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Principal & staff of the Chandernagore Presbyterian School with visitors from the Church of Scotland in Trinidad and Scotland.

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Chandernagore Presbyterian Primary School twinned with Denbeath Primary School in Scotland

Monday January 21, 2008 was a historic occasion for the school community of the Chandernagore Presbyterian Primary School. It was on this day that we were twinned with the Denbeath Primary School in Scotland.

The formal twinning ceremony was held at the Greyfrairs Church of Scotland on Sunday January 20, 2008. The Principal, and some teachers and students of the school attended the ceremony, and presented a gift to the visitors from Scotland.

At the function, which was held at the school on Monday, the visitors were treated to some items from our local culture such as the singing of bhajans, an Indian dance and a local skit. The visitors were thrilled by the performance of the pupils of the school and were high in praise of their diversity. The visitors also toured the classrooms and interacted with the teachers and students. They were impressed with what they saw. During the function, the visitors were presented with a package for the twin school in Denbeath. This package contained a DVD of the school's activities for 2006-2007; our personalized Christmas Card; a map of Trinidad with the location of our school clearly

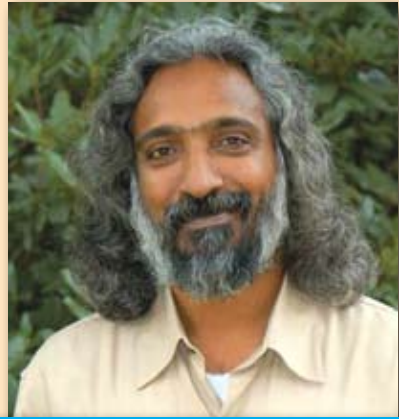


Principal, teachers and students of the Chandernagore Presbyterian school with Reverend Garwell Bacchas at the Greyfrairs Church of Scotland.

identified; our school's history; a local cookbook and the names, ages and hobbies of all the students of the school.

Among the special guests who attended this function were Reverend Emmanuel Ramdeen, Chaplain of the school; Mrs Gemma Teelucksingh, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Primary Schools Board of Education and Mr Peter Teelucksingh; Mr Juman Ali, School Supervisor 1, Ministry of Education; Mr Hatim Gardner, Chairman of Northern Presbytery; Mr Ralph Ramjattan, Manager of the School and members of the executive of the

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The Moderator Speaks

Over the years a trend has emerged and it continues to flourish in our culture in that whenever there is a problem or an unfortunate situation, our tendency has been to look for the answer or solution outside ourselves and in the other. And as it pertains to crime and our growing culture of violence we talk a lot about what other people and institutions should do.

On the 1st of March 2008, we shall be having a symposium on crime at the Aramalaya Presbyterian Church and Morton House Spiritual Life Enrichment Centre facility in Tunapuna. It is our hope that three persons from each of our twenty-three Pastoral Regions at least one being a full time worker will attend. There will also be the students of the St. Andrews Theological College and a few invited guests and participants. This Symposium shall be the first of a series.

The planners of the Symposium have intentionally left out the element of "what can the government or the police service do". And will be focusing on the more radical (fundamental) issues as regards to societal decay as being experienced everyday in our country. There will therefore be a dramatic shift, from trying to find the answer and solution outside, to attempting to find it within and inside.

Thus the intent of the Symposium is to bring insight and understanding as to causes, and out of these to facilitate empowerment and create hope through constructive actions and responses that can be taken by each person and every community. The exercise therefore will address the questions, "why has the existing culture of crime emerged, what feeds and sustains it and how have we contributed toward this unfortunate reality and violent culture." After these establishments have been made we propose to address the most necessary question, "what can we, each one of us, do to alleviate and reform this culture of crime?" We hope this will be a most productive time as we listen to brief presentations, engage discussion and consolidate insights.

The Rt. Rev. Elvis Elahie

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P.T.A. Among the visitors from the Church of Scotland (in Trinidad) were Ms Fernella Mc Carthy, Coordinator of the Twinning Project; Reverend Roche, Deaconess Denise Rattansingh; and from the Church of Scotland (in Scotland) were Reverend Elisabeth Cranfield, and four Elders of the Church : May, Elizabeth, Nancy and Lottie.

The visitors were treated to our local cuisine and enjoyed the sahenas with chutney; sada roti with bhagi, ochros, melongene and potato; and sweet bread. They also enjoyed the ginger beer, which was specially prepared for them. The visitors expressed their surprise and delight at the warm welcome and well-planned function, and also the hospitality and cordiality of the school community. According to Ms Mc Carthy, "This visit was the icing on the cake for the Scottish visitors."

We, the Community of the Chandernagore Presbyterian School, are very excited about the possibilities that this act of twinning could open up for us. We look forward to forming long lasting relationships via e-mail and airmail, and whatever else the Good Lord has in His plan for us.

Sitara Gardner



Visitors from Church of Scotland interact with the First Year Infants of the Chandernagore Presbyterian School.



Visitors from Scotland enjoy some local cuisine at the Chandernagore Presbyterian School



Students of Chandernagore Presbyterian School perform a cultural item at the ceremony to mark the twinning of their school with the Denbeath Primary School in Scotland.



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Editorial: "I can make a difference"

The approaching Lenten Season usually brings changes in patterns of thoughts and behaviour among our fellow Christian believers. These changes are not brought about by external agencies but are the result of personal decisions. Many of us use this period to help us to understand the philosophy and teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. We would want to improve the communication between ourselves and our Lord. Others may see it as a time of penance and repentance.

