

NEWSTART for Children Foundation

Veronica Benjamin better known as Sally has enjoyed a lifetime of having children around her, she herself coming from a large family of many siblings. Born in St. Vincent, she migrated at a very young age to Trinidad. As a young



adult she loved to travel and during one of her trips, she made a stop-over in St. Maarten, where she met and married her present husband. Sally's household, having two children of her own and one adopted was always full of children. It seems that all of the children of Sucker garden where she was living then, at one time or the other either stopped in at Aunt Sally or received some bit of positive advice or assistance from her. Sally was always prepared and willing to help and encourage any child who needed anything. She would accompany them, when asked, on school field trips on the island or abroad. She would take them to the beach on weekends and sometimes on hiking trips. She would even go the school with them, if their parents couldn't, when they got in trouble. Many teachers at school probably did not even know who the actual parent of a child was, but they certainly knew Miss Sally and probably wondered how this little woman could have so many children. A short sad time in her life came when all of "her children" grew up and went on to further their studies. But that did not last too long as somehow or the other another generation of children either found her or she found them and the house and car were again full of children. The first set of children still refer to her as "Aunt Sally" and the following ones are of the "Grandma" era. In 2005, she was approached by the authorities to be an official foster family, starting out with one child and over the years more foster children were added, up to about ten. Upon her husband's pending retirement, she decided to slow down and eventually give up the foster care, but someone suggested to her to establish a foundation through which she would be able to continue with her care for children. And to no one's surprise, that is exactly what she did in 2012, with her New Start for Children Foundation which runs a Home for foster children and presently can cater for maximum 25 children from 0 to 18. Who knows, there might be a "great-grandma" era somewhere down the line.

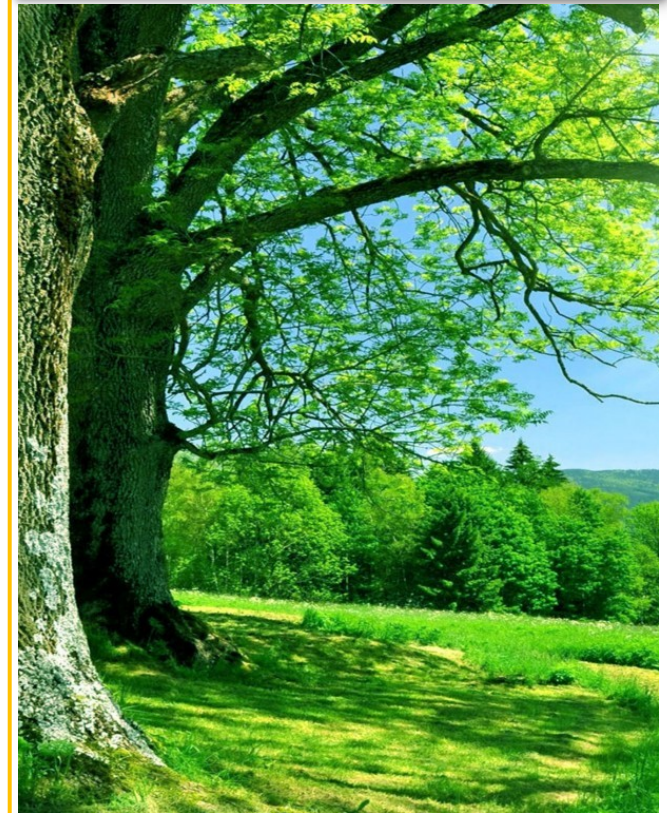
NOTICES

- 1) Happy Sabbath Friends, Brothers and sisters! We extend a very special Sabbath greeting to you our special guests and regular members. May the messages and the Music elevate you heart and soul to a closer relationship to our God.
- 2) Bible Study resumes this Sabbath afternoon at 3:30pm. Bring your bibles, bring a friend and study the word together.
- 3) May 25th 2019 World Day of Prayer for Children at Risk. This is a special day of prayer scheduled annually. Thousands of children around the world are at risk. Many face abuse, trafficking to other countries, hurt and more. Children at risk need to be protected and helped so that they can use their God given talents to their fullest. They need our prayers.
- 4) The Caribbean Union Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Congress will this year, be held on St. Maarten. The Cole Bay SDA Church. Please contact you Religious Liberty leader or pastor for more details.
- 5) The Re-dedication Service for the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church will be on June 2nd 2019.
- 6) The Health Ministries Departments on St. Maarten will join with the **Lay Institute for Global Health Training** for a Training Seminar from **June 2nd through 30th**, then will conclude with a Health Expo and Certification. There will also be additional Free Seminars available to Members and the General Public on Saturday Afternoons. Stay Tuned to your local Health Ministries Departments for further updates.
- 7) The Community Services Department will meet with all its members this evening at 7:00pm. Please be on time.

