

# Jamaica Outreach Program

## OUR MISSION:

*"Jamaica Outreach Program (JOP) is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) public charity whose mission is to help the poor in Jamaica, through sister-parish and other strategic relationships. JOP provides funds, goods and services for health care, food, clothing, housing, community facilities, and education, to improve the lives of the poor in Jamaica without regard to religious affiliation, personal history, gender, age or race."*

Fall- 2016 Newsletter

Since 1997

## Our past and our future... for the glory of God

Nineteen years ago Saint John the Evangelist parish "adopted" St. Pius X with the express purpose of reaching out to help the poor in that inner city Kingston community. Jamaica Outreach Program (JOP) was founded to oversee our commitment to St. Pius and its people. In recent years our services to the poor in Jamaica have expanded to a limited number of other needy churches and schools. After much deliberation and consultation this year, the Board of Directors decided to again broaden our outreach to include the very poor diocese of Montego Bay. Bishop Burchell McPherson, a JOP founder and now bishop of a large territory in Jamaica's northern regions, will help guide our efforts at prioritizing our support there. Our mission movement will concentrate on medical, optical, dental, and education services. Food and goods which can be delivered at low cost will also be supported. All these services will continue at St. Pius X, where our well-equipped clinics are located, and will expand to additional poverty-stricken areas of Jamaica.

We know that we will never solve the poverty that is so prevalent in Jamaica, but we also know that we can make a difference in the lives of the poor there; we have done it many times because of your support, generosity and encouragement. We ask for it again as we face our next fiscal year with optimism, renewed dedication, and gratitude. We thank you, our donors and volunteers, for your loyal and continuing support of our mission.

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## Oct.1, 2015 - Sept.30, 2016 Highlights

- ☺ 984 Eye exams, 606 eyeglasses delivered
- ☺ 3 corneal transplant surgeries
- ☺ 486 boxes of food were delivered
- ☺ over 2,100 patient visits to the St. Pius medical clinic
- ☺ 3,842 dental patients were treated in 7 dental missions
- ☺ 473 students received aid for tuition, supplies, backpacks, books, or uniforms
- ☺ 41 young adults received job skills training
- ☺ 17 housing units were built for the poor
- ☺ over 200 people volunteered (103 went on mission trips)

**AND MORE...** see inside for details.

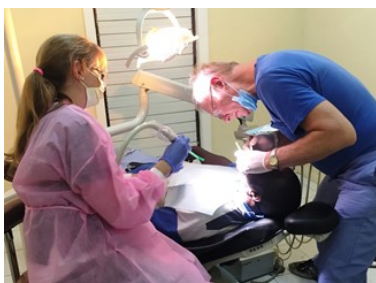
## Message from Father Raphael

God has blessed us once again. I wish to express my profound gratitude for your tireless efforts for the less privileged in Jamaica. My appreciations go to the Pastor and our loving and cherished donors of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Naples for your continuous support.

God bless all the volunteers who sacrifice their knowledge, time and comfort for the people of Jamaica. As the hand of God on earth, you have become the channels of His handy works through acts of charity. We, the people of St. Pius X Catholic Church, and all those Churches who benefitted tremendously from your kind gestures in Jamaica, say

**Thank you !**

## Volunteers Are Essential in Our Service to Jamaica



On October 1<sup>st</sup> the J.O.P. entered its twentieth year as an organization dedicated to putting the words of Jesus Christ into action for the poor in Jamaica. From the very beginning we were inspired by Pope John Paul II who suggested that wealthy nations had a moral obligation to help third world countries that were under served and in need of humanitarian assistance. That idea took hold with a group of St John the Evangelist parishioners in Naples, Florida, and the Jamaica Outreach Program was born in 1997. Our mantra and pledge at the time was to make a difference in the lives of the people who lived in the environs of St Pius X parish in Kingston, Jamaica. That pledge endures to this day.



Remarkable progress in fulfilling our pledge has always been fostered by volunteers. Where once our volunteer base relied strictly on parishioners from St John's, we now have access to volunteers from the USA and beyond. Dentists and dental professionals as well as ophthalmologists and optical professionals have found us online or come to us by referral. These volunteers have helped sustain the work that we do in the optical and dental clinics on the grounds of St Pius X. Support staff from all over the USA also play an important role in making sure our mission trips run smoothly.

