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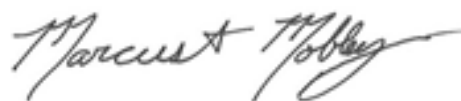
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2016 has been a time of amazing growth and blessing from God. I'm always humbled to see how God flourishes our efforts when we simply focus on Him. During this Christmas season we can have so many distractions that pull our attention off of or away from God. I hope that this year you will be blessed. I hope that God will bless Commission Encounter again this year and will bring more people into His Loving Care through our efforts and your support. We have been extremely busy but it is always good to see the results of the work.

Eastern Kentucky Christmas Extravaganzas were a huge success! We were able to provide **gifts for over 115 children** and, through our clothing drive, **over 300 people were blessed by the items we brought**. In addition to that we helped **over 100 households with a Christmas Blessings Baskets**. A special thanks to Nelson Christian Church, Okolona Christian Church, and River Valley Christian Church for all their hard work and generous donations that made it all possible.

I look forward to see how God will bless in 2017 and provide for CE. If anyone would like to give to support the work and be a blessing to help the efforts both here in the USA and to other countries around the world, please send the attached envelope with your donation. And if you mail it by the 31st, you can get tax credit :-)

In Him,



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Blessings from Honduras!

Merry Christmas from Honduras! We are so excited about this time of year because it serves as a reminder why we do what we do. Our labor is for Christ, in Christ, through Christ. Without Him, we labor in vain! Praise God that His grace sent us a Savior and defeated death in the Cross and in that empty grave!

In 2016 we had 4 total teams come and work alongside of us! We were able to work in the village of Pespire to bring clean water, medical supplies, dresses, toys, clothes, and of course, the Gospel. This year we started working in an orphanage for girls that houses over 100 abandoned young ladies. We also started working in the prison for women with young ladies and their children. We have brought them clothes, milk, and medicines. 2016 also saw our second annual Pastor's Conference where we fed and encouraged several pastors from both cities and small communities. God is doing so much and we look forward to 2017 to finally finish purchasing land and starting construction on a camp for teens. We also are planning a camp for kids with cancer next December. Let us know if you want more information or if you want to participate.

In September we learned that we are pregnant! In April 2017 we will have an addition to our family, Emily Elizabeth Esposito. We are excited about this new life being entrusted to us by God. What a blessing! Unfortunately we were not granted visas for Sarahi and Ostin to travel to the States. However, we are confident in God's plan and timing in this, as well as all things. We are super blessed to have been working solely through Commission Encounter this year! Their Stateside work has made this year the most successful in Cencrea's 4 year history.

On behalf of Cencrea Ministries and the Esposito family, Merry Christmas and may God touch and bless each one of you in 2017.



Rob, Sarahi,
Mary, and Os-
tin Esposito

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY OF BARBADOS

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus.!

God has been good to us as we continue to minister in Barbados, Caribbean and South America. We are trusting God.

The future of the Ruby Christian Church looks bright and wonderful. We had our Youth Service on September 11. The youth used their various talents to glorified God. It was a very good day as they preached, led worship and did various things during the service.

The building process for the church plant is up and running! However, we are in much need of funds as we continue to build our new building. We are in need of \$25,000 US dollars to build and install a water tank for the new building. We are looking forward to various work teams from North America coming and assisting us with building our new church.

We continue in reaching out to the lost souls on the island daily. We are anticipating great success as we have also encouraged each of our members to win one person for Christ.

Blessings, Arlington Pinder-Marshall



Arlington
Pinder-
Marshal and

Hello, all!



Amanda and Fiancé, Lucas

Many exciting things have happened since I last wrote you which I would like to share as well as some upcoming changes. My internship with Commission Encounter officially ended in September, however, I have had the opportunity to still volunteer in the office and help with planning our booth for ICOM. ICOM went very smoothly. It was so great to be able to speak with and get to know missionaries from around the world, as well as being able to work on developing some new contacts for Commission Encounter.

I will be graduating with my degree in General Ministry from Central Christian College of the Bible in just a couple of weeks. Beginning in January, I will have the opportunity to come on as the Associate Director of Commission Encounter, and I cannot wait to officially get started!

As Associate Director, I will have the opportunity to work with Marc in planning and leading mission trips. I will also be going on church promotional visits for the mission, heading our social media profile, and doing other clerical tasks as well.

In other news, about two months ago, I became engaged to Lucas! We will be getting married in April of 2017, and we are very excited to share this news with you! Merry Christmas and God Bless!

-Amanda Sweeney

Year end financial report...

Income 2016		Expenses 2016	
CE Individuals	7,950	Office Expense	2,307
CE Churches	7,400	Promotion Expense	1,185
CE Trips	4,850	Operating Expense	1,063
Barbados Individuals	500	Travel Expense	4,610
Barbados Churches	16,748	Salary & Benefits	10,000
Honduras Individuals	11,840	Honduras	24,633
Honduras Churches	5,000	<u>Barbados</u>	<u>17,248</u>
<u>Honduras Projects</u>	<u>8,793</u>		
	\$ 63,081		\$ 61,046



Highlights:

- *Paypal is now working*
- *Honduras is filling up fast!*
- *We are going to be doing a camp for kids with cancer!*
- *Hoping to expand Honduras staff!*
- *Looking to buy land in Honduras this year!*
- *Barbados staff is expanding!*
- *Barbados is scouting a new location for a church plant!*