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The Saltpond Hospital Fire

By Vicki Conaway, President

I woke up one morning to my phone ringing. It was a call that I did not expect. There had been a fire at Saltpond Hospital and most of the medical supplies we recently donated were gone. I jumped up and took a taxi to the hospital. I immediately saw Ghanaian fire personnel and hospital staff around the building. The flames were out but the building was smoldering.

I walked closer to the building and was in utter disbelief. I looked and I saw a small garden hose pouring water into the building. It took fire service hours to get to the scene because they are located two towns away. How do you help when there are so many needs and not enough resources? Saltpond Hospital is in the capital of the Mfantseman District in the Central Region of South Ghana.

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The Saltpond Hospital Fire

The Hospital opened on July 8, 1889. It was originally built to serve as a hospital for the Ghana Naval officers. It was renovated in November 1951 and handed over to the government. There have been very few renovations since.



Some of the building structures have developed cracks and pose a danger to the staff and patients. Portions of the roof of several buildings are leaking. The beds must be rearranged so they do not get wet. Although the hospital is faced with many challenges, they continue to manage somehow.

The hospital has served the Saltpond area for over 200 years and is in need of our continued support. As a ministry, we look to grow our global outreach programs by expanding our impact on the hospital. We hope that you will join us by making a donation or assisting in any other way that you can.





A Message from the President

As I enter the third year of leading the dynamic Mission Ministry, it is with great sadness that my term will end at the close of the year. There have been challenges, COVID setbacks and disappointments, but the ministry continues to move forward. Three years ago, myself and the executive team were so excited about our upcoming projects; from donating purses to the women's shelter to an amazing trip to the Motherland. These were projects that the ministry was unable to complete due to COVID restrictions and safety issues for our members. We were not able to have our yearly events such as the Old Tyme Gospel or our Senior Christmas Luncheon. These were events that so many members looked forward to each year.

However, God continues to bless the ministry.

While there were numerous setbacks, there were also many blessings. The backpack giveaway continued, and we blessed the community with 300+ backpacks each year. We began a motel ministry to serve local families in distress. We campaigned for breast cancer, built stronger relationships with our community partners, and walked and talked with our Burlington City neighbors.

The pain of Ghana affects me so much. On my last trip, I saw a young boy of about 4 years old selling paintbrushes on the side of the road in Accra. I watched as many young girls and boys sold fish and bread in the brutal African sun. As I walked around the different villages giving out donations, I saw the conditions of people that are still cooking outside under an open flame in substandard living conditions. Each trip I cry when it is time to leave because there is so much work to be done.

But with the pain, there are so many joyous moments. As I traveled to different schools giving out books and notepads, the feelings of joy expressed by the children touched my soul. I often heard, "May God bless you" over and over again from the children to the adults. I would travel around with large suitcases and when the children recognized me, they would run over to help carry them without being asked, so excited to receive one of the small gifts that we give, things that we here in the United States take for granted.

A Message From the President

I am amazed by how God has blessed this Ministry

My first trip to Ghana, I was introduced to the staff at Saltpond Hospital. As I toured the facility, I noticed there were no toys in the children's ward. I brought this information back to the ministry and we made it a point to ship toys from the ministry each time I traveled. I am so proud to say that the hospital is creating a play area in the children's ward and that they want to name it after the Mission Ministry.

Angels sent from Heaven

In 2021, the Mission Ministry received over \$8000.00 in monetary gifts as well as numerous donations of clothing, books, shoes, medical supplies, backpacks, and other items too numerous to mention. These donations benefit our global outreach as well as our community partners.

With Love and Prayers
Sister Vicki



Motel Ministry

The Mission Ministry has started a new endeavor called the Motel Ministry. It was conceived because there was a need to help our brothers, sisters and their children who are temporarily homeless and placed in motels by various local agencies. There are no homeless shelters in Burlington County. Once you are homeless, it is sometimes difficult to re-enter the mainstream of society. Our goal is to offer some comfort to the guests of these motels as they struggle to gain a foot hold back into the every day life.

