



Report of Harbour Light Christian Academy

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Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete; without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

The reason for this letter is to encourage prayer support for the school. We are the only Christian school in Carriacou. There are other Christian schools in Grenada, but no others on our island. I want the school to be a real testimony to the Lord by being truly Christian. We have received some opposition. This letter will give you some information about the school. We do cherish your prayers.

A Brief History

The Harbour Light Christian Academy was born out of our own home school. We began to feel a burden to include Harbour Light staff children to give them an opportunity to have a Christian education. Our first Grenadian student was Joshua Ross the son of Daniel and Sherma Ross. He came in 1998 and attended for two years of preschool. In 1999 Jevon and Jisa Prime the children of Jennifer Prime began attending. Our first Grenadian teacher, Kisha Isaac, came in 2000 along with another Grenadian student, Rachel Little the daughter of Richard and Francina Little.

Those first years of the school were on the West side of the island in Craigston. Currently the school is located in the old Gospel Hall building in Grand Bay on the Eastern side of the Island. We also have the use of a house belonging to Sister Lydia McIntosh where we used to live. We use her house for the pre-primary level classes and as a dining hall.

Here are a few of the significant “firsts” for the school over the years: Our first three-year old class was in 2004 with Lily Little and Micayla Cornelius as the first students. That year we had our first students take the Common Entrance exam, which is the exam taken at the end of primary school. The first students to take this exam were Mary Cornelius and Jisa Prime, who did very well. Our first American teacher, who came exclusively to teach school, Abigail Randolph, came in 2004. In 2005 Caroline Cornelius and Jevon Prime took the first CXC exams. Caroline and Jevon became the first graduates of the school in 2006 after successfully passing more exams.

The school was started so that station staff could have the option of giving their children a Christian education, but we have now added some other local children as well. In 2001 Abigail Samuel, a single mother, began teaching, and the next school year her son joined the student body. This past school year, 2006-2007, we had our first non-Harbour Light-associated, Grenadian students. Trevlyn Modeste joined Grade 6 and Delia Alexander joined K4. In April Trevlyn's three-year old cousin, Rayshon Modeste joined the three-year old class.

The Teaching Staff Over the Years

I, Sharlene Cornelius, began teaching my own children and remained the only teacher for

several years. Now I am the principal of the school and teach all secondary level classes.

Kisha Isaac taught for one year. Her salvation is the result of the ministry of Rolan and Arlene Cornelius and the Grand Bay Gospel Hall.

Abigail Samuel was also saved at the Gospel Hall. She taught two and half years.

Roxanne Maturine who was Randy and Sharlene's neighbor for many years was also saved at the Gospel Hall. She has been teaching our pre-primary level for six years. The minister of education complimented our pre-primary program which reflects on her teaching.

Abigail Randolph taught for two years. She is a graduate of Maranatha Baptist Bible College.

Jane Jaffier was saved through the ministry of Open Door Independent Baptist Church. She has taught two years.

Paula Monroe from St. Lucia taught for two years. She is a graduate of Bluewater Bible College in St. Thomas and Clearwater Christian College in Florida.

Alice Jones taught her first year this past school year. She was saved through the witness of her sister who was saved through the witness of Francina Little.

Alyssa McPherson was our first three-year old teacher. She only could teach one term, because she went on to Bob Jones University to pursue a degree in education.

Kerena Alexander taught a foods class for one term. She was saved through the ministry of Windward Bible Church.

Registration Status

The Ministry of Education has begun a new process of registering private schools. The Ministry of Education also indicated that they want all the schools to follow the same curriculum, same style of lesson planning, and the same schedule of classes. We were told by the chief education officer that our curriculum was fine. Getting registered means that we will have to separate the primary and secondary levels and have two schools. In September 2007 we will be called Harbour Light Christian Primary School and Harbour Light Christian Academy. Pray with us that we will be registered by September.

Current Events

Rachel Little and Katrina Cornelius passed the Common Entrance exam! They are the third class from our school to take this exam. All the students who have taken the exam have passed with good scores. Paula Monroe has returned to St. Lucia to teach in a new Christian school there. She has prayed for years for the Lord to put a Christian school in St. Lucia and is delighted to be part of this work. To fill the need for a teacher the Lord is working to send Lynda Ramdhanie of Trinidad. Sister Lynda is a retired teacher. She and her husband are planning to come. Her husband will help at the radio station.

Student Body for 2007-2008

Primary Level

Three-year olds: Joseph Cornelius, Timothy Little, Rayshon Modeste

K5: Delia Alexander, Isaiah Cornelius, Hannah Louis

Grade 2: Micayla Cornelius, Lily Little

Grade 4: Peter Cornelius, Nathanael Little

Grade 5: Angelia Cornelius

Secondary Level

Form 1: Katrina Cornelius, Rachel Little, Trevlyn Modeste

Form 3: Anna-Helen Cornelius

Form 5: Mary Cornelius, Jisa Prime

Graduate Report

Caroline Cornelius completed her freshman year at Bob Jones. She is majoring in Youth Ministries and has a minor in Counseling. She is enjoying life in the residence halls. She would appreciate your prayers that she would do well in her courses and that her bills will all be paid each month.

Jevon Prime has been taking care of his father who was paralyzed recently. His father is unsaved. Pray that Jevon will be a good testimony to his father and that he will follow God's plan for his life.

Former Teachers

Kisha Isaac is studying education in Mexico. She has been doing well academically and has found a good church to attend.

Kerena Alexander is working at the airport here in Carriacou in order to earn more money so that she can go to on for further education. She began the process of application to Bob Jones University, but she was unable to get all the money together. She did receive a scholarship from the Grenadian government that will give her some money towards school. Pray that the Lord will make it clear to her where she should go to school. There is a possibility that she could go to Baptist Bible College of the Caribbean in St. Vincent.

Abby Randolph is living with her parents in Michigan. She is working to pay off her school bill.

Prayer Requests

1. We are in need of more adequate facilities. We are able to stay where we are for another school year, but we are outgrowing these buildings. We have discussed the possibility of building on the station property. Pray that God will show us His will.
2. Pray that the registration will be completed soon.
3. Pray also that the faculty and parents will be unified in purpose and commitment.
4. Pray for future students. Several parents have asked about sending their children to our school. Pray for their spiritual needs. Pray that we will know who the Lord wants in our school. Most of these parents are unsaved, and we desire that they will be saved.
5. Pray for Rayshon. He has been living with a tracheotomy and recently returned to the New York to get it removed. We have heard that there were some difficulties. Pray that the Lord would send him and his mother a Christian witness to assist them through these difficulties.
6. We need someone to baby sit our daughter Suzanne during school. Alice Jones was watching her last year, but she will be teaching four year olds this coming school year and that will make watching Suzanne difficult. The way the rooms are arranged in the house does not make it conducive for a baby to play without disturbing the other classes.
7. Pray that we can find housing for the Ramdhanies. Adequate and economical housing is hard to find.

8. Pray for the Lord to provide financially for the school or increase our personal support. The financial burden of the school presently consumes nearly 50% of our support. Half of the student body are our children so we do expect to carry the lions share. However a support increase will be a tremendous blessing.

I pray that this letter has been a help to you to see the ministry opportunity that we have through the school. We appreciate your interest and your prayers.

In His service,

Sharlene Cornelius
Principal