PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Monday, August 26, 2013 - As a meaningful “week in the life” of the Evangelical Association of the Caribbean (EAC), the Congress of Evangelicals in the Caribbean (CONECAR 2013) will bring together all the diverse parts of the EAC family in the spirit of unity, providing a unique opportunity to strategically connect and address topics of mutual concern.

EAC in partnership with the St. Kitts Evangelical Association (SKEA) is inviting participants to attend this Caribbean event as an enriching spiritual and cultural experience. It aims to significantly galvanize and accelerate collaborative action that will have long-term impact for Church in the Caribbean, which includes the denominations and congregations in St. Kitts and Nevis.

The theme is “Leading Change Through Perilous Times.” Delegates will be challenged to explore how to pursue God’s Agenda; how to respond to the scourge of child sexual abuse; conflict in a broken world and disjointed Caribbean; planning and preparing for leadership transition; prevention strategies and actions to address youth at risk; and how to experience true fellowship (koinonia) that allows churches and communities to flourish.

Throughout the Congress, the Rev. Katei Kirby will begin the day with scripture and prayer, which will reflect “Keeping the message alive; Teaching urgently and persistently; confronting wrongs; and Standing for truth with conviction.”

A major component of the Congress will feature plenaries with speakers from EAC’s diverse constituency addressing the Congress theme: Leading Change and Transformation –

Rev. Emerson Boyce, EAC’s Secretary General and Congress Director; Pursuing God’s Agenda of Spirit-controlled Leadership – Dr. Paul Borthwick, Missions Associate with URBANA; Spirit-controlled Leaders: Key to Leading Change – Rev. Andre Legall, Senior Pastor, Jesus Full Gospel assembly, Trinidad; and The Biblical Approach to Leading Change – Bishop Ron Dublin-Collins, president, St. Kitts Evangelical Association.

Intensive Tutorials are planned to enrich and complement the Congress theme; which will lead to summary conclusions for participants, with the entire process leading to a better understanding and expectation of the theme. These are: Planning and Preparing for Leadership Transition; Safeguarding Children; Diverse Peoples, Religions and Values; Managing Workplace Conflict; Engaging the Next Generation of Spirit-Empowered World Changers; and the Church Becoming Something We Are Instead of Somewhere We Go.

Dialogues will be featured to provide fresh insights into the same issues, and allowing participants to gain new perspectives from other parts of the world. There will be a total of eighteen dialogues to choose from with six (6) concurrent dialogues conducted each day.

Exhibits will complement the plenaries and dialogues with a variety of rich resources and practical tools. Space will be provided for inspiring side-conversations among delegates as they share their diverse experience.

Another major component of the Congress will be Exposed2013. This special session will be facilitated by WEA’s Global Partner, Micah International.

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Christian leaders entered the Twenty-First Century struggling to remove themselves from the squeeze of the world’s mould. We heard your cries: How can we rediscover and pursue God’s Agenda? Is it time for the Church in the Caribbean to stop reacting to situations and instead, lead change in these perfidious times? How can we embrace and lead change in the current ecclesiastical environment?

It is against this backdrop that EAC is convening the 11th Congress of Evangelicals in the Caribbean (CONECAR 2013), to be held at the St. Kitts Marriott Resort, Bassetere, St. Kitts from October 14 – 18, 2013. This congress will:

1. Examine biblical insights, wisdom, and lessons to be applied to spiritual leadership; and make a powerful case for ecclesiastical sustainability;

2. Provide an opportunity to give clear guidance to; and encourage Church leaders; heads of theological institutions and Christians in business to follow God's biblical design for leading change;

3. Expand your scope of knowledge to probe the nature of decision making capable of challenging current ecclesiastical dynamics; and

4. Empower individuals and Next Generation leaders to accept and embrace changes in the current ecclesiastical environment.

At CONECAR 2013, you will also have many networking opportunities where you can exchange ideas and get answers to your pressing issues.

Come, join with us and be a part of the Christian Event of the Year!