As we begin our twentieth year, our service to the poor is taking on a more island wide profile. The opportunities for serving the poor in Jamaica are many. Our impact always depends on volunteers and generous donors who step up to support our mission. We continue to be grateful beyond measure. The need for local volunteers in Naples is always ongoing. We need and depend on host families willing to welcome Jamaicans who visit Naples for medical treatment or J.O.P. events. Our greatest needs involve volunteers in leadership roles who can chair fundraising events and support bookkeeping tasks. New volunteers are always considered heaven sent and an answer to our prayers. Anyone interested in becoming an active volunteer is invited to contact Martha Mador at [martha@madors.net](mailto:martha@madors.net).



*Paulette and Kemuel with host family*

**Interested in learning more ?** Gen. Info: Joe Gagnier, President 254-9090    Medical : Dr. Al Kerns 514-1553    Optical : Dr. Jeff Zimm 592-5511

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## Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended 9-30-16 — Jamaica Outreach Program

### Statement of Activities

<b>Support and revenues</b>	
Contributions & Grants	\$ 354,701
Special events, net	\$ 14,520
Donated food, goods & services	\$ 314,744
Investments & Other Income*	\$ 6,484
Total Revenues	\$ 690,449
<b>Expenses</b>	
Program services (96.5%)	\$ 593,868
General & administrative (2.0%)**	\$ 12,538
Fundraising (1.5%)	\$ 9,010
Total expenses	\$ 615,416
<b>Increase (decr) in net assets</b>	<b>\$ 75,032</b>
<b>Net assets - beginning of year</b>	<b>\$ 123,255</b>
<b>Net assets - end of year</b>	<b>\$ 198,287</b>
Unrestricted net assets	\$ 197,417
Temporarily restricted net assets***	\$ 870

### 96.5 % Spent on Programs for the Poor

Fortunately, our fixed expenses are minimal because we have no rent and no paid staff. We try to retain 6-months' operating expenses (approximately \$60,000) as unrestricted assets. Periodic audits of the records of our grantees help to confirm that grants were used as intended. We also have an annual internal audit to verify that JOP's policies on checks and balances have been followed. Our books are open to anyone who wants a more detailed view of our finances.

**THANK YOU for your faithful support of our mission.**

\* Other Income and Other Program Services include mission trip expenses contributed by trip volunteers.

\*\* General/admin expenses are largely CPA financial services & insurance.

\*\*\* Temporarily Restricted Net Assets include donations restricted for distribution after the close of our fiscal year: \$870 Housing.

Sean Nolan, CPA, of RWHSB prepares JOP's reviewed financial statements, but the final product was not available at press time. A copy of their complete report will be available on our website or by calling Jeanne Stamant 239-514-0290.

### Vision Care Report

During the last year, four optical trips were staged by JOP teams. **Twenty One volunteers** from OH, KY and FL supported the professionals who donated their time, talent, and often medicines and glasses to the eye care clinic at the St Pius X compound. At all of our missions, Father Raphael very graciously greeted the missionaries each day and prayed with us. The **St Pius X staff** of Ms Bradford, Peta-Gaye, Chawayne, Boxer, Paul and Tanicia were extremely helpful and took care of appointment-setting, registration, frame selection and general services including provision of transportation, food and supplies.

The first trip to St. Pius X began **November 3, 2015**. This team included Dr Thomas Kelly (OH), Dr. Jeffrey Zimm (Naples, FL), Amy Kuzma (OH), and FL team: Jeanne Stamant, Georgiana Gallagher, Bruce & Rita Allen, and Roger Plante. The team completed 254 eye exams, 165 pairs of prescription eyeglasses followed, 46 reading glasses dispensed, 64 cataracts diagnosed, and 33 glaucoma patients were given medicine. This team is devoted to our ministry to help the poor; they were great to work with and are people with huge caring hearts. Here is part of Amy's feedback: *"Thanks for doing what you do and letting me be a part of it. These missions really put things in perspective for me. Grateful doesn't even begin to explain how I feel. I wish I could articulate how I feel, but maybe I'm not supposed to. I guess people will have to experience it to know."*

From **March 9th to 15th, 2016** Richard & Sally Vanbuskirk and Carolyn Smith (all from St John XXIII in Fort Myers, FL) travelled to Bishop Burchell's rural territory near Montego Bay. Using only a basic autorefractor and hundreds of eyeglass frames, they saw 407 patients and followed up with 300 pairs of prescription eyeglasses.