Do not listen to the enemy's suggestion to stay away from Christ until you have made yourself better; until you are good enough to come to God. If you wait until then, you will never come.... "Come near to God Today, and He will come near to you!"



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We Welcome You !

The Lord's Sabbath, May 18th, 2019

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PRAYER REQUESTS

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'



Please Remember The Shut-In members from our church and those in the sister churches. Special prayers are requested for our students and youth in Colleges and Universities. Please remember those who have lost loved ones, Please pray for our Pastors, Church Leaders and the membership and leaders around our Union and Division. Pray for those in other religious denominations and for others who have not known our Saviour. Please pray for our Government Leaders. Seek someone out today and pray with and for them.

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Please submit notices and bulletin information between Sundays and Wednesdays.

Church Services

Sunday	Cell Group Ministry
Prayer and Book Review-	Wednesday 7pm
Sabbath School	Saturday 9am
Divine Hour	Saturday 11am
Bible Study	Saturday 3:30pm
Adventist Youth Program	Saturday 4:30pm

Community Guest Day

Helping Hands Foundation (Attention and respect for the senior citizens of St. Maarten)

Jacqueline James, a medical assistant and former secretary at the temporary police school on St.

Maarten, decided to follow her dream and help the senior citizens of

St. Maarten. "I started out by driving a few elderly persons in my own car who needed help. We went to doctor's appointments. I drove them to collect their pension or we even went shopping. One person told five others and so on, and that is how people started to know me. I had a vision once that told me that this is what I was supposed to do in life.

It turned out a lot bigger than I ever dreamt" says James. In 2003 the White and Yellow Cross noticed the great job James was doing. She was asked to take over their existing transportation service. With the help of Cede Antiyas, the Helping Hands Foundation already owned a 16-seater bus for transportation so they accepted their new task. With Ms. Clarice Ellis and Ms. Jacqueline James herself behind the wheel Helping Hands drove many elderly across the island on a daily basis. We were able to get the wheelchair bus, carrying two wheelchairs and it also helped us to do much more for the senior and disabled people of St. Maarten in general. We hired two drivers and I was able to take on the position of coordinator", says James. The transportation service oh the Helping Hands Foundation is now providing approximately 700-900 trips on average per month and serving 120 members. The significance of the foundation could best be underlined by the fact that there is a waiting list of over forty elderly persons who also want a little bit of their freedom back.



Divine Service

Announcements Communication Department

Praise and Worship Praise Team

Welcome— Sister Laverne Nelson

Invocation Hymn — #29 "Sing Praise to God"

Call to Worship— Sister Luisa Maynard

Hymn of Adoration and Praise —# 1—"Praise To The Lord" Sister Luisa Maynard

Hymn of Continuation— #315 "O for A Closer Walk"

Prayer Song —#478 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
Prayer of Intercession—Elder Alphaeus Tatem

Special Music— Sister Darlene Gumbs
Special Music sung by Philipsburg SDA Church Choir

Children's Corner— Sister Darlene Gumbs
Story by Sister Marva Tyson

Scripture Reading— Sister Darlene Gumbs
Joshua 24:15

Introduction of Speaker—Pastor Vashni Cuvalay

Special Music - Sister Nordia Collins

Hymn of Meditation— #522 "My Hope Is built on Nothing Less"

Spoken Word— Pastor Buhire Elie Brown
"Choose Ye This Day"

Offertory - Brother Winston Blythe

Hymn of Consecration— Elder Shawn Roomes
#108—"Amazing Grace"

Benediction Elder Shawn Roomes

*Guard your heart above all else,
for it determines the course of your life.
(Proverbs 4:23)*