

Mission Trip To Jamaican Village Leaves Lasting Impression On Vogel

BY SUSAN USHER

A Shallotte resident got a firsthand look at the aftermath of Hurricane Gilbert on the island of Jamaica and hopes to return to the island on a second mission.

Doug Vogel of Briarwood Estates, a bank loan officer in his mid-20s, was part of a Church of Christ hurricane relief team to visit the island for six days in mid-November. The group of seven men and three women was one of six teams sponsored by the Providence Road Church of Christ in Charlotte. Their work took them to the interior mountain village of Benbow, in St. Catherine Parish, a village so small native Jamaicans knew of the parish but not the community.

Vogel hopes to join the sixth and last team which will go at the end of January to Jamaica, but to a new location, not to Benbow. However, if someone volunteers to go who hasn't been before, he said he would rather that person have the experience.

Coming shortly after he became a Christian and affiliated with the Shallotte Church of Christ, the trip to Jamaica was life-changing for Vogel. "It was good; it was the best week of my life," he recalled in a recent interview in which he described post-hurricane life in the village and villagers' reception of the witnessing team.

"It was a blessing to have that opportunity and to experience what we experienced: To meet someone of a different race and culture and still have a common bond of Christianity and to be brothers with them the first time you meet them."

While for members of the Benbow Church of Christ they built a new 10-foot by 12-foot home, rebuilt three others and laid the foundation for a fourth, the team's main function was to witness Christianity.

Curiosity regarding their presence opened the doors. "The villagers wanted to know why we were there, which was to help our Christian brothers in the church," said Vogel. "We sparked a lot of interest in the church." Attendance at the first service after their arrival drew 30 regulars; the last drew 60.

In better days the main street of Benbow had been supplied with electricity, but service had not been restored since Hurricane Gilbert swept a devastating blow across the island last Sept. 12.



A BENBOW CHURCH MEMBER poses proudly with gift of food from mission team. Villagers' shanty-like homes are visible in the background.

While no one he saw was actually starving, Vogel said malnutrition was readily apparent among the villagers, most of whom he said routinely live in greater poverty than most of America's poor. A person who owns a car there—any car—is considered wealthy.

Still, depending on their size, children had to pay \$1 or \$2 one-way for van rides to and from the school, in a town one hour away. They could not all afford to attend regularly.

The Red Cross had come through with some help for villagers immediately after the hurricane. Vogel said that, unlike in America, there was no visible evidence of any continuing or emergency aid from the country's government.

However, team members brought their own aid: their boxes of belongings were stuffed with extra food and clothing to share with members of the Benbow congregation, as well as tools such as hammers. A tractor-trailer load of construction materials arrived ahead of the team.

Nowhere in the village was there

running water; instead residents rolled out 50-gallon drums twice weekly when the water truck came through. Even then the water was really unfit to drink. Villagers did so, but team members drank bottled beverages. Vogel was sick three days after eating Jamaican ice cream once.

The nearest telephone and nearest police department was 10 miles away—an hour-long trip down a bandit-spotted, treacherous mountain route known as "the Devil's race course."

Yet the crime rate was apparently low. A roving band of robbers caught in the act by police were shot dead on the scene, he noted. "I'm sure they haven't had any problem with crime."

All 10 team members stayed in the home of the church minister, whose salary of \$300 per month, compared to \$80 to \$100 for a common laborer, is paid by the Church of Christ in Greenville, N.C. The house was across the street from a tavern where villagers imbibed 24 hours a day.

Everywhere the impact of the hurricane was still visible—local crops had been destroyed and fresh foods were in short supply. Tomatoes sold for \$4 a pound. With the electrical outage, batteries commanded a price of \$3 each.

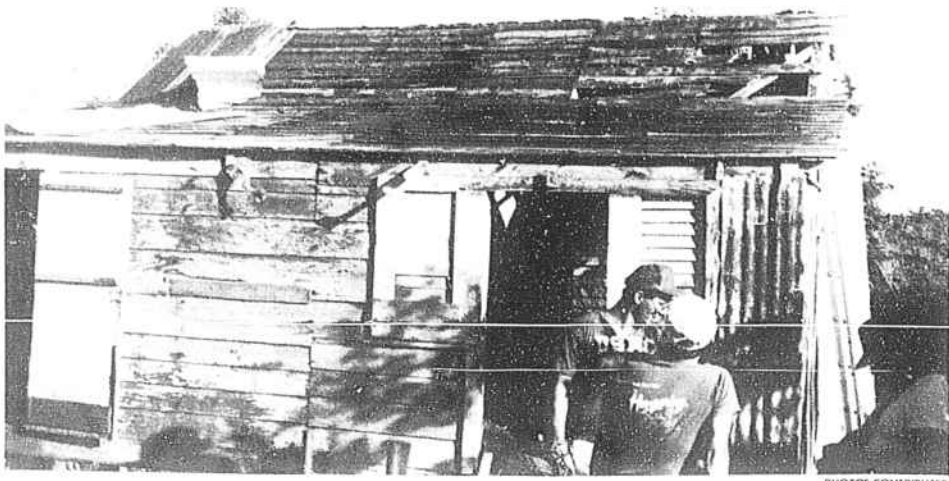
Vogel and his compatriots were the first whites many of the younger Benbow residents had ever seen. "They laughed at us and wanted to walk up and touch us."

