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RENEWING THE VISION - RESPONDING IN FAITH

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The Jamaica Mission Team returned home at about 2:30 a.m. on Monday, February 24. We had a great trip and completed more work than was expected at the Jamaica Deaf Village! This was our 20th anniversary trip and we celebrated with the staff and villagers. Our church has the longest yearly continual tenure of any group that does a mission trip to the Deaf Village. It has been my honor to participate with this mission trip eight out of the last nine years. It has given me the opportunity to relate to many of you on a different level and for you to see me in a different setting. This has been an experience that I will cherish and I am a better man and pastor for it.





The staff of the Jamaica Deaf Village presented a hand carved plaque of the Praying Hands to John and Linda Jane for our church to commemorate the 20th anniversary.

This year was not without its challenges. John Connors began having chest pains as we were waiting for our turn to take off from Orlando on the last leg of the trip home. We alerted the flight attendant and she notified the captain. We returned to the gate where the airline had an ambulance and paramedics waiting. John was taken to the hospital in Orlando. One of the men from our team stayed with John and returned home on Monday. John's daughters live within a couple of hours of the hospital and Sue and Justin flew down on Monday to be with John. I am still waiting for definitive word on John's condition. I ask that you pray for John and his family.

I should not be, but, I am amazed at God's protection, provision and timing. Had we waited to alert the flight attendant another few minutes we would have been airborne. If she had delayed alerting the captain we would have been airborne. If this had happened earlier in the day we would have been in Jamaica and that would have presented further challenges. I am so thankful for God's protection, provision and timing. I thank God that John is receiving excellent care and more thankful that John is in God's care.

Remember that we celebrate our 12th Upward season with the Award Celebration on Sunday, March 9 at the Charlotte Middle School. The celebration begins at 4 p.m. The doors will open at 3:30 p.m. I hope you will make plans to help us let the over 1000 Upward parents, friends and relatives that attend know they are welcome at First Baptist and we want them to join us for worship.



LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA SEWING DAY

Saturday, March 22, 9 AM - 5 PM

You are invited to sew little sun dresses for young girls/shorts for young boys that are in orphanages in Africa. Donations of cotton fabric, a new or "like-new" T-shirt, and 3-yard packages of double-folded bias tape are being accepted at the FBC information desk. Questions? Call Donna Colegrove at

517-543-7083. For more information on this charity, see

www.littledressesforafrica.org

Not a sewer but would like to help. Financial love gifts would be welcome to help with UPS cost.

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WARCH 2014						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8 AM— 5 PM Upward Games
2 THE STORY: Nehemiah COMMUNION	3 5 PM Upward	4 8:30 AM	5 9:30 AM Ladies Bible	6 7 AM Men's	7	8 8 AM—
8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM CE Hour 11 AM Worship 4 PM Youth Praise Band 6 PM Adult Bible Study 6 PM Youth 6 PM Kidzchoir	6:30 PM American Heritage Girls 7 PM Ladies Book Club 7:30 PM FBC Board	Mother's Day Out 1 PM Stephen Ministry 5:30 PM Upward 6:45 PM Praise Team	Study 4:30 Youth Choir 5:30 Supper 6:30 DiscipleLand 6:30 Club 56 6:30 Youth 7-12 6:30 Adult Bible Study & Prayer 7:30 Volleyball 7:40 Adult Choir	Prayer Breakfast 8:30 AM Mother's Day Out 6 PM Upward		5 PM Upward Games
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4 PM Stephen Ministry 4 PM Upward Award Presentation			6:30 Adult Bible Study & Prayer 7:30 Volleyball 7:40 Adult Choir			
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THE STORY: The Birth of the King 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM CE Hour 11 AM Worship 12:15 Youth Fundraiser 4 PM Youth Praise Band 6 PM Adult Bible Study 6 PM Youth	6:30 PM American Heritage Girls 6:30 PM Upward 2015 Discussion 7:30 PM FBC Board	8:30 AM Mother's Day Out 6:45 PM Praise Team	9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 4:30 Youth Choir-final 5:30 Supper 6:30 DiscipleLand 6:30 Club 56 6:30 Youth 7-12 6:30 Adult Bible Study & Prayer 7:30 Volleyball 7:40 Adult Choir	7 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 AM Mother's Day Out	6 PM Youth Over- nighter Begins	9 AM—4 PM Little Dresses for Africa 6 PM Youth Overnighter Ends
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