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Dear Brethren at Deerfoot c/Christ,

The Lord's work is exciting! Classes continue following Hurricane Melissa. Gladwyn Kiddoe, our Director, is on a medical leave of absence. So we took his extension classes and am continuing to teach my regular classes in our 4 year program.

JSP had its first retreat on May 14,15 at Runaway Bay, Jamaica. All of our instructors were on site or present on Zoom. It was a very productive meeting and we plan to have another Retreat in 2026. In the summer we were able to purchase a Starlink satellite system for the school. This improved our internet connection significantly.

We began (early Fall) collecting materials for Jamaica including a retired gospel preacher library. After the hurricane we ramped up our efforts and collected communion ware, communion cups, 600+ Bibles, 500+ song books, thousands of House to House, tracts, adult work books, periodicals (Spiritual Sword, Gospel Minutes, etc.) and about twelve laptop computers (tablets). A special thank you to everyone at Deerfoot who contributed computers. We ended up with about 280 boxes (7 pallets). This shipment is in Nashville, Tn. It will ship to Texas and then to Jamaica in a cargo container. I will travel to Kingston when the shipment arrives to distribute materials to the churches, survey the recovery efforts and organize the school's library.

Hurricane Melissa hit Jamaica on October 28<sup>th</sup> as a Category 5 and did astronomical damage across the western side of Jamaica. We flew to Jamaica on October 31<sup>st</sup> at the request of Gladwyn Kiddoe. took several hundred pounds of food and purchased food while we were there (distributing as we surveyed the damage). We also carried money for immediate needs for our brethren. Again, thank you for your cash donation. The elders at Wetumpka set up a Disaster Fund and I have been traveling, writing letters, sending e-mails, using social media, and speaking to raise money for Jamaica. As of March we have received over \$177,000 and have distributed over \$137,000 of it. We have purchased food, tarps, tools, generators, building materials and helped repair the nine church buildings that were damaged or destroyed. Roofs have been fixed and small apartments built. The Lord has blessed us in assisting the start up of three new congregations since the hurricane.

The JSP school has been running a deficit of \$800 - \$1,000 per month for over a year. A small endowment has kept the school afloat. After covid, the school lost about 40% of its income from churches in the U.S. We currently have instructors being paid about \$350 a month (U.S.). They need about \$800 a month. The cost of living has really climbed since Hurricane Melissa. Medical tests, etc. are extremely expensive. Lord willing, we will try to raise \$2,000 a month to cover increased salaries, student stipends (currently about \$100 a month), needed renovations, etc... Any additional assistance, one time or monthly would be greatly appreciated and put to good use.

We are scheduled to speak on the Caribbean Lectureship in St. Lucia the first week of August. Our topic is Christian education and promoting the Jamaica School of Preaching.

Lord willing when we travel to Jamaica in the Spring of 2026 we will also go to Cuba on an exploratory trip. There are currently 200 “house churches” meeting legally in Cuba. They cannot purchase a building or rent a public space, but they can assemble in homes and they can evangelize. The tragedy is that the Cuban people are in great distress. Medicine is difficult to get, food is scarce, most people only have electricity for 3 or 4 hours a day. Most cars are over 60 years old and those who have one cannot afford gasoline to drive it. Our brothers & sisters are in bad shape. This is another need for your consideration to assist as we would love to help our Cuban brethren. I will be looking for congregations and individuals to help with this great work.

I have also been invited to preach in a gospel meeting in Montego Bay this Fall. We may be able to work this in with a trip to JSP.

I am truly blessed! What a privilege to work with brethren in Jamaica and many other countries through the school. It is thrilling to meet so many wonderful Christians as I travel on behalf of JSP. Thank-you for your financial support, your prayers and your encouragement. May God richly bless you in 2026!