They also wanted to hear what the team members had to tell them. "They were interested in the church and in hearing anything we had to say," said Vogel.

Along with strengthening him as a Christian, Vogel said the experience has made him appreciate his life here.

"We have no right to complain about many of the things we normally complain about," he said. "We live in a very blessed country, America. I find myself wanting to count my blessings."

(Anyone who wishes to support this last hurricane relief mission team can send contributions to Jamaican Relief Fund, c/o Rev. Jerry Bell, Shallotte Church of God, 1753 Fox Avenue, Village Point Estates, Shallotte, NC 28459. Bell will forward donations to the Charlotte church.)



MISSION VOLUNTEER Doug Vogel (with face visible) works with teammate at home building site in Benbow, Jamaica.

Deaths And Funerals

JAMES HENRY THOMPSON

James Henry Thompson, 63, of Holden Beach, died Jan. 12 at his home. He was a retired plant superintendent for Duff-Norton Corp. of Charlotte.

The funeral was held Jan. 15 in the Brunswick Funeral Service Chapel, Shallotte, with the Rev. Bill Thomas officiating. Burial was in Brunswick Memorial Gardens, Shallotte.

Thompson was a member of Numa Reid Lodge No. 344 and Charlotte Scottish Rite Bodies.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Murray Ammons of Calabash; his wife, Mrs. Peggy Thompson of the home; a son, David Ronald Thompson of Bermuda; a daughter, Diane Howell of Columbia, S.C.; a sister, Mrs. Francis Wrenn of Calabash; and two grandchildren.

JIMMY BRYANT

Jimmy Bryant, 41, of Supply, died Jan. 14 after an illness. He was a deputy with the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department.

The funeral was to be held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. at Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, of which he was an active member. Burial is planned in the Riley Hewett Cemetery.

EUGENIE KELLMAN

Eugenie Kellman of Route 1, Leland, died Jan. 11 at McKoy's Boarding Home.

Arrangements were announced by Jordan's Funeral Home Inc.

NORTON ANDREW BROWN

Norton Andrew Brown, 80, of the Brown Swamp section of Horry County, S.C., died Jan. 14 in Conway Hospital, Conway, S.C., following a long illness.

The funeral was held Jan. 16 at Evergreen Freewill Baptist Church, of which he was a member, with entombment in Hillcrest Mausoleum.

Brown was born in Horry County, a son of the late John and Ida Todd Brown. He was a farmer.

Survivors include four sons, J.D. Brown, Lloyd Ford Brown, Paul Brown and Archie Brown, all of Conway; four daughters, Mrs. Elvin (Ida Mae) Jordan and Mrs. Marvin (Joyce) Whiddy, both of Conway, Mrs. Berry (Lois) Edge of Ocean Isle, and Mrs. Arthur (Mary Ann) Holt of Loris, S.C.; 21 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

HAZEL TRUNNEL FULLWOOD

Hazel Trunnel Fullwood, 86, of Davis Health Care Center, Scotts Hill, and formerly of Southport, died Jan. 13 in Cape Fear Memorial Hospital, Wilmington.

A graveside service was held Jan. 15 in Northwood Cemetery, Southport, with the Rev. Danny Etheridge officiating.

A native of Southport, she was a member of Bethel Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Teresa Ward of Southport; a sister, Mrs. Ruby Swain of Southport; and five grandchildren, Jerri Ward, Jeff Ward and Steve Fullwood of Southport, Ronnie Fullwood of Mill Creek and Mike Fullwood of Winston-Salem.

AMELIA AUGER FREDERE

Amelia Auger Frederic, 82, of Wilmington, died Jan. 12 in New Hanover Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

The funeral was held Jan. 14 in the Coble Ward-Smith Chapel by Dr. William C. Simpson, with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

She was born March 28, 1906, in North Allis, Mich., to the late John William and Elizabeth Flater Auger. She was a member of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church and had retired in 1971 after 20 years as a sales associate with Belk's.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Sue Bayrd of Wilmington and eight grandchildren, including Horace Lee Pigott and Sarah Pigott Lichty of Southport; 14 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

HERCULES STANLEY

Hercules Stanley, 71, of Shallotte died Jan. 11 in The Brunswick Hospital, Supply. He was retired from Brunswick Electric Membership Corp.