We have gone to 2 motels, the Budget Inn of Burlington, NJ and the Riverfront Motel located in Bordentown, NJ. We gave out clothing, shoes, food and toiletries. We were well received by the residents and the Management of the motels.

The intention of this ministry is to distribute needed items obtained through donations. We thank God for this opportunity to serve him and we give him all the honor, glory and praise.

Rose Wilson, Motel Ministry

Mission Project 2021

The Mission Ministry of Tabernacle Baptist Church continues to serve the needy despite the incursion of the 2020 pandemic. International, National, State and District ministries, as well as Burlington and Camden County were all recipients of the missionaries outreach.

On April 30th, June 28th and June 29th President Vicki Conaway and 1st. Vice President Brother Quentin Moore with the help of 25 to 30 mission members coordinated and oversaw the preparation of 1500 turkey and cheese sandwiches for Cathedral Kitchen in Camden, New Jersey. Brother Van Rowell and Brother Dave Steele volunteered their time and delivered 500 sandwiches on April 30th, 500 sandwiches on June 28th and 500 sandwiches on June 29th. All sandwiches were delivered in time for 12 noon lunch on each date.

A million thanks to all the workers who took time to ensure the success of this Mission Project.

Written by Chef Quentin Moore

Mission Weekend – Community Day

During the annual TBC Mission Weekend in May 2021, The Ministry held a Community Day for the children of Burlington City. The families were treated with snacks, pony rides, a wonderful puppet show and much more. Puppet Master Ronnette Smith Powell read her book Cory Hates Covid to the children and our own Brenda Moore read during Storytime to the children under the tent.

Community Day was held outside on a beautiful spring day at the Allen School Field. Everyone who came and participated had a wonderful time.

Mission Ministry Backpack Giveaway

On a wonderful September morning the TBC Mission Ministry, in conjunction with the H.Y.P.E Ministry, held the annual TBC Back to School Backpack Event. Over 300 backpacks were filled for Pre-K through 12th graders. This year, we included a cereal tent where all the children were able to pick up a box of cereal as well as some snacks. The children took part in pony rides and enjoyed face painting and a water slide. We had hot dogs and hamburgers along with water ice for everyone to enjoy. It was a wonderful sight to see the children run up to the game truck and to enjoy the basketball shootout with the DJ. Overall, the day was a wonderful success and the Ministry Mission cannot wait to serve the community again in 2022.

Mission Ministry Scholarship for Burlington City High School Senior

The TBC Mission Ministry awarded their first Scholarship to a deserving Senior at Burlington City High School. This year's recipient was Steven Shaffer, who is freshman at Norfolk State University. Steven received the \$2000 award for his contributions as an outstanding scholar and athlete. Steven was a member of the boy's basketball team, soccer team and baseball team. He was a member of the National Champion Blue Devil Marching Band and was proud to escort the membership of Tabernacle Baptist Church down High Street during their Anniversary Celebration. He was selected as the Philadelphia Phillies Urban Youth Academy Player of the year. Steven was also recognized at the World Series at Dodgers Stadium for contributions to the Urban Youth Academy in Philadelphia. He taught baseball drills to more than 300 kids in that local community.

During the pandemic Steven delivered meals to the Senior Saints of his church. He was in the Youth Ministry, Vacation Bible School and Sunday School. TBC Mission Ministry was proud to provide scholarship funding to Steven Shaffer, a deserving Burlington City High School Senior.

Articles written by Dawn Parreott



The Fight Against Obstetric Fistula

In the past two years, the pandemic has brought much despair to our homes and families. It has led to a level of hurt that has turned to hopelessness, despair and anguish. And yet, through it all, we continue to remain faithful. Upon learning that the vaccine was forthcoming, we huddled to discuss and support one another. We also worked to secure resources for the vaccine. Immediately, we became hopeful again. We happily gathered together and hugged. What a Blessing to regain our joy.

