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Volunteer Opportunities and Works of Faith

As you may be aware, the [Christadelphian Bible Mission of the Americas](#) (CBMA) and [Christadelphian Bible Mission Canada](#) (CBMC) support the preaching and pastoral efforts of ecclesias in many countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. The main countries of activity are Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica and Panama in Central America - as well as Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Peru in South America and in the countries of Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Lucia and Trinidad & Tobago in the Caribbean.

There continue to be a number of ways to become involved in the work being done in these various places, some are one-time only projects, a few are on-going needs and many of the volunteer opportunities do not require a long term commitment.

Works of Faith 2014

Works of Faith appeals spawned from individual brothers, sisters and ecclesias asking us how they can become directly involved in helping the brothers & sisters and ecclesias in mission areas. These projects are above and beyond the normal budgeted items for a missionary country. Works of Faith projects are ideal for a CYC, Sunday School, or a whole ecclesia to adopt.

Currently we have 15 such projects listed at <http://www.cbma.net/faith/needs/> that could use your financial assistance.

Several examples (primarily in Jamaica this year) are:

- \$55 to replace a 15 year-old printer used by the Christadelphian Bible Mission of Jamaica.
- \$1,600 to purchase a water storage tank and pump near the Round Hill ecclesia to irrigate crops for a year-round harvest.
- \$250 to deliver a tanker truck full of water to offset a drought experienced by Round Hill ecclesial members.
- \$950 for sewing machines and supplies to replace those lost in fire - the small store was the main source of income for an ecclesial family.
- \$550 to purchase and supply a vendor cart so a widowed sister can support her family.
- \$1,400 to restock a little grocery store so a sister can supplement her family's income.



Delivering water to Round Hill

Please take a look at <http://www.cbma.net/faith/needs/> and see all of the current projects available. If you see any that you can help with or have any questions please contact Sis. Jan Berneau at jberneau@earthlink.net.



Volunteer Opportunities in Latin America



Spanish Truth Corps members (of all ages) are needed to assist fieldworkers and ecclesias. The ability to speak Spanish is certainly an asset. There is an Immediate opportunity that exists in Panama, Bolivia and Ecuador.

Bible School Support - Speakers are needed on an annual basis in many countries. Proficiency in Spanish again is an asset, however depending on the circumstances, translation can be arranged for English-only speaking brethren. Time commitments from long-weekends up to several weeks are possible. Panama is a prime location for English speaking brothers, sisters and young people to be fully involved in ecclesial and Bible School activities, since many local members speak both Spanish

and English, and translation is routine!

Full-time Missionaries are urgently required in several Latin America countries like Panama and Ecuador. Currently there is only one full-time missionary couple in all of Latin America. The time required for this type of work is generally longer, mainly due to intensive language training and cultural adjustments. In many cases, married couples have been the norm, although single brothers and sisters can be useful, subject to conditions like country placement (they must be located where there is an established ecclesia and/or a missionary presence).

English Truth Corps is a program that now operates in both North America and the Caribbean, and brothers and sisters of all ages are considered. In addition to the usual July/August Truth Corps this program is open to members who are available during any month of the year - thus applications are accepted at any time! Immediate opportunities are available in Jamaica, Trinidad and Guyana.



Bible School and Youth Camp Support

- On an annual basis speaking brethren - and brothers, sisters and young people of all ages - are needed to support the Caribbean ecclesias. There are fraternal gatherings scheduled throughout the year in many countries. The opportunities to volunteer and be fully involved are endless! Again, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago and Guyana are some of the countries that need our immediate support. One event in particular is the Triennial Youth Camp in Guyana in July of 2015 - young people from across the Caribbean attend these camps, and adult and youth attendance/support from North America is appreciated.

Full-time Missionaries are urgently needed in several countries -- Jamaica and Guyana are prime examples. A minimum of a one year time-frame is preferred, however multi-year commitments would yield a great long-term benefit in each country. The duties involve weekly pastoral support of existing ecclesias, including the youth programs, and there is a great deal of preaching potential in both countries.



For additional information about any of the above-mentioned opportunities please visit <http://www.cbma.net> and contact Brother Phil Snobelen at philsnobelen@shaw.ca.



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