The Rev. Jesse Bentley officiated the funeral held Jan. 13 at Jennies Branch Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery, with masonic rites by Shallotte Lodge No. 727.

Stanley was born in Brunswick County on Sept. 17, 1917, to the late James Wessel and Linnie Hewett Stanley. He was a member of Jennies Branch Baptist Church, Shallotte Lodge No. 727 and the Wilmington Consistory Scottish Rite.

Survivors include his wife, Annie Odessa Reynolds Stanley of the home; three sons, Ivan Latham Stanley of Shallotte, Landis D. Stanley of Langley, Va., and Delane Stanley of Shallotte; a sister, Dazzle Gause of Wilmington; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

JEFFERY LYNN MATTHEWS

Jeffery Lynn Matthews, 26, of Route 7, Shallotte died Jan. 10.

The funeral was held Jan. 12 in the Brunswick Funeral Service Chapel, Shallotte, by the Rev. Lloyd Ward. Burial was in the Memphis National Cemetery.

Matthews was born in Memphis, Tenn., and was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Survivors include his father, James Matthews of Memphis, Tenn.; his mother, Joanne King of Fifty-six, Ark.; his wife, Mary Tharpe Matthews of the home; a son, Jeffery Lynn Matthews Jr. of Fifty-six, Ark.; three stepsons, Billy Suggs, Charles Craig Bennett and Timothy Mark Bennett, all of the home; a stepdaughter, Pandoria Faith Bennett of the home; a brother, Kellie Matthews of Memphis, Tenn.; a sister, Carla Paratore of Memphis, Tenn.; his paternal grandmother, Marion Matthews, and maternal grandparents, Frances Fleming and William A. Fleming, all of Memphis, Tenn.

RUEBEN W. PETTINGILL

Rueben Wesley Pettingill, 82, of Southport, died Jan. 12.

The funeral was held Jan. 15 in Brunswick Memorial Gardens by the Rev. Samuel W. Lewis.

Pettingill was born in Norfolk, Va., on Dec. 28, 1906. He had retired from the New York Transit System.

Survivors include three daughters, Jean Lewis of Southport, Denise Pettingill of Central Islip, N.Y., and Joan Heslin of Baldwin, Md.; a son, Philip Pettingill of Smithtown, N.Y.; a stepdaughter, Carleen Floyd of East Moriches, N.Y.; two brothers, Clarence Pettingill of California and George Pettingill of Florida; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

HARRY EDWARD LEMON SR.

Harry Edward Lemon Sr. of Wilmington died Jan. 12 in Sherwood Manor Nursing Home. He was the father of Bolivia Elementary School Principal Harry Edward (Ed) Lemon Jr.

The funeral was held Jan. 14 in the Andrews Mortuary Market Street Chapel by Elder Michael McLeod, assisted by elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Lemon was born in Elkridge, W.Va., on March 3, 1907, to the late William David and Etta Whorley Lemon.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and had retired from Hughes Brothers Inc.

Survivors in addition to his son are his wife, Mrs. Lola Craft Lemon of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth W. Harper of Raleigh and Mrs. William Clyde Riggs III of Castle Hayne; and four grandchildren.

ALMEDA M. McFAYDEN

Almeda Murrell McFayden, a long-time resident of Charleston, S.C., died Jan. 12 in Davis Health Care Center.

A graveside service was held Jan. 14 in Goshen Baptist Church cemetery by the Rev. David Goehring.

Born in Brunswick County on Feb. 14, 1893, she was the daughter of the late Warren and Victoria Wells Murrell.

Survivors include her daughter, Mrs. Alma McFayden Harris, and her son, Samuel J. McFayden Jr., both of Atlanta, Ga.; and six grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wesleyan Chapel United Methodist Church.

ROSE LEWIS MIDYETTE

Rose Lewis Midyette, 79, of Wilmington, died Jan. 11 in Hillhaven Convalescent Center.

The funeral was held Jan. 14 at the Coble Ward-Smith Oleander Chapel, with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Born in Brunswick County on Sept. 15, 1909, she was the daughter of the late S.F. and Mary Phillips Lewis. She was a member of Holiness Tabernacle Church.

