Jamaica: Children’s radio program sparks hope in fire victims

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The family is the victim of a fire, which destroyed their two-bedroom home in Kendal, Manchester in 2007. They currently live in a one-bedroom board shack, which has serious leaking problems whenever it rains. They are also in need of proper bathroom facilities.

The funds were made available through a fundraising concert that launched the Children's Time radio program aired on NCU FM 91.1 and 91.3, earlier this month at the NCU Gymnatorium in Mandeville, Jamaica.

"We became aware of the challenges that existed with this family when an outreach group called Help-a-Child Ministry asked us to assist," said Keisha Francis, producer of Children's Time. "After a needs analysis was done we started working with them on their immediate need of food and short term funding. We then highlighted their plight on-air and decided to turn the launch of Children's Time into a benefit concert for the family."

In addition to the cash, the family also received a trip for four to the all-inclusive Beaches Boscobell in Ocho Rios, along with a gift basket with food items, books and toys.

"I am really feeling happy knowing that someone has stepped out for us, said Sandra Byrd. "It is very encouraging to know that God answers prayers. I have been praying a lot about it and today God has come through in a good way for us. This will help us to build on the structure that we have already started"

"Our mantra at NCU is that we care," said Mr. Everett Wiles, acting managing director of the NCU Media Group. "We don't want to just say it, but also live it. We want people to experience and benefit from it. We cannot just be in the community, but we must have the community be a part of us and we need to care for individuals who are less fortunate. This is not something that is a one off activity, but what we intend to do going forward."

Children's Time program is aired every Saturday morning at 8:00 am with host Aunty Keisha. The broadcast gives children the opportunity to express themselves and share their talents, while sharing the love of God to listeners.

"One of the main aims of the program is to reach out to people near and far to draw them closer to God and to lend a helping hand to those who are need," added Francis. "We praise God for those who have partnered with us and assisted in making families like the Byrds happy."
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Top leaders from each of the 21 major church regions are meeting to make decisions on evangelism strategies, education strategies, policies and initiatives among items that will shape the church during the coming years. Executive committee members will also visit local churches tomorrow and later report on the growth of the church from their regions at the Hillview Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Already, top church leaders were updated on the development and financial growth of the boards of its top institutional organizations during a full day of meetings held yesterday in Miami, Florida.

Church leaders will also witness the inauguration of the newly constructed Atlantic Caribbean Union Mission (ACUM) headquarters in Nassau, as Pastor Israel Leito, president of the church in Inter-America will speak at the inaugural ceremony on Oct. 30. In addition to The Bahamas with its more than 17,000 church members, the ACUM also covers the church in the Cayman Islands and Turks and Caicos, totaling more than 6,000 church members.

Scheduled to attend the inauguration is Governor General of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, His Excellency Sir Arthur A. Foulkes and the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, The Rt. Honourable Hubert A. Ingraham.

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