

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9 NIV

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Longtime Church Leader Serves as Premier

The Honorable Juliana Yvonne O'Connor-Connolly assumed the role of Premier of the Cayman Islands last November, which is the head of government, a position similar to a prime minister.

However, to many of our church people in Cayman Brac and Grand Cayman, she is known as Sis. Juliana, a faithful church member and leader who assists with preaching as needed.

A list of her accomplishments begins with a teaching career and a law degree. In 1996 she won her first elected position as representative of the District of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman. She was the first female to hold that position, and she has continued breaking barriers and serving in key roles since, including Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Deputy Premier, and Premier. She first served as Premier 11 years ago.



We congratulate Sis. Juliana on achieving this level of influence. It illustrates her colleagues' trust in her character and leadership. She has been a real Christian witness, unafraid to speak out against the moral decay that has encroached in recent years. Pray for God to use her mightily in this role.

Highlights from Cayman Brac

We are grateful for the continued leadership of Gayle and Micki Woods as pastor in Cayman Brac. Some recent highlights include:

- Dr. Woods baptized a new convert on the first Sunday in January. The young man, Sebastian Brown, was saved during a Sunday school class at Watering Place. The baptismal service was held at the high school swimming pool, and members from both churches attended.
- Church members have been challenged to read their Bibles through in 2024. Two members, in addition to Gayle and Micki, achieved this goal in 2023.
- Gayle and Micki made a new American friend when they stopped in at a local thrift shop. He invited them to play croquet with his American and European friends. Dr. Woods appreciates prayers as he intends to explore this open door to share God's love.



Thank you for your prayers for the Woods family and for the Spot Bay and Watering Place churches.



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Remembering Sharon Mauck

Sharon Mauck served in Jamaica from 1969-1983, alongside her husband, Ray, and her daughter, Amber.

Together, Ray and Sharon worked with Venture High School and also with the youth of the churches.

Upon returning to the U.S., Ray and Sharon served as children's pastors for more than 30 years, and she was also an active supporter of Fort Scott Christian Heights.

Sharon passed to her heavenly reward on January 31, 2024.

We are grateful for Sharon's life devoted to Kingdom work, and her influence in the Jamaican churches.

Sis. Dulcie Bailey, a Jamaican pastor, spoke of the great support Sharon was to her husband in ministry, adding, "We have lost a friend, 'a Mother in Zion,' and an encourager of the brethren."

Please remember Ray and the family in your prayers.

Back in the Swing of Things By Larry Doyle, Papua New Guinea



Larry's January trip out to Buka to reconnect with the So-los Bible translation teams was brief, but fruitful. He was able to get a good bit of work done, a little bit of training

in, and have meaningful conversations with the people who are or will be involved in translation. He was also able to connect to an official in the Department of Education to start some long-term planning for local teacher training in coming years.

The older two boys, Lawrance II and Amaziah, were able to get started in the middle school here in January, too. There was some concern coming off of a year and a half of homeschooling, but they have fit right in and are doing well. Jacob had already gone directly into his class at the primary campus. All three boys are enjoying being back with their friends and classmates from previous years, as well as getting to know the "new kids" that have come while we were away.

Christy continues to focus on integrating our lives and belongings into our house, a task which was incomplete when we left in 2022, and only complicated by the things we brought with us from the USA this time. She has also resumed part-time work at the clinic, and is considering the possibility of one out of several other part-time roles as well. Balancing the things that can be done to help others with what needs to be done to stay healthy as an individual and as a family is not an easy process, so pray for wisdom.

We have a full slate of opportunities before us, so pray that we will be faithful in the things God leads us to do.



Sharing the Light

The building in the background is the Church of God (Holiness) in Gurumbelle. Missionary Jere Gowin started evangelizing in this Ghanaian village in 2010. It is a remote place, 57 miles and a 2 ½ hour rigorous journey from the city of Wa. It is also home to the Chakali people, and there was no church of any kind in the past.

The village has a solar-powered street light and a solar-powered cell phone tower close to the church. It seems fitting that a building dedicated to communicating the Light of the World is close to these structures.

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