



Putting Faith into Action:

Mission Jamaica invites people with varied skills and talents to participate. Activities range from pouring cement to reading to a child. Medical and dental personnel also use their skills and knowledge to serve the Jamaican community.



A Life Changing Experience

Come and Serve Him



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Join us in Jamaica!

~~JANUARY 11-18, 2020,~~

~~JANUARY 18-25, 2020,~~

OR
~~JANUARY 25-
FEBRUARY 1, 2020
(KINGSTON)~~

APPROXIMATE
COST = \$2100/
PERSON

What is Mission Jamaica?

Mission Jamaica is a short-term "vacation with a purpose" program which began at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in 1990. The first mission group went to Hope Valley Experimental School in Kingston with 19 missionaries. Since that time, over 40 other congregations and several colleges from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, California, Texas, Iowa, Wisconsin, Georgia, North Carolina, Illinois, Idaho and Ohio have partnered with St. Andrew's in this mission field. Participants continue to serve at Hope Valley and new sites have been developed and nurtured on the island. Hope Lutheran began serving in Kingston in 1997 at a Habitat for Humanity build site, and has served each year since then at all the sites listed on the next page .



Where do we go and what do we do? Montego Bay

Westhaven Children's Home: Volunteers have served at Westhaven since 1995. As a home to 100 handicapped children with varying degrees of disabilities, Westhaven has need for ongoing projects including gardening, construction, sewing, caring for the children and assisting the staff.

Copse Basic School: A school for preschool through kindergarten kids, plus a daycare and child development center. Mission Jamaica will perform classroom ministry, puppet ministry and Bible school.

Clifton Boys Home - Boys 8 to 18 live at this Christian home where safety, education, and Christian values are fostered. At age 18, boys typically leave with renewed hope for a more positive future with an education, job skills, and what it means to have a loving family. Building and maintenance is ongoing at the home. Mission Jamaica missionaries also provide VBS opportunities, craft sessions, and may play a lively game of soccer or cricket with the boys.

Rural Medical Clinics: Doctors and nurses staff roving rural medical clinics that provide free medical and dental health care to Jamaicans in the rural areas that do not have access to these services.

J'Abode: There's always work to be done for J'Abode (Habitat for Humanity). Digging footings, pouring concrete and tying steel are some of the tasks. Habitat for Humanity's focus in Jamaica is to build 16'x20' one room homes. Missionaries work side by side with future new owners.

Kingston

Hope Valley Experimental School: This school serves approximately 800 students in grades 1 through 8. It is the only school in the Caribbean that mainlines handicapped students. Mission Jamaica has worked to help make this campus more wheel chair accessible, and each year does a lot of maintenance work.

Callaloo Mews Basic School: This "Head Start" school for students 3 through 6 years old is located in one of the poorest communities in Kingston. Mission Jamaica has helped to convert a junk yard building into a useable school for these students, and continues to work to improve this site.



Why should I join Mission Jamaica?

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:30-31

Mission Jamaica provides a way for us to love and serve our neighbor as Jesus taught us through His love and service to others. The Mission Jamaica trip combines a service project with time for reflection and spiritual rest. It allows a person to experience an international mission field that is close to home, yet far enough away to immerse into another culture for a week.