“Exposed 2013 will remind delegates of God’s passion for the poor; and issue a Caribbean call to take public action against corruption and poverty. It will be a response of the Church in the Caribbean inspired from the Bible and is committed to promote practical steps for ethical behaviour in business, government and the Church.

EAC members will also gather to conduct the EAC business, electing a new Regional Board, receiving reports, and adopting resolutions. The General Assembly will thus give the EAC strategic direction for the next four years and beyond.

Youth Jive: will bring the curtains down on CONECAR 2013. This session will be on Friday, October 18, 2013 from 6:30 – 9:30 PM. The newly formed SKEA Youth Commission, Youth Evangelical Association (YEA) has been charged with the responsibility of coordinating the youth jive. The celebration will feature the St. Kitts and Nevis youths ministering in dance, mime, song, etc. Youth Jive will have as a featured guest, Music Minister, Kevin Downswell from Jamaica.

Following the gathering in Bassetere, EAC’s community, which includes its 11 national Evangelical Alliances and other members and partners, will serve as established and effective delivery mechanisms to apply the outcomes of the Congress in their respective local contexts.

This Congress is of importance to everyone involved in “Leading Change.” It is applicable to Church leaders, Pastors, Missionaries, Missions Practitioners, Educators, Law Enforcement Officers, Administrators, Attorneys at Law, Health Practitioners, Christian Sports Ministers, and all those who perform a key function within the Church in the Caribbean.

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FREE MOVEMENT OF NATIONALS...A PRIORITY FOR REGION

CASTRIES, St Lucia, Tuesday August 13, 2013
- Two years after Heads of Government of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) declared that people of the regional grouping can move freely, Chairman of the OECS Authority Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda Baldwin Spencer says the free movement of nationals will continue to hold pride of place in efforts to further develop one economic space among the OECS member states.

In a statement released on the weekend by the OECS Secretariat, Spencer said through this regime, arrangements are being enhanced for OECS citizens to enjoy free movement throughout the six independent member states of the OECS and most recentlyMontserrat.

“It is extremely important that if we are going to be integrating this region and creating a single economic space for the benefit of the people of the region then they ought to be able to move freely up and down the OECS and it is a critical component of the Economic Union.”

“The arrangements agreed by member states to give effect to the Revised Treaty of Basseterre are for persons to enter the participating member states without hindrance and remain for an indefinite period in order to work, establish businesses; provide services or to reside. There is a solid commitment among the member states to have persons enjoy free movement throughout the OECS Economic Union,” the Antiguan leader said.

The OECS Chairman noted that participating OECS member states are working towards ensuring that the necessary processes and mechanisms such as legal documentation are in place to firmly buttress the free movement arrangement.

“I have to say that everything is not fully in place in every member state to give full and total effect to it. So that is work in progress and I think all of us will be getting there sooner rather than later but as of now the movement of OECS nationals up and down the OECS is pretty much in place... and for all intents and purposes it is moving forward.”

Elma Gene Isaac, head of the OECS Secretariat’s Regional Integration Unit (RIU) which coordinates activities regarding the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the OECS Economic Union, said member states are at different stages of implementation of the legislative and administrative requirements regarding the free movement of OECS nationals.

“We have three member states which have completed their legislative and administrative work in its entirety. We have others that are at different stages, they may need to pass one or two pieces of legislation.” Isaac added that there may be a country that has not yet done the work in respect of its laws for immigration, but is facilitating the movement of OECS Citizens administratively. She also notes the case of two member states in which the matter of indefinite stay regarding the free movement of OECS nationals is not yet in effect.

She said finalising of arrangements will enhance confidence and participation thereby reducing difficulties encountered by persons seeking to enjoy the privileges associated with the free movement of OECS nationals as stipulated in the Revised Treaty of Basseterre which took effect on January 21st 2011.

In observance of the 2nd year since the implementation of arrangements for the Free Movement of people across the OECS Economic Union, the OECS Secretariat has rolled out a video production of the first official sitting of the OECS Assembly which was held at the Assembly’s headquarters on March 26 Antigua and Barbuda.

The OECS was established by the Treaty of Basseterre on June 18, 1981. The nine member states are: Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Anguilla and the British Virgin Islands.


