

**NEGRIL CHURCH OF CHRIST REPORT FOR  
THE MOUNTHS OF JANUARY & FEBRUARY  
2019.**

## **Negril Church of Christ**

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TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE  
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Dear Brethren,

Greetings, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. On behalf of the Negril Church brothers and sisters, I would like to send to you, love and best wishes to the Mandarin Church family. we also would like to thank you for your prayers and support. We continue keeping you all in our prayers that may God continue to bless you all in every way according to His will.

### **Church in Negril:**

We are giving God thanks for one more soul which turned to Christ. Our newly born sister in Christ is sister Peggy, who was baptized into Christ on January 20, 2019. Our weekly Bible studies, visitations and

evangelism team continues to preach and teach the gospel of Christ. The Negril church continues to fight the good fight of faith.

### **These are some of the Activities for January and February:**

The end of the month street meeting was kept on January 27, 2019 in Truro community in Grange Hill Westmoreland. Speaker was Brother George Medley evangelist Grange Hill Church of Christ and his topic "The Holy Spirit."

For the month of February our end of the month street meeting was held in Love Lane, West End Negril Westmoreland on Sunday February 24, 2019. The speaker was Brother Paul Gilbert the evangelist of the Montego Bay Church of Christ, and his topic "All other ground is sinking sand."

### **Sunday Morning Bible Class:**

For the months of January and February we taught in our Bible class these subjects: How to find the right church and our Marriage Counseling/ Marriage series. The theme is: "Fanning up the flame and keeping the fire burning in the marriage." Topic: Advance Marital Skills. The marriage counseling classes are designing to help the marriage that are in the church to grow strong and we also had four visiting marriage couples who came to these marriage series. Our marriage series is been held every first and last Sundays from 10:00 a.m. -10:50 a.m. We had four extension classes in January and February 2019. Subjects studied: **Introduction to**

# Greek, New Testament Survey and Denominational Doctrine.

## **Counseling:**

Counseling is available 10: a.m.- 3:00 p.m. at Church building on Mondays or by set appointment.

## **Midweek Bible class**

For the months of January and February midweek Bible class, we studied the subject: Christian Evidences and the topic: “Causes of unbelief” (book that we have been studying is “ROCK-SOLID FAITH”) How to Build It. By Bert Thompson, Ph.D.

## **Baptism:**

There was one baptism for the month of January 2019.

## **Evangelism:**

Evangelism Workdays: Our evangelism for January and February 2019 we had four workdays. Our evangelism team is made up of brothers and sisters from the Grange Hill and Negril church of Christ. For the months of January and February we have Bible studies in Turro district and West End Negril. Please pray for these Bible studies.

## **Church Van**

We thank God for having a van, nevertheless are becoming unable to keep up with the maintenance cost of keeping the van on the road. It was off the road for two weeks in January 2019 and was also off the road for about two weeks in February 2019. I had to spend many

days at the garage. The van had problems with the master brakes Cylinder, back brakes cylinder, and windscreen wipers linkage which were fixed. We presently need a trunk for the van which is only available at one used parts store for the price of JA\$105,000 or about US\$900.

Therefore, the Negril church would like to sell this present van, if the bank will approve a motor loan that could be put with what this van could be sold for and purchase a 2013 TOYATA VOXY/ VAN from a Used Car dealer which would be better for the church because of the age it has less changes of parts.

In 2017 the van drags pistons and I borrowed an unsecured loan from the Bank of Nova Scotia and used it to overhaul the van engine, which cost a third of the value of the van presently, but I cannot borrow another unsecured loan because the interest rate is too high, I have not finished the payment on that existing loan and I will need a job letter from Mandarin Church.

We, the Negril church believe that it would be more economical for long term for the church to sell the present van which is 1999 model and if we can get the loan to purchase **YEAR 2013 TOYOTA VOXY** that will have less monthly maintenance of parts which would be in better condition than the older year 1999 model HIACE van that we now have.

The van has a high monthly maintenance cost because lots of the roads are bad where we must evangelize with weekly bible studies, roads are also bad where some

members are living, and because the van is 20 years old and more parts are getting bad.

### **Job Letter**

Please I am asking if it is possible for me to get a job letter from the mandarin church, to state that I am receiving a stipend of US\$ 875 monthly from the Mandarin Church of Christ and how long I have been employed to the church. Purpose of Job letter, the Bank of Nova Scotia where I change my monthly stipend from US\$ into Jamaican dollars, has change their policy and said that I need a job letter, the Negril church sent a temporary letter confirm the fund, but the bank said that they still need a job letter from the Mandarin church.

#### **1. Prayer requests:**

2. Prayer request for those people who we are studding with
3. Please pray for Brother and sister Webb family, who presently is going through some testing.
4. Please pray for the church in Negril to be safe in our going out in the vineyard of the Lord daily because crime is rising in the parish.

In Christ Love,  
Brother Leroy Swaby