.....**VISION CARE** ....*Continued on page 4*



March 2016 Montego Bay mission team with Bishop Burchell McPherson.



## Education Report

The Dupont School located on the grounds of St Pius X Church in Kingston was the recipient of a grant which funded a remedial reading program for parents of the school children, uniforms and shoes for 80 needy students, teaching aids, supplies and computers. The school has an enrollment of 1300 students up to 6th grade.

JOP also provided scholarships to cover fees, books, uniforms and tuition for students attending elementary, high school and college. The students come from five different parishes. The applicants are selected on the basis of need by their local parishes. Basic Schools, for children ages 3 to 6, at St Peter Claver and African Martyrs Church also received financial support.

St Pius X Church maintains a Skills Training Center which educates adults in the area of food services and cosmetology. 47 students are currently enrolled in the program. They receive instruction in professional development, mathematics, and communication. The focus of program is to develop entrepreneurial skills and job readiness. The graduates not only find employment in local businesses but many start their own home-based business. JOP funds most of the operating costs of the program.

This year JOP partnered with St John the 23rd parish in Ft Myers and supplied backpacks to students returning to school in the diocese of Montego Bay, Jamaica. It is estimated that the backpacks will aid 250 students in returning to school for the fall semester.



### VISION CARE (continued from page 3...)

**Dr Eric Donaghy's team** from All Saints Eye Center, Naples, FL included Alison Burberry, Elizabeth Donaghy, Hazell Puerto and Mary McWhorter. They conducted a mission **April 14, 2016**, performed 148 exams and followed up with 91 pairs of eyeglasses.

The **August, 2016 optical mission trip** was led by Dr Jeffrey Zimm (Naples, FL) with 4 techs from All Saints Eye Center. They performed 175 exams, followed up with 50 eyeglasses, diagnosed new cataract prospects and other eye diseases including glaucoma.

**Father Raphael sent this note of thanks:** *I wish to register my appreciation on behalf of the St. Pius X Church community and the people of Jamaica for the optical missions. Kudos to the teams who travelled from far and wide to render their services in Jamaica. The Spirit and joy exhibited in the discharge of their duty is so infectious as radiated on the faces of the patients. It can best be described as Service with Love. May God replenish your efforts and bless you abundantly.*

We are grateful to pharmaceutical supplier **Alcon Medical Missions** for their donation of eye drops for exams and to treat various eye conditions.

**Dr. Jeffrey Zimm** is JOP's Eye Care Coordinator, has been going to Jamaica for 12 years and is part of the JOP Advisory Board. In addition, Dr. Zimm donated his services here in Naples and performed **three cornea transplants** on young Jamaican patients this past fiscal year. JOP volunteers opened their homes and hosted Kemuel, Alisa, Akeil and their mothers while they were in Naples. There are many patients still waiting for eye surgery and vision care.

*For more information contact: Dr. Jeffrey Zimm 239-592-5511*



Paulette and Kemuel arrive at All Saints Eye Center for a pre-op appointment with Dr Zimm

## Medical Report

### A thank you note addressed to you...

*My dear Brothers and Sisters: I want to take this opportunity to let you know how grateful we are for the continued kind assistance you have been giving over the years to our clinic at St. Pius Catholic Church in Kingston, Jamaica. You may not be aware of how helpful and life-saving these medications have been. We have many a time saved asthmatics by nebulizing them in our clinic as a matter of urgency. Around the time we received the last disbursement from JOP, a young lady was presented to us who was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease. She could not get the prescribed medication (HCQS and Azothioprin) from the government drug pharmacy. We had the means, through your benevolence, to help her get the medications she needed. We would like you to know how appreciative we are for your sacrifice.*

*May God Bless you all,*

*Lee M. Martin M.D. , All Care Medical Clinic, St. Pius X, Kingston, Jamaica*

Medicines, equipment and supplies	Yr. Ended 9-30-16	Total since 1998
Purchased with donations from St. John parishioners & JOP donors	\$8,000	\$ 264,810
Donated by the Catholic Medical Mission Board	\$ 0	\$3,069,617
Total:	\$8,000	\$3,334,427

Dr. Kerns recently found a source in Jamaica that is equally or less expensive for purchasing medicine as the source we have used in the past in the USA. This enables Dr. Lee Martin at St. Pius to order drugs as needed and alleviates the delays associated with shipping from the U.S. , customs, and Ministry of Health inspections. For more information contact: Dr. Al Kerns 514-1553.

