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OUR VISION: "Touching
lives, Nurturing Disciples,
Seeking Transformation
through Christ."

MT. OLIVET CELEBRATES 50

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PRAY FOR:



- **Nurse Joan Page-Bain** whose aunt, Mrs. Phyllis Bell, passed on. Service of Thanksgiving will be at Mead-owbrook United Church on November 11, 2017 at 11am.
- **Rev. Norman Francis** who is recovering from illness



The Mount Olivet Boys' Home, a ministry of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI) celebrates its **50th Anniversary** at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 12, in a Service to be held at the Mt. Olivet United Church under the

theme "**Nurturing Hope... Transforming Lives.**" The Moderator of Synod, **Rt. Rev. L. Christopher Mason** will be the preacher.

The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands in partnership with the Government of Ja-

maica, opened the doors of Mt. Olivet on **February 6 1967** and had its official Dedication and Opening ceremony on **April 20, 1967**. At that time the Home had 48 boys ages 10 – 12 years mostly assigned by government through the Children Ser-



GIRLS BRIGADE FUNDRAISER



THE GIRLS BRIGADE IN JAMAICA

invites everyone to the Silver
Tree Rally of the Districts

**2:00 pm. Saturday
November 11, 2017, at**

**at the Robert Longmore
Hall, Ridgemount
United Church**

Proceeds in aid of acquiring
Head Quarters for the
Organization.

MT. OLIVET BOYS HOME CELEBRATES ITS 50TH!

vices Department (now Child Development Agency CDA) of the Ministry of Health. The Home, located in Walderston, Manchester caters for boys aged 5 to 18 years that the Courts deem to be in need of Care and Protection and currently has 37 boys.

The mission of the Mt. Olivet Boys' Home is, **"To provide a loving, safe, nurturing environment that will enable our children to be physically, spiritual, emotionally and intellectually prepared to maximize their potential and to make a worthwhile contribution to society"** This is achieved through its health, education, spiritual and advocacy programmes.

As we reflect on the last 50 years of our mission and ministry serving countless residents at the Home, it is important that we celebrate this milestone by worshipping together and giving thanks to God for the many blessings that has sustained the Home over these years. It is also an opportunity to recommit ourselves to:

- Providing a loving and safe home for the boys
- Providing an environment which promotes healing and hope
- Providing comfortable living conditions and healthy balanced meals
- Facilitating academic and vocational development

- Providing medical and mental health care and emotional support
- Offering spiritual nurture and facilitating personal development
- Facilitating recreational opportunities and social development
- Training Staff to provide positive guidance and stability for the boys
- Preparing the boys for post-institutional life

The quality of one's response to the needy is a critical aspect of the disciple's ministry and the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands has remained true to the command of Jesus with our ministry to our boys.

The UCJCI, congratulates the **Managers** of the Home over the years as well as its **Board and Chairpersons** and the leadership of the **Southern Regional Mission Council** for guiding its progress and development.

The UCJCI is also grateful to its **members** and **congregations in Jamaica and Grand Cayman** for the on-going support it has received from them as well as that from organizations like **Food for the Poor**, the **Yohan Blake 'YB Afraid' Foundation**, the **Jamaica Information Service**, and **Global Ministries of the USA**. These partners have helped to enhance the quality of life enjoyed by the **Boys of the Mt. Olivet Home**.