Your brother in Christ,

*David A. Bass*

# Deerfoot Church of Christ

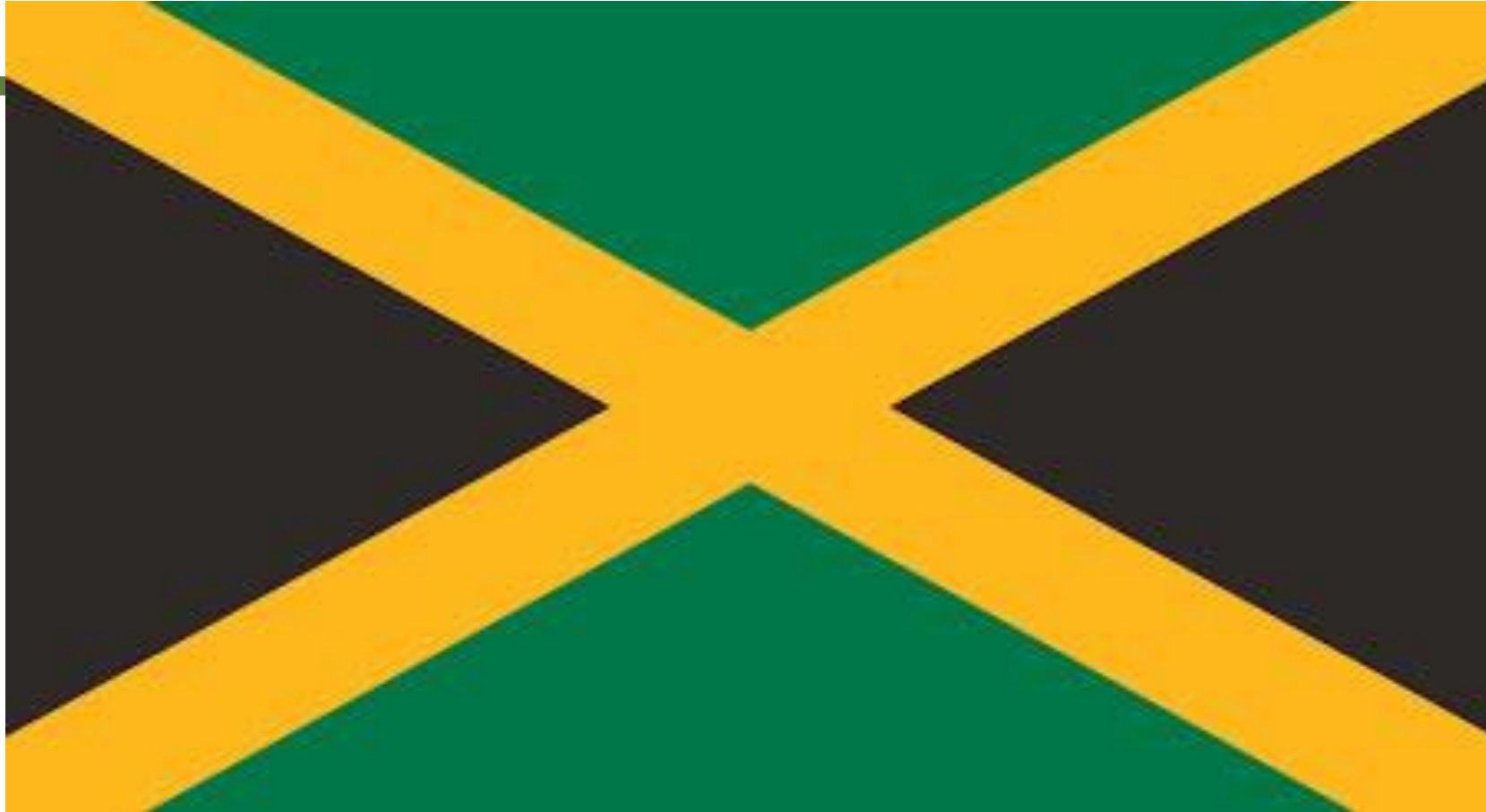


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- This is an overview of some of the events and activities that I am involved in as I work with the Jamaica School of Preaching & Biblical Studies, Int. in Kingston, Jamaica.
- *David A. Bass*

# **2025 Report**

# **Jamaica School of Preaching**



# **Hurricane Melissa**

## ***“The Storm of the Century”***

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- October 28, 2025
- A Category 5 Hurricane hit Jamaica
- Sustained Winds of 185 mph
- Surges of 13 to 15 feet hit the coast – Black River
- The Strongest Hurricane to ever hit the Caribbean

# Hurricane Melissa

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- Gladwyn Kiddoe, Director of JSP, requested that I come to Jamaica to see the damage caused by Hurricane Melissa firsthand.
- Four days after we traveled over the Western part of Jamaica surveying the damage & distributing food.
- I took about \$4,000 to Jamaica to buy food & other needed goods.
- 40% of agriculture (crops, poultry) was destroyed.
- Tourism was 100% wiped out with damage to all the Caribbean resorts.
- Hospitals, Businesses, Roads & houses were damaged or destroyed.
- Damage Estimates were placed at 10 to 12 Billion U.S. Dollars.

**Washed out Road. Gravel placed temporarily. Some roads were impassible.**



# Houses & Businesses Were Destroyed. Impossible to determine what some buildings had been.



# Distributing food in Montego Bay & talking about salvation.



# I Immediately Began Fund Raising

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The elders at Wetumpka agreed to set up a Disaster Relief Fund.

A “give” button on the website for the Wetumpka Church of Christ.

Letters, texts and emails were sent to individuals and congregations describing the situation in Jamaica & I saturated Facebook with videos and pictures.

Wonderful Response! Thanks to God over \$177,000 was received as of March 1.

Over \$137,000 has been used for food, building materials, and other needs.

We have also had a recruiting effort encouraging people to go to Jamaica and help with rebuilding houses & church buildings.

Our students from JSP and two of my grandsons assisted in rebuilding.