Rescuing Nepal’s Children

Prayer requests:
- That the Awareness Film Program will educate thousands more Nepali families about the dangers of traffickers and save many children from a life of degradation and misery.
- For the rehabilitation and vocational training programs to provide young women with the confidence and tools they need to rebuild their lives. Pray especially that they will find their self-worth in Christ and experience His unconditional love.
- For the $1,150 needed to build a compound wall around the ministry’s safe house.

Source: Christian Aid, P. O. Box 9037
Charlottesville, VA 22906, USA
Global Crisis Impacting Caribbean

GEORGETOWN, GUYANA, Wednesday July 31, 2013 - Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretary General Irwin La Rocque Tuesday said that the global economic crisis is having a severe impact on the region resulting in stagnation or declining growth rates.

Addressing representatives from international development partners (IDP), who are meeting here for the Third Forum on Donor Coordination involving CARICOM, La Rocque said the fallout from the global crisis that began in 2008 “is still being felt deeply in this region.

“Stagnant or declining growth rates, high per capita debt, falling fiscal revenues, diminishing fiscal space and increasing unemployment have been a prominent feature of some of the economies of CARICOM member states, particularly over the past few years.

“That situation has severely challenged the capacity of most CARICOM states to self finance their own development.”

He said grant financing and access to concessionary financial resources to finance development are becoming increasingly more important to CARICOM states, particularly at this time, “when some of our IDP are looking inwards and are even reducing the net outflow of their development cooperation provided through grant aid and concessionary financing”.

La Rocque said that in addition, the region is confronted with the “troubling and vexing issues of differentiation and graduation which deny many of our countries access to such funding.

“To graduate CARICOM member states from access to grant aid, concessional financial resources or technical assistance, on the basis of per capita income cannot be right.

“Per Capita Income is, at best, an arithmetic ratio. It does not measure the level of poverty; it does not address the distribution of income; it does not say whether the economy is resilient and on a path to sustainable growth, and it certainly does not measure the capacity of a country to self-finance its growth.”

The CARICOM Secretary General said that as some of the region’s partners shift from bi-lateral assistance to increasing reliance on regional programmes, there is greater responsibility on the CARICOM Secretariat to ensure coordination of the regional resource mobilisation effort, to attempt to minimise any adverse impact of such a shift on individual member states and to ensure value for money and optimisation of the use of these dwindling resources.

He said regional leaders at their summit in Trinidad earlier this month had instructed the Guyana-based Secretariat to design a Resource Mobilisation Strategy to ensure adequate financing of regional and national priorities to catalyse and ignite growth in CARICOM states.

La Rocque said the two day meeting here “is a step in the design of such a strategy.

“We will familiarise you with our development plans, strategies and priorities. We will jointly examine priority areas in which you can be of assistance to us. We will map out approaches intended to ensure that your assistance will facilitate development in our areas of priority and we will address how we can optimise the use of scarce resources.

“As a Community we are looking for results and impact and we would welcome your cooperation and support in that regard.”


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Take Action Against Hepatitis

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The WHO said the challenges posed by hepatitis were formally acknowledged by the World Health Assembly in 2010, when it adopted its first resolution on viral hepatitis, and called for a comprehensive approach to prevention and control.

“The has promoted a new era of awareness with more governments proactively working to address the disease,” the WHO said.

Reinforcing that call for action, the WHO said it has been collaborating closely with countries and partners to build a strong global response.

Rescuing Nepal’s Children from Exploitation

August 15, 2013

We have heard their stories—and they’re true. Deceived but well-meaning parents hand their Nepali daughter or son over to a smooth-talking stranger who promises payment to the family and a better life for the child. A runaway teen flees abuse at home and finds herself in the clutches of an opportunistic predator. Hungry street kids beguiled by bowls of rice who are forced to perform hard labor in South Asia mines or factories.

These are innocent victims whose “crime” is the life circumstances they were born into—desperate poverty, abandonment, homelessness. With no awareness of the dangers around them, they become easy targets for exploitation.