Survivors include a son, Robert Lee Hill of Wilmington; a brother, S.F. "Bud" Lewis of Wilmington; two sisters, Mrs. Ida Pressley of Hampstead and Mrs. Joe (Geneva) Potter of Wilmington; two grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

CHERYL HILL

The funeral for Cheryl Hill, 23, of Shallotte, was held Jan. 13 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. Vaughn Cherry officiating. Burial was in Angela Faye Cemetery.

Miss Hill died Jan. 9.

Survivors include a son, Taurean Javon Hill of the home; parents, Lem and Helen Hill of Shallotte; four brothers, Dean Stanley, Robert Stanley Sr., Ray Hill and Charles Hill, all of Shallotte; two sisters, Mrs. Carol Bell of Shallotte and Ms. Felecia Smith of Bolivia; and a step-grandmother, Mrs. Ollie Hill of Shallotte.

ROOSEVELT MARLOWE

Roosevelt Marlowe, 86, of Ash, died Jan. 9.

The funeral was held Jan. 14 at Little Prong Baptist Church by the Rev. Raymond Smith, with burial in the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ruth Marlowe; four daughters, Mrs. Rudell Gause and Mrs. Essie Bowers of Ash, Mrs. Delphia Bryant of Supply and Mrs. Cleo Johnson of Bolivia; a son, Clinton Marshburn of Newark, N.J.; and two sisters, Mrs. Flaria King of Whiteville and Mrs. Lena Flowers of Longwood.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sabbath Home To Mark Men's Day

Sabbath Home Baptist Church near Holden Beach will observe Baptist Men's Day on Jan. 22.

According to the Rev. Franklin Meyers, pastor, church laymen will conduct all functions during the services that day.

Brotherhood President Albert Rogers and Training Director Mac McKnight invite the community to participate and hear the Sabbath Home men, who will fill teach Sunday School, sing in the choir, deliver sermons at the morning and evening worship services and provide special music.

Shallotte on Jan. 22-24.

Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. each day and the public is invited, said the Rev. George Blanchard, minister.

To Host Meeting

Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Bolivia will host a one-day

district board meeting for the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention on Saturday, Jan. 21, beginning at 10 a.m.

All board members are asked to attend and to be on time, said Annie R. Bryant of Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church, president of the board.

CEDAR GROVE AREA NEWS

Chorus Begins Bryant Fund

BY BARBARA T. HEWETT

The Male Chorus of Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church has begun a fund drive in honor of one of its members, the late deputy sheriff Jimmy Bryant.

Those wishing to make a monetary contribution are asked to contact Bob P. Gore, Harry Bryant or Henry J. Bryant.

The Cedar Grove area is deeply mourning Bryant's homegoing. He was the son of Pencie Bryant of the church and the late Calvin Bryant. Survivors also include his wife, Peggy, and sons, Jimmy J. Bryant and Westley Bryant.

Besides being a deputy for many years, he was a part of many constructive projects. In addition to the Male Chorus, in the church he was a member of the Young Adult Choir and the Prodigal Sons, with James Hargrove, Collis Hewett and Bob Pascal Gore.

Delegates Chosen

Dolphus Bryant, Rufus Gore, Hodges Morgan and Frank S. Fullwood will represent the Cedar Grove church at Ocean View Association's first Men's Union of the year, to be held at Pleasant View Baptist Church in Thomasboro on Jan. 28 and 29.

Along with delegates from the other 14 churches of the union, they will hear introductory, temperance,

doctrinal and educational sermons by various ministers and a Burial Association progress report.

Lunch will be served on Saturday, while on Sunday the services begin with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and end after the 11 a.m. service.

Choirs Held Supper

The Senior and Gospel choirs of Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church held their annual supper on Dec. 29 in the Upper Room dining hall.

Music Department Chairman B. Herman Grissett coordinated the program, with the assistance of Gracie Hewett, Etha Mae Herring and Doris Hewett.

Gifts were exchanged following a program of music, words of exhortation and prayer, then members of the choirs joined other church members at the annual Watch Night service.

Happy Birthday

Birthday greetings to Lillie Mercer, William A. Turner, Keyvn Paul John and Rev. Mervyn Paul John, Ida Mae Johnson, Deborah Stanley and Sean Bryant of Bolivia Elementary School.

Tune In

Be sure to listen to WVCB Radio Station (1410 AM) in Shallotte for the Cedar Grove Area News on Thursdays at 3 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:15 a.m. Also listen for the Moments of Inspiration gospel music program on Sundays.

Weekly Scripture

The Scripture for the week comes from Joel 2:21, "Fear not O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things."

Camp Slates Services

The Rev. Wilbur Jackson, pastor of Whiteville United Methodist Church, will lead spiritual renewal services at Camp United Methodist Church in



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