



GAP CHRONICLES

NEWSLETTER

CAMP TIME AGAIN... GUAVA GAP VINTAGE VOYAGERS ENJOY CAMP 2024 TO THE FULLEST!

When the Adventist Youth (AY) department announced Easter Camp 2024, the excitement *ketch on quick quick* because it had been about 10 years since the last one. *(continued on page 2)*



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BAUGH**
Evangelist, Pastor

**DERRICK
RICHARDS**
Co-Evangelist, Elder

‘HOPE OF GLORY’ CRUSADE BRINGS REVIVAL TO GUAVA GAP

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Guava Gap experienced spiritual revival and welcomed three new members to the fold during the ‘Hope of Glory’ crusade from March 2 to 23. *(continued on page 3)*

BARGAINS GALORE! GUAVA GAP COMMUNITY SERVICES YARD SALE ‘DRAW CROWD’ TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SINK

In late 2023, the Community Services department, led by Sis. Carol Lawrence, decided they were tired of catching water to do dishes and said it was time to get an industrial sink. *(continued on page 4)*



CAMP (CONTINUED)

Where: Bowden Primary School (Stony Hill)

When: Friday March 29 to Monday April 1

Theme: Vintage Voyagers: Let's Get Back to Basics

It went like this:

Thursday night: The campers left Guava Gap at around 9:00 pm

Friday: Camp set up. The male dorm lead was Rohane Richards and the female dorm lead was Ashante Gray. Romario Vassell was the camp inspector...*mek sure you dorm tidy, Romi ah come!* There was a trek to the Falling Edge Waterfall, a refreshing hidden gem that was oh so beautiful. GGSDA pastor, Selvin Stewart, visited to get a little taste of camp in the afternoon. Later, another special visitor joined in for vesper- East Jamaica Conference youth director, Pastor Joel Jumpp.

Sabbath: The campers enjoyed 'church away from church'. Jackeem Richards shared a wonderful sermon about being careful where you camp using the story of Lot from the Bible. Guava Gap first elder, Colin Williams, joined the campers for worship and fellowship. Activity coordinator, Sanjay Anderson, demonstrated survival skills in the afternoon. And of course sociaaalllll on Saturday night.

Sunday: First, sports. Two teams in GG colours- Burgundy House and Gold (Yellow) House. Who won? Burgundy House!!! Goooo team! Then...the event everyone was waiting for...BANQUET!!! Campers came out in their vintage best.

The contest winners were as follows:

Camp Queen (1)- Ashante Gray, **Camp King (2)**- Jaquan Townsend, **Mr. Congeniality (3)** Conroy Hall, **Ms. Congeniality (4)**, Kaliah Daley, **Best Dressed Male (5)**- Alrick Lewis, **Best Dressed Female (6)**- Tiffania Vassell-Hamilton (*numbers correspond to pictures below*).

Monday: It was time to pack down, clean up and come home loaded with awesome camp memories. The campers were on their way back by 11:00 am.

Di food did nice cyaan dun thanks to camp chefs Elder Donna Lewis and Sister Jacqueline Richards. *Talk bout* fried dumplings with cabbage and saltfish, bean stew, curry goat, escovitch sprat, rice and peas, chocolate tea and hominy corn porridge that stretch so much by social time Saturday night that it turn into hominy corn tea! Some say it's the best camp food they ever had...*den nuh mus!*

Campers were physically, mentally and most of all spiritually refreshed at the end. God be praised.

The camp coordinator was AY assistant leader, Tifania Vassell-Hamilton who was supported by AY leader Nathan Richards and the AY department. *Shout out* to resource persons Derrick Richards, Clement Lewis, Jacqueline Garvey-Henry (camp nurse), Rayon Hamilton, Roberta Fuller-Watson (donated camp t-shirts) and everyone who helped make the event a success. (*More pictures on page 3*).





CRUSADE (CONTINUED)

The Personal Ministries department led the campaign with East Jamaica Conference Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Director, Pastor Anthony Baugh who carried the first two weeks, and Guava Gap elder, Derrick Richards who preached in the final week.

Powerful messages were broadcast in sanctuary, online and in the community such as ‘Michael vs the Dragon’, ‘When Mercy Says No’, ‘The Seal of God’, ‘When Heaven Was Left Empty’, ‘When the Story Ends’ and more.

The three persons who were baptised are- Kay-Ann Blackwood, Ashantie Anderson and Conroy Hall.

Guava Gap Personal Ministries director and crusade manager, Elder Lloyd Lawrence, says church members still talk about how they were blessed and non church members continue to respond to the crusade messages.

“Even now there are three individuals who I’m really working with so at any moment we can have persons who make a commitment and it is because of the crusade. The seed was planted from the preaching and we are still going to reap more success out of it by God's grace,” he said.

Lawrence thanks the Personal Ministries Council and all who contributed to the successful planning and execution of the campaign.



YARD SALE (CONTINUED)



...The sink would cost about JD\$200,000.00. A generous church member put up half of the cost, but where would the remainder come from?

The team brainstormed and came up with the idea for a yard sale from all the donated items they had accumulated that had not been distributed.

And so on Sunday March 24, after much planning, the yard sale began bright and early at 7:00 am. Persons from the church and surrounding communities came to see what bargains they could find. Prices ranged from \$50 to \$2000.

One man came in early with his cup of ‘strong drink’ in hand and his eye caught some children’s toys.

“Mi want dem fi mi son and mi daughter!,” he declared. But he had no cash. Now under a new influence, he threw away what was in his cup and jumped in a taxi. “Mi soon come back mi ago draw some money...hold dem fi mi!,” he said.

Sis. Inga Forrest secured the items and when the man came back he enthusiastically purchased toys for his children.

Miss Elethia, nicknamed ‘African specialist’ because of her love of African print ensembles, stopped by after church. One of her friends spotted an African print dress and showed it to her. She was ecstatic and the dress fit perfectly! But she too had to go get her money.

“Miss Carol, save dah frock yah fi mi...mi ah come back fi it!,” she said. And she did.

A young customer who attends the Mannings Hill Primary School stopped by with her cousin.

Between them they had a small amount of cash and bought what it could buy. The team found a pair of pants that they thought she might like. She loved it but the money was finished.

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It's ok, just give it to her,” said Elder Donna Lewis and the girl was so happy.

No one expected her to come back but she did and with more money. She wanted to buy dresses for church. Again, her funds weren’t enough but a church member paid for one of the dresses so she could have them all. She promised to come and visit Guava Gap one Sabbath and, who knows, maybe those dresses will remind her to stop by again.

These and many other customers filled the day with joy and laughter.

“Many people wanted to know when the next yard sale will be held,” said Lawrence.

The department thanks Sisters Louise Forrest, Tameka Hughes, Marvalyn Smith and daughter, Jodi-Ann, Phyllis Garvey, Natasha Smith, Natalia Martell, Leslie Williams, Kimberley Starege, Bro. Hopeton Kelly and other team members and participants who contributed to a rewarding day that brought Community Services within sight of their goal to install a sink.