

Report to: Board of Directors, Sept. missionaries, Past and Future missionaries  
 From: Roger Plante  
 Re: September 2017 mission to St. Pius compound, Kingston, JA  
 Date: October 23, 2017

This mission took place as planned on September 25-26-27. 2017 and the U. S. missionaries were accompanied for the first time by three Jamaican dentists who so generously gave of their valuable time and energy.

The staff consisted of:

Team leader, Regina Johnson, Expanded Dent. Asst. from Cookeville, TN (3 rd time missionary)  
 Dr. Sarah, Tibby, Kingston, JA  
 Dr. Nigel Byles, Kingston, JA  
 Dr. K Gilpin, Kingston, JA  
 Paula Cope, RDH, Nashville, TN  
 Daniela Yanez, RDH, Boynton Bch, FL  
 Judith Vasquez, RDH, Norwalk, CT  
 Tongni Clumson-Eklu, RDH, Stratford, CT  
 Gardenia Morales, Dent. Asst., Cookeville, TN  
 Karen Dicristaforo, Dent. Asst., Boston, MA  
 Kerline Baronville, Dent. Asst., Boynton Bch., FL  
 Katherine Comeau, US Ph. D. student, helping hand



Our Missionary Daniela Yanez works with Dr. Sarah Tibby's sister in Florida and she made the connection for us to be so blessed with these three guest dentists, residents of Kingston. Hopefully, this is a relationship which will develop and prosper over time.

Much of the attention of this mission was to conduct oral education, apply fluoride varnish and do oral exams on half of the student body at the DuPont School and that goal was surpassed.

Statistics for this mission are as follows: (there was no dentist on duty on Monday, one on Tuesday and two on Wednesday)

	Students	Extractions	Fillings	Cleanings	Pts @ clinic
Monday 9/25/17	320	0	2	43	45
Tuesday 9/26/27	318	34	6	34	70
Wed. 9/27/17	<u>327</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>95</u>
Totals	965	72	21	117	210

A huge THANK YOU goes out to these missionaries for working tirelessly, long days, sometimes with lots of pressure.....and yet, Regina tells me "no one complained" The team just kept going like a Timex Watch. I am told that Tongni Clumson, RDH from CT did a great job heading up the school outreach team which was responsible for seeing and processing 965 students in a three day period. A shout out also to Marie, St. Pius parishioner without who's help, this could not have been accomplished. Our movement to involve the Jamaican residents in our mission program seems to be working and for that we are ever grateful. Hopefully that will continue to grow.

JOP continues it's commitment to St. Pius Parish and the surrounding neighborhood where so many poor people do not otherwise have access to the dental services we offer. Additionally, JOP continues to reinforce it's commitment to the Student body at the DuPont School on the grounds of the St. Pius compound.

This was Regina's third mission to the Kingston campus and she acknowledged with gratitude our devoted friends Rosemarie Warren, Boxer and Paul who were on hand from start to finish of this mission. Thanks also to Miss Vivienne Bradford for all of her organizational skills and to Deacon Vivian Blair for visiting the mission team and giving them a warm St. Pius welcome.

At present, we have a full Air Force team led by returning missionary Caroline Bunce, RDH, coming to St. Pius in February 5,6, and 7, 2018 and we are organizing a team to be led by five time returning missionary Michele LaBasi for late April also in Kingston. We have two doctors for that mission and could use 1 more plus a few hygienists and assistants. Several have expressed interest and I am working on putting that together.

Dr. Eric Hall & Dr. Maria Linden, both previous missionaries have also expressed a desire to return to the St. Pius for their 4 th July together & are looking to form a team.

Regarding missions to Seaford Town, we have a team heading down there February 22,23,24 which is nearly complete, looking for 1 Optician, and 2 Nurses or NP, preferably with ER or family practice experience. This team will be headed by Dr. Raysa Hache, MD, Dr. Philip Baer, OD and Dr. Mary MacKay.....all returning missionaries.

Additionally, Dr. Waji Khan, Kingston, Ontario, Canada and Dr. Jared Hemmert, Utah, both returning missionaries have reconnected through our missions reports, and as former classmates who had lost touch with each other, they would like to do a mission together.....so that will mean forming a team of support staff as soon as we have dates determined.

We are also looking to form a missions for Seaford Town for July and possibly September of 2018 which will need a full staff or **medical, dental and optical persons**. If you know of interested parties, refer them to me, Roger Plante rogerplante10@gmail.com and I'll take care of getting them all of the necessary information.