For about 2 million women in undeveloped countries suffering from Obstetric Fistula (OF), the desire to be healed went unnoticed. Obstetric Fistulas is one of the most serious childbirth injuries, leaving many of these women alone, depressed, and experiencing much pain and infection. What is OF? Obstetric Fistula occurs when prolonged labor and obstruction occurs and a woman is unable to successfully push the infant's head through the birth canal, leaving the child's head and pelvic bone compressed. Often, the baby does survive, but even with a successful birth, there is internal distress for the mother. The traumatic birth creates a degree of uncertainty for women who are now unable to control their bladder or bowel. The smell of urine follows her.

There is excruciating pain and fear as she walks leaving her feeling unclean and unworthy. Often the family will build her a hut a distance away where she will remain as many may feel she has been cursed. Many suffer for years without care, face infection and become withdrawn. As they search for answers, many contemplate suicide. Dark emotion turn what was supposed to be a beautiful beginning into a joyless life. The prospect of help to many of these women may be unknown or even farfetched; however, there is a cure. Surgeries often are offered outside of remote areas, and work is being done to disseminate information to these inaccessible areas.

The Fight Against Obstetric Fistula

We here at Tabernacle Baptist Church have continuously assisted Saltpond Hospital with medical supplies as well as personal items. It has been communicated that the communities are extremely grateful for our support. It is at this time we are requesting the assistance to provide surgeries to these women that arrive at Mercy Catholic Women's Center Fistula Unit in hopes of bringing normalcy to their lives. The monies raised will support Mercy Catholic Women's Center by providing funding for transportation, healthcare, training, surgeries and yes a new dress to return home dry.

It is our hope that one surgery will lead to another then another, and by word of mouth, we can provide education to these communities and change one to two lives at a time. A challenge, yes, but the goal is obtainable and we have had bigger challenges before that we have overcome. For these women, hearing of a surgery that is available and 95% effective in helping them to regain a normal life alone brings relief.

As Tabernacle Baptist Church partners with Mercy Catholic Women's Center, your contribution will provide these women with a new sense of purpose and healthy new beginning. Please join us in a campaign to assist with transforming the lives of women. As we heal, let's lean towards healing others.

To learn more about Obstetric Fistula please visit the below website:

www.fistulafoundation.org

www.shoutgladigladi.com

www.freedomfromfistula.org

Written by Leslie Tarr



TBC Breast Cancer Walk | October 17, 2021

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and the Mission Ministry decided to host another Breast Cancer Walk in collaboration with the Women's Ministry. It was agreed this year that we would donate all proceeds from our "free will offering" to Sisters Network of Essex County. Sisters Network of Essex County is an affiliate Chapter of Sisters Network Inc., the only National African American Breast Cancer Survivorship Organization in the United States.

Before the start of the walk, we were blessed with two testimonies; Cassandra Moore spoke about being a survivor of many years and Cynthia Taylor spoke as she is currently going through treatment.

In attendance were mothers being supported by their daughters and sisters rallying around sisters. Breast Cancer Information was distributed and everyone was pinned with a pink ribbon. A memory board was created and all in attendance were able to post a message in honor of, in memory of, or to the survivor of their choice. As the walk began, everyone passed through a beautiful pink balloon arch that was created by our own Carolyn Powell. At the end of the walk, all participants received snack bags consisting of fruit, water and granola bars.

Until next year...

Written by Brenda Dantzler-Mitchell



Picnic Table Project

The Mission Ministry is always looking for ways to help and serve our community. It was not a surprise that our President Vicki Conaway suggested sprucing up playgrounds in the Burlington City area. It was noticed that the picnic tables near the Burlington City boat launch and the York Street playground areas were in need of repair.

A contractor was hired to repair and replace all eight tables in the community. The tables were unfinished so that left another project for the Mission Ministry. It was a challenge trying to keep the tables clean and free of graffiti. On a sunny brisk April morning a group of Missionaries; Vicki Conaway, Carolyn and David Hodges, Shirley Drew, Marlyn Benns, Rose Wilson, Quentin Moore, Mary Paterson, and Betty Dutton were all a part of the team that cleaned, stained and sealed the tables.

Written by Carolyn Hodges





GHANA HEALTH SERVICE

SALTPOND MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL



CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

THE TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH MISSION MINISTRY
(NEW JESSY, USA.)

You faithfully and honestly contributed to the success of the healthcare delivery in the hospital.

