?

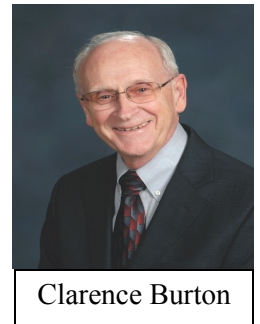
—Do you have extra cash that you hesitate to invest in the market?

—Could you use more income?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions and are also interested in supporting the future ministry of St. Paul's, you might consider establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity. You will receive income for life and St. Paul's will receive a charitable gift. Rates for the annuity are based on the age of the donor at the time of the gift; for example, 6% for a person of 72 years. The annuity can be for one or two people.

For more information or for a personal illustration, please contact Connie Richardson, Executive Director, at: [crichardson@stpaulsumc.org](mailto:crichardson@stpaulsumc.org) or 319-363-2058.

In the turbulence of today's financial markets I struggle to adequately convey the Foundation's financial condition. In my report in the August *Messenger* I cited the July 31<sup>st</sup> portfolio market value of \$4,963,446, a fiscal year-to-date increase of \$489,727. At the end of August, when you received that *Messenger*, that positive return had decreased \$255,000. As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, the end of the Foundation's fiscal year, the portfolio market value was \$4,429,962, a loss for the fiscal year of \$36,485, a (.86)% rate of return. Due to uncertainties in the global economy, the volatility of financial markets may continue for some time and, as evidence of that volatility the portfolio market value on October 31<sup>st</sup> was \$4,788,667, an increase of \$358,534, or 8.09% for the month. With God's help the Foundation will weather the current economic storm and emerge even stronger than it is today.



Clarence Burton

On a more positive note, the Foundation Board continues to believe its investment philosophy and policy is sound and portfolio managers continue to affirm the investment portfolio is positioned to perform well as the economy improves. In keeping with the Foundation's purpose of supporting the ministries of St. Paul's Church, the Investment Committee recommended and the Board has approved a distribution of \$75,000 in support of those ministries next year. Approximately \$53,000 of the total distribution amount is associated with the Undesignated Fund and is administered by the Church Council. Through a grant application process, the Council approves funding for specific capital needs and other projects that are in keeping with the Church's overall ministry plans.

As always, if you have specific questions or desire additional information of a financial nature, feel free to contact me through the Church office or by email at [clarence@stpaulsumc.org](mailto:clarence@stpaulsumc.org).