Child Trafficking

Child trafficking is a multi-billion-dollar industry in Nepal. Every year some 7,000 to 10,000 Nepalese girls are taken across the border into India and sold against their will into prostitution. Others are sold into the Middle East or Southeast Asia commercial sex trade. Some of the girls are as young as nine years old.

Pimps take advantage of unsuspecting Nepali families, promising to take their daughters to a large city or even another country where they can receive good wages for work as domestics. In some cases a man may visit a village and identify himself as a successful businessman who is looking for a wife. Flattered and in need of money, the parents of an attractive teenage girl may view this offer as one they cannot refuse.

Boys are not safe either. They, too, may be sold into prostitution rings or placed into a circus where they work long hours with meager pay. They are lured by the dazzling descriptions of performing before crowds, earning a regular wage, and receiving an education. Some families have sold their children to circus traffickers for 1,000 rupees ($13 U.S.).

Through the ministry’s Awareness Film Program, more than 8,000 Nepali girls have learned the cunning ploys of those who might bring them harm. The Christian team goes from village to village showing the films, encouraging residents to report suspicious activity, and lending insight into how to protect their daughters. Most importantly, the workers bring good news of the Savior Who can restore their broken lives.

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Caribbean Makes Progress in Child Labour

GENEVA, Switzerland, Tuesday August 27, 2013 —Latin America and Caribbean countries have made progress in reducing child labour according to a new document released by the International Labour Organization (ILO).

The ILO said that the “new tool” will help countries eliminate children’s involvement in slavery, child prostitution, drug trafficking and other types of the worst forms of child labour by 2016.

The “Implementing the Roadmap for achieving the elimination of the worst forms of child labour: a training guide for policy makers” is directed at governments, workers’ and employers’ organizations and international and non-governmental organizations.

The 2010 conference in The Hague adopted the roadmap, which breaks down data by age, gender and region. It shows that Asia-Pacific and Latin America and the Caribbean continue to reduce child labour, while sub-Saharan Africa has witnessed an increase. Africa also has the highest incidence of children working, with one in four children engaged in child labour.

“Child trafficking is an essential feature of successful action plans and has been released ahead of the Global Child Labour Conference, which will take place in Brazil, October 8-10. The guide includes a series of training exercises, illustrative text boxes, and addresses monitoring and evaluation as an essential feature of successful action plans and has been released ahead of the Global Child Labour Conference, which will take place in Brazil, October 8-10.

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PREAMBLE
The first Caribbean gathering of the Global Christian Forum (GCF) met in Tunapuna, Trinidad, from May 20–23, 2013. The Caribbean Conference of Churches (CCC) and the Evangelical Association of the Caribbean (EAC) brought together 32 participants who came from 12 countries and 12 Christian denominations, Churches, Traditions and Expressions. The Consultation, which met around the theme: “Our Journey with Christ in the Caribbean”, saw both the CCC and EAC interfacing with each other in search of ways and means of fostering dialogue and building bridges among Christians in the Caribbean.

After hearing from Mr. Hubert Van Beek, representative from the Global Christian Forum on its history and goal; Mr. Gerard Granado (General Secretary, CCC) and Rev. Emerson L. Boyce (Secretary General, EAC) gave welcoming remarks. The participants at the forum then shared their faith journeys and examined some of the issues facing the churches in the Region.

Rev. Dr. John O. Smith (Chair, EAC) and Mr. Gerard Granado (General Secretary, CCC) each made a presentation on: “Christian Witness in the Caribbean Today.” The substance of the presentations encouraged participants to reflection and enabled discussion on the concerns, which were centered on Unity; Issues on which we can work together; and Building Relationships.

AFFIRMATION
1. We AFFIRM our faith in Jesus Christ as God and Saviour
2. We AFFIRM that the unity of the Christian Church is in Jesus Christ who prayed that the Church be one
3. We AFFIRM that the Holy Spirit is the SOURCE of unity within the BODY of Christ
4. We AFFIRM that in unity there is diversity which ought to be embraced and celebrated.
5. We AFFIRM that unity needs diversity so that it will not become uniformity and diversity needs unity so that it will not become division.
6. We AFFIRM that the Caribbean is a multi-cultural, multi-religious, and multi-lingual region given its history.
7. We AFFIRM that the family is the cradle of civilization, the bedrock of society and the strength of the region.
8. We affirm that marriage is a relationship between a man and a woman. We further AFFIRM that marriage was ordained and blessed by God according to Scripture.