A level of success such as this could not have been achieved without your enormous contribution and support.

Please accept our deepest appreciation

AYIKOOO !!

MR. P.A. AGYAKWA
(ADMINISTRATOR)


DATE: 27th AUGUST, 2021



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May 1, 2021



Remulching of Playgrounds





Burlington High School



Scholarship Recipient
June 27, 2021



Sandwich Making for Cathedral Kitchen



Happy New Year Everyone,

It has been a challenging year for all of us, but the goodness of the Lord continues to shine brighter than any adversity that we have faced. God's favor continues to hover over His Missionaries and as we travel together in this year that stands before us, we look forward to increase and progress. It has been my joy and delight to count myself as part of the Mission Ministry, and I am amazed at the wonderful work that has been accomplished. Keep the faith and let your light continue to shine in the midst of this dark world. God bless and keep each one of you in my prayer.



Rev. Dr. Denise A. Graves

Appreciation Luncheon

Rev. Dr. Denise Graves hosted an appreciation luncheon for the Mission Ministry on July 10th at her home. A great time was had by all. We were greeted at the gate where temperatures were taken and all COVID protocols were followed. The décor for the afternoon consisted of a beautiful white tent, which housed round tables covered with yellow tablecloths and adorned with yellow and white rose centerpieces. As we fellowshiped with one other, an impromptu praise team blessed us with several joyous songs.

The Holy Spirit was very present at the luncheon. We had prayer and scriptures followed by words of inspiration from our gracious host. After receiving the Word, it was time to feast on a menu created by Chef Quentin Moore and served by Thee UpperRoom Catering staff. We dined on Strawberry Spinach Salad with a Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing, Stuffed Baked Salmon with Crabmeat and Shrimp, Baked Chicken, Yellow Seasoned Rice, Baked Macaroni and Cheese, Roasted Vegetable Medley, Buttered Cornbread, Cold Iced Tea, Water and Assorted Homemade Cakes and Pies. The dessert table was enormous and enjoyed by all 31 guests in attendance.

At the conclusion, everyone received a beautiful mug from Dr. Graves with an inscription that read "Keep God In Front And You'll Never Be Left Behind". A glorious time was had by all.

Written by Brenda Dantzler-Mitchell



Tribute to the late Joseph Louis Marchese



Several years ago, I was introduced to Mr. Joseph Marchese. He was funny, generous and had a wonderful spirit. Whether he was cutting a rug on the dance floor or at a political event, people would flock around him. Mr. Marchese supported the Mission Ministry on many occasions. He covered the cost for Elder McClendon featured on BET's Sunday Best to perform for the Senior Christmas Luncheon. He supported the Backpack Giveaway, Coat Drive and our weekly Food Pantry. A few days before he passed away, his family told me he wanted to donate additional funds to the Mission Ministry. Since that time the ministry has continued to receive donations in his name. His wife Kathleen also blessed us with an additional \$200 dollar donation at his funeral.

In Joseph Marchese's life he believed in God, family, friends and giving back to the community. He was a mentor to so many showing them how to improve their lives.

We are so grateful for all of the work Mr. Marchese has done for the Ministry. Joseph Louis Marchese, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 18, 2021, with his wife and daughters by his side. He was a teacher at Archmere Academy, owner of Marchese's Children's Wear, and most recently, Vice President of Business Development at Pennoni Engineering. Joe always made sure to help those in need. It was very important to him that all people care for those less fortunate. The TBC Mission Ministry will be honoring Mr. Marchese by naming its scholarship in his honor.

We pray that he continues to rest well in God's loving arms.



Black History Month Honoree

Sister. Bessie R. Burroughs

Sister Burroughs' service and gifts are many. She grew up in Tabernacle Baptist Church in Burlington where her parents were both charter members. She served for over 25 years as Tabernacle's church clerk and has been a member of both the Senior and Sanctuary choirs. She was instrumental in developing the Mission Conference over 20 years ago. She served as a Past President of the Maude S. Walker Missionary Union of Burlington County and was the treasurer for 20 years of the Women's Auxiliary of the Bethany Baptist Association. She was the secretary for all four major building committee projects for Tabernacle. After attending the Lott Carey convention in Norfolk, VA she was so inspired she returned home and subsequently organized the church's first ministry trip to the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention in Rochester, NY more than 25 years ago.



