



# BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

## Basic Schools



### Rema

The Rema Basic School is one of the oldest outreach projects of Bethel. Its early beginning in 1979 was in the heart of Rema, one of the roughest communities in Kingston 12. Due to continued violence in the area, the school moved from place to place.

After fifteen years at St. Alban's Primary School, located at Albert Street, the school's last move was to 29 Christopher Road in Denham town in September 2011. This building was built by the UDC and donated for use by Prime Minister Bruce Golding.

The building is now named **Christopher Road Early Childhood Centre'**.

Under the guidance of the Early Childhood Commission many changes and demands are made.

Students as young as two (2) years old are enrolled. At the close of the school year 2013 2014 seven of the thirty-four students were registered in Primary schools. The school currently has one principal, two teachers and one cook.

In addition to the daily teaching/learning activities, the school participated in Sports at School and Zone level, Field trips, Educational Tours, Career Day, Jean's Day and many more.

Many success stories have been written about Rema. The past students and teachers, present and past, have upgraded themselves and now hold prominent positions here and abroad.

**Violence does not stop us; breakins and holdups can't stop us; stealing of electricity can't stop us; destruction of property can't stop us with God as our guide we continue to move on.**

### Ambrook Lane

Ambrook Lane Basic School is located in the Ambrook lane Community off the Hagley Park main road. The community consists of about one thousand (1000) residents and the students who attend the school come mainly from the immediate area.

The school was established on January 4, 1987. The current enrolment is sixty (60) students and the average attendance is 47. Students are accepted in school from 3 to 6 years old. Upon graduating students go on to attend mainly the Half Way Tree, Tarrant and or Rousseau Primary Schools.

Ambrook Lane Basic School is supervised by Bethel through its Healing Ministry. All financial costs such as teachers and ancillary staff salaries, utilities and repairs are undertaken by Bethel. Currently, there are three (3) teachers and one (1) cook on staff.

### Little Mount Olivet

The Bethel Baptist Church and the JBU Mission Agency have been doing ministry work in the 100 and Park Lanes Community for some time now and was faced with the challenge of re-opening a Basic school that once existed in the community and which had to be closed about 7 years ago due to financial constraints and crime and violence.

The Little Mount Olivet Basic School opened its doors to the children of the community in September of 2012. The school's motto is, Play, Learn and Grow Together. There are approx. 40 students currently from both communities of One Hundred and Park Lanes as well as adjacent communities.

There are three trained teachers (of which one is the Principal), on staff. There is a School Board and a Parents-Teachers Association. Although the school has some financial challenges we are pressing on in faith. There are some urgent needs and opportunities to serve in the following ways: persons to assist with sporting activities (athletics, football and other games for the children); interaction with parents and other community members regarding, parenting; conflict resolution; mediation, etc.. Also Sunday school classes are held and teachers are urgently needed (children ages 4-14); school supplies; toys and educational material, sponsor children for lunches and school fees, etc. there is also a need for an additional bathroom facility and a play area for the children.

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