### "Oh Christmas Tree" Tea

**Wed. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 12:30 pm**

Plan to join us again this year for our annual Christmas Tea, featuring a champagne reception, shopping, fashion show, lunch, scones and sweets. \$40 per person — reserved seating in the St. John's ballroom. Wear your Christmas colors! For tickets call Jeanne 239-514-0290 or buy online at [jamaicaoutreach.org](http://jamaicaoutreach.org). or [saintjohntheevangelist.com](http://saintjohntheevangelist.com).



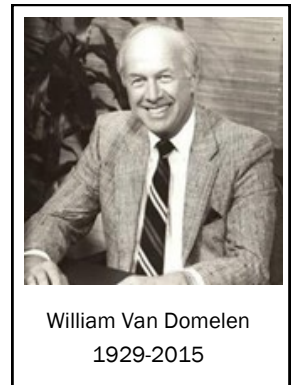


## Dental Clinic Report

Sadly, 2015 marked the passing of Mr. Bill Van Domelen, who was a great benefactor to our Jamaica Outreach Program for many years. It was Mr. & Mrs. Van Domelen's foresight, vision, and generosity that brought the dream of a dental clinic on the grounds of St. Pius mission to a reality. To date, this clinic has provided thousands of treatments to patients in the heart of the impoverished Kingston community.

Mr. Van Domelen's obituary reads like a passage from the good book. It describes him as ".....a humble and selfless man whose lifelong passion was to help those impacted by the pains of poverty.....and his favorite areas of service were housing, education, and healthcare." His life story as posted on the internet requests "in lieu of memorial contributions and in the spirit of Bill, find your passion on where you can help people that need it the most." All of this speaks volumes to Bill's love of both God and of his brothers and sisters.

### 2015-2016 = RECORD BREAKING YEAR FOR THE DENTAL CLINIC 2016-2017 TO BRING INNOVATION & PROGRESS



William Van Domelen  
1929-2015

The Jamaica Outreach Program, in conjunction with the 82 passionate and dedicated volunteers from all walks of life is pleased to announce that all prior records in patient care and service have been exceeded. Our dental and lay volunteers came from the four corners of the United States and gave of themselves in most cases until there was no more to give.

In total 1,355 patients received treatments at our clinic and the 2,487 children enrolled at the DuPont School and the St. Peter Claver school all received oral health education, protective fluoride varnish application and a full oral examination. The September 2016 mission marked the 21 st such formal dental mission to be conducted at the Kingston campus. Gathering special mention at this year's missions were: Dr. John Peterson and Hygienist & group leader Kathy Boyd (the Boston Team) accompanied by hygienist Glenna Wynn from Nashville returned for their 4th and 5th missions respectively.



Dr. Maria Linden from Naples and Dr. Eric Hall from Macon Ga, did the July mission for the fourth consecutive year...and they were accompanied by many returning missionaries.

Dr. Teresa Prendiville oral surgeon, from Tampa who returned for her third mission and singlehandedly, performed 116 extractions in three days, many of them involving complicated procedures.



Hygienist Michele LaBasi is our support person who instituted and continues to mastermind our school outreach at the DuPont and St. Peter Claver Schools. Michele also has participated in four dental missions.



This year's mission teams included pediatric dentists, oral surgeons, dental students, dental hygienists, dental assistants, three dentists from other countries studying to pass their US board exams, and of course many lay persons who provided the support to these dental professionals.

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## Dental (....Continued from page 6)

Each team stayed at the Immaculate Conception Hostel and each received a general tour of the impoverished areas around the mission. Also, each team member was blessed with a visit to the Mustard Seed, an orphanage which abuts our Kingston mission, and in many cases got to treat the Mustard Seed residents.

