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WE'RE SORRY!!!

The members of the Newsletter Committee sincerely apologize for the delay in the publication of this issue.

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July 30 - August 3
15th Baptist Youth World Conference **2008 LEIPZIG**
Germany

If you were in Hong Kong in 2004, then you know what an unbelievably rich experience it is to share with thousands of Baptist Youth from across the world. If you were not in Hong Kong, then here comes your opportunity to experience the fellowship!

- The 15th Baptist World Youth Conference will be held in Leipzig, Germany from July 30 - August 3, 2008, under the theme Dive Deeper.
- This is an opportunity for you to be among thousands of youth,

youth workers and the young at heart from all across the world, sharing a common worship experience and fellowship.

- This Conference is held only once every five years and the JBU has always sought to encourage persons to attend, as is being done now.
- YOU! Yes, YOU! Why don't you come along! Yes, just imagine what an experience it will be! Sharing with

youth from all across the world, from different cultures, with different languages, serving the same God! Wow!

- AND, there's even more! The Jamaican contingent will enjoy a tour of parts of Europe after the Conference.
- We knew you'd be excited about coming, and we want you to be there too.
- Now, let's be practical, right. This isn't a ride on a JUTC bus or a route taxi, this needs proper planning. Well, we've made it a bit easier for you. We've worked out a payment schedule so you can make payments over a number of months, "one-one cocoa full basket".
- So, friend, get in touch with the JBU office now to more details and register for the Conference.

See you in Leipzig!!

For more information visit the Baptist World Alliance Website at

A Word From The Chairman...

Greetings!

Although we have not made any publications for some time now, we are still pressing on as a youth body and the Youth Department hopes that YOU, dear friends, have been doing the same.



So much has transpired over the past months. We have seen God's mighty hand working among and through us. Recently we partnered with the Caribbean Baptist Youth Fellowship and two separate teams went from Jamaica to Grenada and Panama on missions.

As the end of my two year tenure is fast approaching, stepping

down is such sweet sorrow. My tenure can be likened to that of a car, a Betsy perhaps; a couple unwanted breakdowns but with every breakdown came a push-your prayers, and I was ready to go again.

And with that, let me take this opportunity to thank you for all your prayers, words of encouragement and support. The road was not an easy one but I endured. I know it may be rough out there but you too can endure.

I must specially thank the Jamaica Baptist Youth Department's 2005-2007 officers for their assistance, cooperation and patience.

We had many long late-night meetings and would travel locally and sometimes internationally.

This ultimately drew us closer

together as a group, something that I welcomed.

It is my hope that YOU are fervent and resolute in your prayers asking for the continued success of our Youth Department in our efforts to guide youths inside and outside of the department and also for our sustained growth. Remember our Youth Department is nothing without YOU.

Blessings!!

Dave Collymore (Mr.)
(Chairman - JBUYD)

Meet our Chairman Elect

In the New Testament, Paul spoke of the gift of encouragement, and in today's society that is engulfed in despair, Lance Fisher is an example of a young man that inspires those who come in contact with him to do all they can for God.

A graduate of the University of Technology, Lance notes that he would love to see other young people become more excited about "jumping into the place that God has shaped them for, using their gifts, talents and resources that he has given them for His glory."

Lance was elected in November 2006 as the Department's first chairman-elect. Placed in leadership positions from an early age, Lance says that he sees the job as prospective Chairman of the Jamaica Baptist Union Youth Department as God's way of using him to make a difference in the lives of young persons.

"Certainly, I do not know exactly what He is doing, where He is leading, but this is a part of it," he informs.

Lance is also looking forward to the challenges that he might face, but notes that he can do all things through Christ who is his strength.

"His strength is evident when I know I am at my weakest. I am sure I may become discouraged at times, but, I like challenges, like proving doubts wrong. I am sure once I remember that I am not putting on a show for myself, but I am actually serving God, I will be confident that he is working his purpose, even when I can't see it," he notes.



Lance Fisher
Chairman elect

In addition to serving as the Department's Vice Chairman in charge of Students' Affairs, Lance is an active participant in the Men's Fellowship at the Mona Baptist Church.

He notes that he expects his good friends and church family to continue to encourage and pray for him.

Did you know?

Baptists believe that the Bible (Old & New Testaments) is the Word of God, and is therefore authoritative, complete and sufficient for faith and practice.

See also 2 Tim 3:16 – 17

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Movers & Shakers

Each quarter, this segment will feature and highlight the feats and accomplishments of an outstanding youth of the Jamaica Baptist Union.

In this issue we will be featuring Travis Drummond from the Grange Hill Baptist Church in Westmoreland.

I don't have any time! I am too busy! I am just too tired! This is often the cry of many young persons within the church community. But for our very own Travis Drummond, from the Fullersfield Circuit of Baptist Churches, there is always time to do something for God.

From preaching, to cleaning the church, going to Bible study, president of his church's youth



department, teaching Sunday School, member of the Missions Committee, member of the Circuit Brotherhood Executive, praise and worship leader, teaching and juggling all that with school work, Travis says he is never tired.

"I am not tired. God is just my rest and God always gives me the strength to go on from day to day. I always say to young people work while its day because the night is coming when no man can work," Travis says.

He explains that growing up in church and finding out that he has the ability to do what he does, he is motivated to "carry on" knowing that God always rewards those who do His work.

Travis strongly believes that young persons should be involved in the work of the church as "it would give them less time to be involved in the work of

the world, and would give them a sense of belonging."

"It is good for young people to be involved in the work of the church. I always say to my young people when we are involved it is for the building up of the church," Travis adds.

He also has an encouraging word for young persons who think they just don't have the time to do anything.

"I always tell them trust in the Lord with all of thy heart and lean not to thy own understanding, but in all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path," he advises.

If you know someone you think should be featured, submit a photograph and a brief profile to:

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Youth Spotlight

In case you did not know or you have not heard, you are hereby being informed of the most happening place to be if you are young, on fire for Christ (or want to know more about Him), enjoy lively and interesting discussions about the issues affecting young adults.

It's the Young Men's Fellowship at the Mona Baptist Church in Kingston!!!! By 6:30pm the meeting was well underway. There were a total of 9 'brothers' (as they prefer to be called) in attendance, in addition to their senior male guide. The topic for the evening was 'What happens when man meets woman?'

The discussion, explored the differences in decision making between men and women. An interesting difference noted was that of problem solving.

They all agreed that the general tendency is for women to talk through a problem (externalize) to arrive at a

solution, whereas men generally work out the problem in their heads (internalize) to arrive at a solution.

After much discussion, examples, joking and experience sharing, they concluded that these differences should be seen as complementary, in decision making, instead of as obstacles in relationships.

How Have They Benefited?

At the end of this lively and sometimes humorous discussion, IMPACT asked the men about the benefits of being part of a brotherhood such as the young men's fellowship and about the overall vision of the group.

"It provides an opportunity for young men to come together to find solutions for the problems affecting men today," said one of the members. Another noted that it was "a safe haven for young men to meet in such a homophobic society."

The group, which normally consists

of about 9-14 'brothers' meets every Thursday at 6:30 pm sharp in the Church's resource center. Though based at the Mona Baptist Church, it is non-denominational and therefore open to ALL young, adult males.

The group has many interesting plans for the year. These include organized/targeted sessions, open debates, limes, socials, group dates and a mentorship/big brother program with the Jamaica National Children's Home. So, in the words of the group, "Come be a part of Something Great!"

So, what has your Youth Group been doing? What are your programmes and ministries like? Write to us and let others know.

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