Black History Month Honoree

Sister. Alavan Dennis

Sister Alavan Dennis is the youngest child of the late Vanderbilt and Bessie R. Burroughs, the fifth child born to these Charter Members of Tabernacle Baptist Church. She served as general chairperson of the 87th church anniversary celebration and is a past president of the Mission Ministry. It was during her tenure that the back to school backpack and fun day was successfully enacted. She is an active member of the Maude S. Walker Missionary Union of Burlington County and was worship leader for 12 years under three presidents for the Women's Department of the General Baptist Convention for the State of New Jersey.



Black History Month Honoree

Sister Brenda Grooms

Sister Brenda Grooms has been a member of Tabernacle Baptist Church for 22 years serving in the capacity of Treasurer and President of the Mission Ministry as well as other leadership positions. She is a member of the Repast Team, Sacrificial Prayer Ministry, Women's Ministry and Bible Study. After attending the Lott Carey Convention in 2001, and participating in the luncheon for the homeless, the spirit of God led her to bring the idea of a luncheon for the homeless to Tabernacle. This is how the Old Tyme Gospel Luncheon began more than 18 years ago.



Black History Month Honoree

Sis. Brenda Joyce Moore

Sister Brenda Joyce Moore is actively involved in the County Missionary Circle, Maude S. Walker under the South Jersey Bethany Baptist Association. She served as their treasurer for over nine years. In 2007, she was crowned Queen for Burlington County raising the most money for Scholarship and Camp Cedar Knoll. Sister Brenda chairs the Annual Patriotic/Heritage Tea for the Bethany Baptist Association Women's Auxiliary of Southern New Jersey and has done so for over 34 years.



Black History Month Honoree

Sister Elvira Johnson James

Over the past 45 years, Sister Elvira James has served in various leadership positions at Tabernacle. Presently, Sister Elvira serves in the Teaching Ministry and as an intercessor with the Prayer Ministry. She began her journey as a missionary when she and five other mission members were given the opportunity to serve on the mission field in Ghana. Through her connection with Bishop Curtis Amarteayfio of the Riches of the Glories Church in Ghana, she assisted in the founding of a school for the children of the village of Apese. It is through the growth and development of the Garden of Hope Community School in Ghana that Sister Elvira found her life commitment as a missionary.

The Mission Ministry Would Like to Thank Everyone for Their Support

Rev Dr. Cory L. Jones, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Denise Graves
In Memory of the late Joseph Marchese
Barbara Marchese
Russell A Burns
Veronica Diehl
Richard and Stacy Marchese
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Solutions to End Poverty
Marie and Hugh Dougherty
Exhale Women's Fellowship
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Join the TBC Missions Ministry

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10, NIV



The TBC Mission Ministry is looking for new members to help us serve the Local Community, Domestic and International Charities. When in need, we should give!

We need you, join TBC Mission Ministries!

You can Volunteer at your own pace!

For more information, please contact Sister Marilyn Rankins at 609-498-4478 or rankins.mp1029@gmail.com.

Blessings to you all!

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A photograph of a woman with a red patterned headwrap and a pink tank top, holding a baby in a pink long-sleeved shirt and white beanie. They are standing in front of a textured wall. The image is framed by a colorful, abstract border on the left and right sides.

My Sister's Keeper: The Power of Sisterhood

March 26, 2022 | at 1 pm

HYBRID EVENT

**Limited seating in person, held in the TBC Chapel
150 East Second Street, Burlington, NJ 08016**

*We can help our sisters one surgery at a time
by raising funds and bringing awareness to obstetric
fistula to our sisters in Ghana and beyond!*

Obstetric Fistula

is a birthing injury that causes incontinence

**Special Guest Speaker: Habiba Cooper Diallo
Founder of Women's Health Organization International**

**For more information and to register please email
missionaries@tabernacle-burlington.org
No donation is too small!**

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