COMMITMENT
We commit ourselves to:
1. Be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and allow Him to guide our every action.
2. Offer moral direction to life within community.
3. Use every means to promote and protect the God given dignity of the human person such as:
   - Working for the advancement of people; demonstrating God’s preferential option for the poor and the marginalized
   - Opposing racism; sexism; classism; human, drug and gun trafficking; abortion and euthanasia
   - Opposing stigma and discrimination against people who are living with HIV and affected by AIDS
   - Denouncing Violence against persons and especially violence against women and children
4. Promote healthy family life
5. Become more engaged in the education of our people.
6. Continue building bridges of cooperation between the member bodies of the CCC and EAC
   - Inviting each other to their activity
   - Working intentionally on strengthening their relationships and cooperation.

We further commit to:
- Where possible we will seek to work with Governments and other agencies to achieve this mission.
- Share this document with our constituents while seeking their endorsement and implementation.

Hubert Van Beek          Gerard Granado
Global Christian Forum    Caribbean Conference of Churches

Emerson L. Boyce
Evangelical Association of the Caribbean
Dear Colleagues,

THE SPEAKERS have been selected...
THE SESSIONS have been outlined... and
THE PROGRAMME is about to begin!

I have a seat SAVED just for you at the Congress of Evangelicals in the Caribbean (CONECAR 2013) October 14 – 18, 2013 in St. Kitts. Will you be there?

The St. Kitts Marriott Resort still has rooms available in our block but the special rate expires Friday, October 11, 2013, so please make your reservations today to secure the special US $169.25 per room, per night rate (double) or US $192.25 per room, per night (Triple).

If you need assistance with your reservations, please contact Mrs. Andrea Browne by email at: andrea_t_browne@hotmail.com or Mrs. Tracey Herbert at: 1.869.762.1838

**PROGRAMME DATE/TIME:**
Monday – October 14, 2013
EAC General Assembly for Registrants Only | 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Monday – Thursday, October 14 - 17, 2013
Congress of Evangelicals in the Caribbean
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM | The Daytime Sessions provide an opportunity for participants to explore different aspects of the Congress’ main themes, probe the areas of interest, and connect with resources.

7:00 – 9:00 PM | The Evening Celebrations, are designed to provide inspiration and hope for the Church in the Caribbean; and will include a blend of worshipful elements of praise, prayer, music and the arts. These sessions will also reflect key issues from the theme; and serve to inspire the Church in the Caribbean to ‘Lead Change…’ in these critical times.

Friday, October 18, 2013
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM | Tour de St. Kitts
6:30–9:30 PM | Youth Jive will bring the curtains down on CONECAR 2013.

**Congress Hotel:** [www.stkittsmarriott.com](http://www.stkittsmarriott.com) (858 Frigate Bay, St. Kitts)

You must attend this event which is filled with sessions on “Leading Change...” You will also have many networking opportunities to connect with your peers and the presenters, where you can exchange ideas and get answers to your pressing issues.

I hope I will see you there! Should you need additional information, please contact Mrs. Tracey Herbert at: 869.762.1838 or Mrs. Andrea Browne by email at: andrea_t_browne@hotmail.com

**More Info:** [www.caribbeanevangelical.org](http://www.caribbeanevangelical.org)
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### Relief and Development Leaders...

Are you a Christian who is a capable, called, and gifted leader? Then… Ron Nathan, Director of EAC’s Commission on Relief and Development (CoMRAD) needs to hear from and converse with you about the Disaster issues you face.

