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Newsletter Update

Dear Brethren,

We trust by God's grace that everyone is doing well. We remain thankful to



God for you and for your continued support in the mission of the gospel, sharing the Word to reach and recruit souls for Christ.

Preachers' Seminar in Trinidad

In March, I attended a two-day preacher's seminar in the Port of Spain area, hosted by the Trinidad School of Preaching and its partners. More than sixty preachers were present, students, new preachers, and seasoned ministers.

The theme was **"The Integrity of the**

Body of Christ." The presenters emphasized that none of Jesus' physical bones were broken, fulfilling a biblical prophecy of the Old Testament. So, we must ensure that His spiritual body, the church, does not suffer brokenness through human negligence or harmful actions.



The fellowship was uplifting. It gave preachers a moment to reconnect, encourage one another, and rekindle our shared mission. My trip required a long flight through Panama City, and I returned home on March 4.

Construction Progress on the Building



Two weeks later, we began work on the building construction. We started excavating the trenches to lay the footings for the structural foundation. Until April 6, all efforts were concentrated outside the building because it was still in use.



The digging revealed several surprises, old cesspits, buried pipes, and bottles dating back to the 18th century. After our gospel meeting on April 2–5, we vacated the building completely and began digging the interior to place the columns that will support the second floor.

The work has been challenging and slow, as almost everything must be done manually, but progress continues. So far, about **90% of the steel work for the structural foundation is complete**. I am pleased with the quality of the steel being used. According to reliable engineering sources, the 12mm rebar in the footings and 16mm rebar in the columns will support the weight of the structure effectively.

Gospel Meeting: April 2–5

Even though the parking area was already filling with debris from the excavation, we conducted our scheduled gospel meeting. The theme was **“Are You Ready!”** The lessons covered:

1. Are You Ready to Meet God
2. Are You Ready for the Cross
3. Are You Ready for Salvation

4. Are You Ready for the Resurrection

We were grateful to have several visitors in attendance. On the final night, April 5, after the service ended, I asked everyone to help collect the songbooks and stack the chairs. The next morning, April 6, the sound of wall cutters and demolition hammers filled the auditorium as construction intensified.



As of this writing (April 21), we are still digging and adding new columns to ensure the building's weight is supported evenly.

Temporary Meeting Location

The church is currently meeting at a temporary location just a few blocks



down the same street. We were blessed to find a place available for **Sunday morning services**, with ample parking and still within our community.

Last Sunday, two visitors were waiting at the old location, but thankfully a brother passed by and guided them to the new site.

The rent for the temporary location is **500 XCG per**

month (about 285 USD). How long we remain there will depend on the pace of construction. The project is requiring more funding than originally anticipated, and this week I had to begin cutting back by reducing the number of workers.

Christian Ethics Online Meeting (April 17–18)

On April 17–18, we conducted a special online meeting on **Christian Ethics**



with brother **Daniel Stearsman** from Colorado. Daniel is a pharmacist, preacher, ethicist, and a member of the faculty at the Bear Valley Bible Institute.

I first met Daniel in 2021 in a Bible Ethics class and had always hoped he could share his insights with our region.

Brother Brooks Boye, former preacher at Oxford, had already spoken to Daniel about me before we met, so we started on good footing.

The sessions were conducted through Google Meet and streamed to my Facebook page. They were enlightening and well-received. After each lesson, we

opened the floor for questions and comments. Several of our local members, brethren from Daniel's congregation, and others across the Caribbean participated.

We extend a heartfelt thank-you to brother Daniel Stearsman for accepting our invitation and sharing this time with us.

Please give our greetings to all and thank you for your continued support in the gospel. Keep us in your prayers!

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