Thanks to the help provided by our established position on the internet, we were again gifted this year to connect with so many missionaries who participated in this year's dental teams.....and over the years, we have built a mailing list of over 300 dental and lay missionaries who have expressed interest in being part of our mission movement at some time in the future. God has truly blessed us by bringing his angels of mercy on to our doorstep.

**Thirteen of our missionaries were dentists** who led out seven mission teams, accompanied by their devoted and tireless assistants and hygienists, were responsible for performing over 2,000 dental procedures on our special friends at the clinic this year.

**Additionally**, our student outreach program continues to flourish and we are seeing tremendous reductions in the numbers of cavities observed after a little over a year of oral education and fluoride application. These school outreaches are always conducted in conjunction with our dental clinic so that problems noted at the school can be immediately referred to the clinic for attention. Fortunately, no matter how heavily the schedule is booked, there is always room for one more!

Thanks to the generosity of our missionaries, who often bring tooth brushes, paste, floss and little toys for the "Kiddos" each patient who comes to our clinic or to the school outreach receives a dental care package. Our dental missionaries are also very generous in bringing in gently used clothing for the poor of the community that surrounds St. Pius. It is estimated that over 2,000 items of used clothing, shoes and the like were brought in by the dental missionaries in their luggage.

Jamaica Outreach Program is planning to continue six missions per year at the St. Pius campus in Kingston for the coming year and hopefully for as many years as God will permit. We also plan to expand into rural areas of Montego Bay Diocese with portable equipment

Dr. Eric expressed the dedication of our missionaries best in this simple sentence *"we worked until all the patients were seen.....Some gave us hugs, while others were very grateful and expressed it."*

*For more information contact Roger Plante at RogerPlante10@gmail.com or at 239-948-2145.*

## Housing Report

The Jamaica Housing initiative continues and in this fiscal year, we were able, through the generosity of many donors, to build 17 homes in Jamaica. In January, I was able to perform an audit on the homes built and inspected four of the 17 homes that went up in 2015-2016 fiscal year. Everything was in order and although some of them were not completed at the time of my inspection, we have received confirmation that all the residents had taken delivery of the homes. We continue to receive matching funds for this project, however that is a month to month renewal item which could stop at any time. Currently the cost of a small house is \$3,200 and a double is \$6,400., however we have been notified that there will be a price increase due to materials costs.

Ambrozie has been a parishioner at St. Pius for many years. She cares for a special needs daughter, two grandchildren, and her aged sister. The home they were living in was literally falling apart and beyond any thoughts of repair. At Father Raphael's request, we have built a new home for her. She is ever grateful to the St. John The Evangelist family for this opportunity.

*Interested donors and volunteers may contact Housing Committee chairman Roger Plante at RogerPlante10@gmail.com or at 239-948-2145.*





## Food & Goods



Food Line at St. Pius Food Pantry

Once again over 1,000 parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church in Naples displayed overwhelming generosity in the support of our annual Lenten food drive. We were assisted by over 50 volunteers who included cub scouts, high school students, and senior citizens in the sorting, packing and boxing of nearly 500 cartons of food on a very warm Saturday and Sunday in March. This year's food, valued at over \$17,000, is distributed to the impoverished families at St Pius Church

in Kingston twice a month. The groceries are rationed to last until February. This year along with the food, we shipped 100 dresses for women and girls and 50 pairs of children shorts. The clothing was exquisite and all hand made by a very dedicated volunteer from Michigan. She worked tirelessly throughout the year in crafting the clothing. Needless to say the dresses were a tremendous hit with the recipients.

In addition, this year, JOP helped a soup kitchen in the Diocese of Montego Bay at the African Martyrs of Uganda Roman Catholic Church. Through these efforts in the last 4 months 298 people were fed and received assistance. These individuals were elderly, physically or mentally disabled and in some cases homeless. They were able to obtain rice, beans and milk through the generosity of JOP donors.

**Our next food drive will be held March 4-5, 2017** and volunteers are needed and welcome. Also we do have the capability to ship other items such as books, new clothing, shoes and sneakers. If you have goods that you would like to donate, please contact *Ray Shawcross* at 401-862-0590 or [reshaw1@verizon.net](mailto:reshaw1@verizon.net)



New Dresses



Jamaican Choir 2016. Choir returns to sing at St. John's masses Feb. 4-5, 2017.

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