# Disaster Relief: Temporary Location of the church in Black River



# Disaster Relief: Roof Repair



# Jamaica Trip - May, 2025



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- Preached at the Bull Savannah congregation.
- Had the opportunity to speak on “Christ for Jamaica” radio program. This station covers all of Jamaica and Cuba.
- It was wonderful to teach “in-person” classes & speak in chapel.
- 2025 was the 1<sup>st</sup> JSP Retreat in Runaway Bay, Jamaica.
- JSP now has a Starlink satellite system to provide a strong signal for JSP classes.

# Jamaica Trip 2025 -- Activities

Radio

Preaching

JSP Chapel



# Materials for Jamaica School of Preaching & Jamaican Churches:

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I began a year ago collecting materials for JSP including a large preacher's library. It was decided to collect House to House, adult workbooks, used computers, communion ware, used songbooks and Bibles.

This shipment of 280 boxes (7 pallets) is on its way in a container to JSP and congregations in Jamaica.

Lord willing, I will travel to Jamaica when the shipment arrives and distribute materials to churches and work at the school for a couple of weeks.



# Teaching classes is my primary responsibility at JSP but fund raising has become necessary.

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- Since covid Jamaica School of Preaching has lost 40% of its funding and is currently spending about \$1,000 U.S. dollars a month more than it is receiving. JSP classes are FREE and housing is provided to our students and we give them \$100 U.S. per month as a stipend. Currently our teachers are receiving about \$350 U.S. per month.
- Gladwyn Kiddoe, our Director for 50 years is unable to travel to the U.S. and raise money because of health issues and his wife's health.
- JSP cannot survive and train men to preach without money.

# We Have 2 Separate Programs at JSP:

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## We Are a 4 Year Comprehensive School of Preaching

- We are preparing men to publicly preach & teach the Bible.
- We are preparing women to teach women & children God's word.
- We have students on campus at JSOP & around the world by Zoom (internet).

## We Are a 3 Year International Extension Bible School

- We are preparing men & women to serve the Lord who have full-time jobs.
- We offer Zoom Classes on **nights & week-ends** to encourage those with jobs to prepare to teach & preach.
- We currently have at least 65 graduates preaching around the world.

# We Have Students Around the World:

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Jamaica

India

Myanmar

Nepal

Grenada

St. Lucia

Haiti

USA

Nicaragua

Cuba

Uganda

Mexico

Canada

South America



**These are some of  
our students &  
staff on campus in  
Kingston.**

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# **JSP Classes Currently Teaching:**

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- Monday 6:30 p.m. – Ladies class – Sermon on the Mt.
- Monday 8:00 p.m. – Men’s class – Sermon on the Mt.
- Tuesday 7:00 p.m. – Men’s class – N.T. Survey
- Wednesday – 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. – 1 Cor.
- Thursday – 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. - O.T. Historical Books
- Friday – 8:30 a.m. – Asia class (India, Nepal, Miramar)  
– N.T. Survey



# 2026 Caribbean Lectures



- Lord willing, I will be speaking in St. Lucia on the 2026 Caribbean Lectureship the first week of August. This program of teaching was started in the early 1970's by the founder of the Jamaica School of Preaching.
- I will be recruiting students and talking about the importance of Bible study and Christian education.
- Our Director has been our primary recruiter in the past, but because of his health and that of his wife, he has had to slow down. Without a constant in-flow of students – there is no JSP!

# Cuba



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- In March 2026 JSP is working to raise awareness and financial support for the Christians in Cuba.
- The church in Wetumpka has set up a Relief fund to receive money for Cuba.
- Lord willing, I will be travelling to Cuba sometime in the next several weeks. I will go in from Jamaica with Gladwyn Kiddoe.
- The situation in Cuba is critical. Shortage of food, medicine, electricity & water.
- 200 “house churches” in Cuba. Most of the preachers in Cuba were trained by JSP. 2001 was the first graduating class from Cuba.
- We have plans to re-establish Bible classes in Cuba as soon as electricity & internet become stable. We already have a teacher and an interpreter.

**Cuba is 90 miles from Florida & 90 miles from Jamaica.**

**The population is almost 11 million.**



# Working With JSP is Truly a Blessing!

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- I am thankful that God has made it possible for me to be a part of such an important work of teaching the Bible to people all over the world.
- We have a wonderful group of dedicated Christian teachers and students who are serious about growing in their knowledge of the Bible.
- God has provided wonderful Christians and congregations in several states who are supporting this work financially.
- **Psa. 126:3** Truly, *“The Lord has done great things for us, And we are glad.”*
- **Eph 3:20** *“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”*

# Thank You for Loving the Lord, the Truth & Your Financial Support!

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Please Pray for:

- JSOP
- Our faculty (including me) Two of our instructors are in their early-seventies
- Our students
- The people of Jamaica & Cuba
- God to continue to open doors