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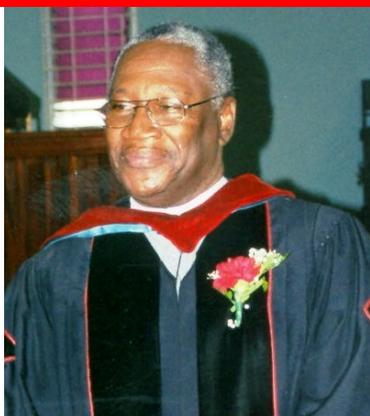
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JIRÈNÉ TODAY!



"Engaging Mission in the 21st Century: RE-VISIONING FOR THE FUTURE"

The Caribbean and North America Council for Mission, commonly called CANACOM, has announced that the Rev. Dr. Maitland Evans President, International University of the Caribbean (IUC), will be the keynote speaker at the *Fitz Gerald Laing Memorial Lecture*.



Rev. Dr. Maitland Evans

The lecture will take place, **Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 4:00 pm**; at the Kings Gate United Church, 49 Hope Road, Kingston 10, Jamaica. **Theme** of the Rev. Dr. Evans' presentation will be: "**Engaging Mission in the 21st Century: Re-visioning for the Future**".

Persons interested in attending the lecture are invited to make contact with **CANACOM** by email at: canacom1986@yahoo.com or by telephone at **927-8829** by **August 31, 2016**.

Appropriate attire for the occasion is described as "Elegantly Casual".

CANACOM exists to foster partnership in mission among Churches in the Caribbean and North American region through sharing of resources, accompaniment, and empowerment for creative engagement in God's mission in our local communities and global context.

There are fourteen (14) member churches attached to CANACOM (including the member Churches of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, (UCJCI); the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago, the Reformed Church of Surinam, the Guyana Congregational Union, and the Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada de Cuba.

PRAY FOR:

Pray for the arrangements being made for the Memorial Services and Service of Thanksgiving for the life of our dearly departed Minister of the Word and Sacraments, the Rev. Henry Earl Thames, which will be held on September 4 and 6, 2016 respectively.



CELEBRATIONS!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY To:

• *Rose Wedderburn, on August 31, and to:*
• *Karen Francis, on September 2.*
Blessings to you both!!

JIRÈNÉ BAIN'S TESTIMONY...

For weeks we prayed for the recovery of Jirène Bain. Hear her testimony of how God answered our prayers!

On the 13th of June, I had eight (8) fainting spells at school. I did not know what was going on. While there at school I was taken care of by the school nurse, my Hostel mistress, teachers and friends. Things were getting worse, so later that day the school had to contact my guardians and one of them (Ms. Trueman) rushed me to the **Percy Junior Hospital** in Spalding. While I was at the hospital, my other guardian (Ms. Forbes), who was at the time in Mandeville, was in contact with a church sister, one of God's agents, to come and support Ms. Trueman at the hospital where I was waiting to be looked after. However, as I still had not seen a doctor, she took me to the Mandeville Hospital. Another of my church sisters, who works at the hospital, was contacted before I reached there, and she had all my documents ready. She and Dr. J. Daley made sure that I was okay. (I had to be told all these things).

As the days went by I was in the hospital trying to eat, and on IV fluids, just trying to get better, and of course wondering if I could get back to school in time for my exams. After a while I felt better, I got discharged, but the fainting spells continued, so unfortunately, I did not get to do my exams; neither was I getting better. About 2 weeks later I was actually getting worse, until it reached a point where I literally **could not WALK.**

My parents, who are living in Haiti, had to be called home earlier than usual although they were planning to come for the summer holidays. They sent this verse to me as an encouragement, while I was sick:



Isaiah 54:17 "No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that is raised up against thee in judgment thou shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servant of the Lord and their righteousness is of me."

Fortunately my parents made it to Jamaica safely and even though my guardians were there for me in their absence, now, even in their presence they visited me practically everyday. And my faithful Aunty came to do some reflexology on my feet. I am sure it was quite scary for my parents but encouraging to know that they had a God that they could call upon. I was taken to the Doctor often for appointments and the Doctor's usual response would be "I don't understand. You've done all the tests and they are ok. Maybe we should try an MRI or a sleep study." Of course, anybody would be tempted to ask God the questions: **Why me? Why now?**

I started wondering what life would be like not walking again, because everything seemed hopeless and the Doctors could not find what the problem was. So I started to think that if I'll never walk again my life would be different, yet lived for God's glory. And I also knew that you all were helping my fam-

ily and me to pray. My parents constantly kept me in God's Word. I was feasting on it. **God then provided me with a wheelchair from a lovely couple from our church, and I used that chair to get around.**

PRAISE THE LORD!

On the 6th of August 2016 I had a miracle,

I GOT MY INDEPENDENCE!!

Usually my father and I would exercise in the mornings so on this particular day I decided that I wanted to go on my veranda. I suddenly noticed that my knees were less "wobbly" so I claimed my miraculous healing from then.

From that time on I was just holding on to the furniture to get around in my house until I was progressing.

I was still keeping up with Doctor's appointments and she too was really happy to see how I was progressing. **She finally came to the conclusion that I no longer have to do the tests,** and I could go back to school come September, which I am excited about, and she advised me to stay on the medication.

God is good all the time and all the time God is good. "Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name. Because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

I would like to thank you all who were praying for me, all who supported me and contributed your time.

May God continue to bless you. "For I shall not die but live and proclaim the works of the Lord." Psalm 118:17

THANK GOD! BLESSINGS ON YOU ALL!!