**eMail:** r457@yahoo.com

### Walking in Moses’ Shoes

To help my Sunday school class of nine-year-olds understand the difficulty of Moses’ job of settling disputes as leader of the Israelites, I asked the children to role-play. Zackery was given Moses’ part while the others worked in pairs to come up with problems for him to tackle. The first duo, Jessica and DaNae, approached their leader and said, “We have no food.” Moses thought for a minute and nervously answered, “Go kill some animals.” The next pair were the Terrence children. The problem? “Someone’s been killing our animals.”

—Loren McCune, Newnan, Georgia. *Christian Reader*, "Kids of the Kingdom."

### Calling Christians to Pray for the Silti of Ethiopia

A considerable number of Silt’e live in Addis Ababa, Adama and other cities and smaller urban centers of southern Ethiopia where they make a living as merchants or keepers of petty shops. In the countryside the Silt’e practice mixed farming and cultivate ensete. They inhabit today’s Silt’e Zone which is part of the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples Region. The name Silt’e is derived from the alleged ancestor Gen Silt’i. The modern ethnonym Silt’e was chosen in memory of this ancestor and as a reminiscence of the old Islamic sultanate of Hadiyya the Silté, whom people claim a historical relation to. Almost all Silt’e are Muslim.

**Pray for the entire people group**

There are wonderful opportunities to show the love of Christ to the people of silti especially in areas of health and education. There is a need for addressing poverty, human development, rural development, food security, capacity building, greater commercialization of agriculture, enhancement of private sector development, and industrial development.

**Source:** Joshua Project

unreached@joshuaproject.net
WHO urges Region... Take Action Against Hepatitis

GENEVA, Switzerland, Tuesday July 30, 2013 — The World Health Organization (WHO) is urging the Caribbean and other countries to act against the five hepatitis viruses that can cause severe liver infections that account for 1.4 million deaths annually.

In a message marking World Hepatitis Day on Sunday, the WHO said some of these hepatitis viruses, most notably types B and C, can also lead to chronic and debilitating illnesses such as liver cancer and cirrhosis.

It said the viruses can result in the loss of income and high medical expenses for hundreds of millions of people worldwide.

The WHO said viral hepatitis is referred to as a “silent epidemic” because most persons do not realize that they are infected and, over decades, slowly progress to liver disease. It said many countries are only now realizing the magnitude of the disease burden and devising ways to address it.

“The fact that many hepatitis B and C infections are silent, causing no symptoms until there is severe damage to the liver, points to the urgent need for universal access to immunization, screening, diagnosis and antiviral therapy,” said Dr Keiji Fukuda, WHO Assistant Director-General for Health Security and the Environment.

"Many of the measures needed to prevent the spread of viral hepatitis disease can be put in place right now, and doing so will offset the heavy economic costs of treating and hospitalizing patients in future," he added.

This year, in the run-up to World Hepatitis Day, the WHO released its first-ever country hepatitis survey, covering 126 countries. The WHO’s Global Policy Report on the Prevention and Control of Viral Hepatitis identifies successes, as well as gaps, at country level in the implementation of four priority areas.

The priority areas are raising awareness, evidence-based data for action, prevention of transmission, and screening, care and treatment.

The findings show that 37 per cent of the countries have national strategies for viral hepatitis, and more work is needed in treating hepatitis.

It also highlights that while most of the countries (82 per cent) have established hepatitis surveillance programmes, only half of them include the monitoring of chronic hepatitis B and C, which are responsible for most severe illnesses and deaths.

“Many of the measures needed to prevent the spread of viral hepatitis disease can be put in place right now, and doing so will offset the heavy economic costs of treating and hospitalizing patients in future,” said Dr Sylvie Briand, director, Pandemic and Epidemic Diseases at WHO.

“The findings underline the important work that is being done by governments to halt hepatitis through the implementation of WHO recommended policies and actions,” she added.

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Are you ready for a HURRICANE?

