

JAMAICA BAPTIST UNION MISSION AGENCY (JBUMA)

“Advancing the Mission of Jesus Christ”

WHAT IS THE JBU MISSION AGENCY?

The Jamaica Baptist Union Mission Agency (JBUMA) is the agency of the Jamaica Baptist Union (JBU) that leads the congregations of the JBU in the Mission of Jesus Christ in Jamaica, the Caribbean and the rest of the World. It functions to remind all Christians that we are in this world for the mission which Jesus established and the Apostles advanced. It is living God's presence of Love, Righteousness, Holiness, Justice and Peace, in the life and circumstances of each person today.

HOW DO WE FULFIL OUR MANDATE?

The ministry of the Mission Agency is carried out by a Council led by; a Chairman, a Director/Secretary, a Programme Coordinator (staff), a Secretary and a Treasurer of the Council in addition to Conveners of committees. The ministry is funded by the donations of; individuals, congregations, organizations and a JBU Budgetary allocation.

THE MISSION EMPHASES ARE:



1. Mission Volunteer Programme (MVP)

The JBUMA Mission Volunteer Programme (MVP) seeks to prepare a cadre of volunteers from JBU churches who will assist congregation(s) with various aspects of the Mission of Jesus Christ. Volunteers might also be assigned as personnel for the mission to advance the programme of the JBUMA. Traditional areas include; Vacation Bible School (VBS), Evangelism, Sunday School, Youth Ministry and Disaster response.

Would you like to be a JBU Mission Volunteer? Enlist today with the JBUMA.

2. JBUMA Mission Fund

The targeted amount is at least, **Twenty Million Jamaican Dollars** as a deposit, the interest of which is to be used to fund the Mission. Specifically, the money will assist churches with; the purchase of church land, disaster response, church building expansion, the Mission Volunteer Programme, purchase of additional Tents, finance the mission to Haiti, Panama, Guyana, Cuba, Turks and Caicos Islands, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Sports Evangelism and other aspects of the Mission.



JBUMA Mission Fund “Giving Plan”: In order to achieve the above target, a monthly contribution is being requested in the following ways:

- Each Church Budget - JM\$1,000.0
- Each Member - JM\$100.00
- Each Pastor - JM\$500.00

3. Urban and Rural Ministries



This is a new and evolving area of the JBUMA through which we seek to sensitize our constituents of the peculiarities and distinctives of ministry in the Urban and Rural geographic locales. It is hoped that this emphasis on Urban and Rural ministry practices will greatly assist the JBU in training and preparing Pastors and People for more effective mission engagement throughout Jamaica, the Caribbean and the rest of the world.

4. Evangelism and Discipleship

This area of ministry entails; Evangelistic services, Schools of Evangelism, Discipleship Training, Leisure Evangelism, Sports Evangelism, etc. There will be collaboration with the MVP in identifying people for the various activities and events.



5. Tent Rental Ministry

We presently have two Tents that are made available for rental. One for Church missions and the other for Evangelism and other approved activities.

Rental rates and polices can be had from the JBUMA office.

Tent Description:

- **Size** – 40ft. X 60ft.
- **Colour** – Blue and White.
- **Seating Capacity** – 800 people.



6. Health and Outreach

Kingston Gardens Ministries

The Kingston Gardens Health and Outreach Centre, 2 West Avenue, Kingston 4, is owned and operated by the Jamaica Baptist Union Mission Agency (JBUMA), on behalf of the Union of congregations. It serves those who live in and around Kingston Gardens.



Some of what we are doing there include:

- Training of Health Care Assistants
- Skills Training Programme
- CXC Revision classes & Computer Classes
- Health Fairs
- Youth For Progress - Youth Fellowship
- Children's Ministry, etc.

100 & Park Lanes, Red Hills Road Ministries

The JBU and the Bethel Baptist Church, HWT, began its mission to these communities in January 2002, in response to a political upheaval that resulted in death, fire and the two communities in dispute. In 2010, we are happy to report that there is evidence of a greater commitment to Peace and Unity among these communities.

What's the mission here? Working for Unity, Justice, Peace and Love through the following areas:

- Sports Evangelism - Football
- Sunday School
- Peace and Reconciliation Initiatives
- Collaboration with the Jamaica Council of Churches in other peace initiatives.
- Re-establishment of a Basic School



Health Fair Programme

This programme facilitates requests from congregations to organize Health fairs.



Services offered at Health fairs include:

- Blood sugar checks
- Diet counseling
- HIV/AIDS and other Tests, etc.

7. Disaster Awareness and Emergency Response (DAER)

This ministry is one of awareness of and response to all types of disaster.

The JBUMA is in the process of establishing a Disaster Agency that will; enlist and deploy volunteers, identify, store and distribute items of need after a disaster and offer timely suggestions in preparation for and awareness of disasters.



8. Partnerships (Locally, Regionally and Internationally)



Partnerships are seen as a relationship between equals in the Lord. They are usually of a mutual nature. Such Partnerships are between churches of the JBU; JBU and non-JBU Churches and JBU and other Unions and Conventions.

The JBUMA Partnership Programme facilitates a relationship for a specific period of time. Our partners share the fundamental things that make us Christians. All we have from God are equally shared. There is no basis for domination of one partner by the other.

One of the **Regional Partnerships** is with churches of the **Republic of Haiti**, in the communities of Port-au-Prince, Anse-au-Veau and Thomasset. This mission includes, provision potable water; construction of church/school buildings; re-a forestation; a school feeding programme; provision of Teacher stipend; education scholarships in Jamaica; January 12 earthquake response relief; Medical clinics; short term missioner-pastor interventions and training in healthy lifestyles.

9. JBU Horizon Home

This area of ministry caters to the increasing needs and growing population of geriatrics in the society today. The Home is located at 9 Sullivan Ave., Kingston 8, and has a capacity of 18. Here, female geriatrics or senior citizens, live together and are assisted from day to day by a staff and management committee.



10. Training in Discipleship & Ministry Programme (TDM)



This training Institute seeks to provide opportunities for the training and development of Church Leaders. The curriculum includes subject areas, such as Preaching, Christian Ethics, Counselling, Survey of the Bible, to name a few. These subjects are to provide participants with essential and critical areas of training for the Mission of Jesus Christ today.

11. Jamaica Baptist Historical Society

The Jamaica Baptist Historical Society seeks to recapture Baptist history wherever and however it might be available for presentation to interested persons. The **JBU Resource Centre** or Library is a repository of historical documents and a place to research Baptist history.