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS AND PREPARATION KIT

Put aside these items in the event you need to evacuate:

- Plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Foods (canned goods and non-perishable foods) that do not need cooking. Enough for one day and three meals. A non-electric can opener should also be provided.
- Drinking water in non-breakable containers (at least two quarts per person per day).
- Special dietary food, if required.
- Identification, cash, valuable papers, insurance policies and photos in a waterproof container.
- Battery operated all weather radio with extra batteries.
- Personal hygiene items such as soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, aspirin, antacid, diapers, washcloths, feminine products, towels, etc."
- Utensils such as disposable plates, cups, forks, knives, spoons, napkins, etc.
- Personal aids such as eyeglasses, hearing aids (with extra batteries), hand shavers, cream, prosthetic devices, etc.
- Books, magazines, cards, toys, and games.
- Infant care items such as formula, food, wipes and disposable diapers.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- Sleeping bags or blankets, sheets and pillows, garbage bags, ties, etc.
- Change of clothing plus an extra pair of shoes.
- Easy carrying container (bag) for all items.
- First Aid kit with prescription medication, betadine solution, gauze bandages, adhesive tape, sterile pads, band aids, triangular bandages, safety scissors, non-prescription medication, sunscreen, insect repellent, non-latex gloves, antibiotic ointment packets.

Source: The T&T Red Cross society
Lausanne Arts Catalyst for the Caribbean

Dear Caribbean Church Leader,

Do you have a desire to see communities transformed, meeting kingdom goals such as peace and reconciliation, identity and sustainability and justice through the use of the arts? Do you have a desire to see Caribbean people working through the arts to effect this transformation not only in this region but around the world? I would like to bring together all persons throughout the region who share this vision, BUT …

I need your help! In December I accepted an assignment from the Lausanne Movement to play the role of Arts Catalyst/Coordinator for the Caribbean region. This involves promoting and facilitating the appropriate use of the arts in worship, evangelism and missions through networking, prayer and training.

The first step I wish to take is to identify one person in each Caribbean territory who would be the contact person and would be committed to building the network on the ground in their country. This person would need to have a:

- Solid commitment to God,
- Strong connection with the Christian artistes as well as with pastors and church leaders, and
- Firm dedication to the development and use of culturally relevant expressions of worship.

Could you please help me to identify such a person in your country?

I would also like to introduce you to a fresh new tool that has been designed to help guide communities in meeting their kingdom goals through the arts. It’s called the Ethnodoxology Handbook and Manual. It is available at www.ethnodoxologyhandbook.com. This was designed by leaders of the International Council of Ethnodoxology (www.worldofworship.org) of which I have been a member since its inception in 2003. The manual is actually the main text for a one-week course called ‘Arts for a Better Future’ which we hope to begin offering in the region in 2014.

Do you plan on being at CONECAR 2013 in St. Kitts? I truly hope you are. If you are involved in or interested in the arts, we will be having a special meeting to bond, share and chart the way forward for the region. I do look forward to meeting you there! In the meantime, please contact me at crewfortyfour@gmail.com to indicate your interest in further dialogue and visit us online at www.crew40-4.com.

One Love in Christ!

Jo-Ann Richards
Executive Director
CREW 40:4
(Promoting Love & Unity in Christ through Culturally Relevant Expressions of Worship!)

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The following five key Gospel points from EE’s Share Your Faith Workshop are easy to learn and almost impossible to forget because you use the five fingers of your hand. Get sharing with these five easy-to-remember points:

**CHRIST:** The ring finger reminds us of CHRIST, the Bridegroom. He is both God and Man. He died, He paid, He purchased (John 1:1, 14).

**FAITH:** The little finger reminds us of FAITH because it is the smallest finger just as the mustard seed is the smallest of seeds. SAVING FAITH is trusting in Jesus Christ alone for our eternal life (Acts 16:31).

**GRACE:** The thumb represents GRACE because like a ride given to a hitchhiker, eternal life is a free gift of God’s GRACE (Romans 6:23). It is not earned or deserved (Ephesians 2:8-9)

**MAN:** The index finger reminds us of MAN. We may point out the sins in others, but when we do, there are three fingers pointing back to us. We have a problem called sin (Romans 3:23).

**GOD:** The great (middle) finger reminds us of GOD since he is the Greatest Being in the universe. God is merciful and God is also just (1 John 4:8 and Exodus 34:7).