However we may view this period the decisions that we make are personal. Can we extend this personal assumption of attitudes to assist us throughout the year/s ahead.

Recently at a meeting of the South Eastern Presbytery, some problems were being discussed. Mr. Feroze Ramjohn speaking on a problem involving his Pastoral Region got up and said, "I will personally attend to this matter." This prompted a response from the Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Elvis Elahie who is a member of the Presbytery to say "What Mr. Ramjohn has said is significant." He referred to the personal commitment and indicated that this was the way that we must go. "I will attend to"

For many Presbyterians the blame for some concerns are placed squarely on the Boards and Committees of the

Church. How can I make a difference?

This Lenten Season affords us the opportunity for us to develop a spirit of humility and for us to move away from the syndrome that allows us to depend on the decisions of others.

This Lenten Season must see us embarking on a journey of spiritual commitment. Our motto must become "I Can Make A Difference."

Personal intervention can be the solution to many of our Social, Economic and Spiritual Problems. For example, one of the church's concerns is the dwindling membership. Have we spoken to individuals who we have not seen in our church for a long time? Have we visited those who may be facing family problems and sought to console and comfort them?

Personal intervention would bring back peace and love and caring into our organization and institutions.

"Let it begin with me."

Felix Rampersad

Poetry: A Petition

I'm ready to serve the Church; I want to be in Session,
I'm ready to serve the Church; I want a good position,
My family and friends have very high ambition
They want me to help them, they want me in Session.

I admit I don't understand the constitution,
And people find it hard to understand my disposition,
But I still have the urge; it's more like a passion.

I want to serve the Church; I want to be in Session.
Don't ask me for much especially visitation
But I'll be ready to vote for appointment or promotion

For I know everybody's name, background and reputation
So remember I can help to fulfill the Church's mission
And I'm ready to serve – please elect me to Session.

Rev. Everson T. Sieunarine

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Preparing to Preach

A friend of mine once decided to count the times a certain preacher would use the pronoun "I" in one sermon. He reported that after 75 times he stopped counting. If he had continued he might have missed the whole message.

A great deal of preaching is done regularly in our Church, not only on Sundays, but at special services in the sanctuary or at home. Preparing sermons is a demanding and difficult exercise, and those who accept this responsibility lightly or casually should re-examine their motives for proclaiming God's Word to His people.

People gather at Sunday worship to praise, to express gratitude and to seek God's guidance and grace. They are not present at a lecture hall, a rally or a club meeting. They are not present to be merely entertained with anecdotes or to be impressed by one's adventures and academic skills. The pulpit is definitely not the place to give your side of the argument that erupted at Presbytery or Synod.

Our Church on the whole is suffering from a lack of Biblical understanding of our faith and traditions. We have

excellent schools and comfortable buildings. But we always need persons who can interpret Scripture competently and convincingly. Any desire to honour and glorify self from the pulpit must be readily suppressed.

Questions like these should come to mind when preparing a sermon.

What is this verse or passage saying to us today?

How does the Word of God challenge those who claim or profess leadership in our church and nation?

Am I proclaiming a Jesus who is very accommodating and affable or a Jesus who overthrows, overturns and upsets our yearning for popularity and prestige?

We all must learn from our past follies. We have all preached sermons that today we would edit and revise before repeating them. This ongoing process of improving and evaluating our particular mission is a good key to the spiritual well-being of our Church.

Rev. Everson T. Sieunarine

The comfortable pew revisited

In the year 2000, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Andrew McLellan, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland commissioned the writing of a critical book on the Church of Scotland. In February 2002, the book, *Outside Verdict: An Old Kirk in a New Scotland*, by Harry Reid, a journalist, was published. Dr. McLellan was inspired by the commissioning of a similar exercise by the Anglican Church in Canada in 1965. The publication of *The Comfortable Pew*, by Pierre Berton, a Canadian journalist, was the result. The question is can these critiques of the Church lead us to adopt the necessary reforms to bring us in line with some of the recommendations they offer and increase our witness to Jesus Christ in our society?

Perhaps reference to some of the statements made by the writers mentioned can help us. Commenting on Pierre Berton thirty years later, Gary MacDonald wrote as follows:

Back in the 1960s Canadian author Pierre Berton wrote a book titled *The Comfortable Pew* in which he took the church-or more particularly, church-goers-to task for resting on their laurels and making church a place of comfortable seats, comfortable ideas, and comfortable

relationships. That was the sixties, a time of social unrest in which it was almost mandatory to question and criticize the social institutions and conventions that defined our society. In the last thirty years, we have realized the prophetic implications of Dan Hill's words, "the times that were a-changing never changed." We have become even more self-centered, and the issue of social renewal, rather than being addressed, simply faded into the background as we became the "me" generation, and political correctness has us running for cover, fearful of singing Christmas carols in public school lest someone take offense. That is going to have to change.

Some of what Pierre Berton actually wrote included the following:

The virus that has been weakening the church for more than a generation is not the virus of anti-religious passion but the very lack of it The Church to its opponents has become as a straw man, scarcely worth a bullet Most ministers are scarcely distinguishable by their words, opinions, actions, or way of life from the nominal Christians and non-Christians who form the whole of the rest of society.

"Institutional Christianity," he writes, "has become a comfortable creed, a useful tool for Peace of Mind and Positive Thinking, a kind of sugar-coated pill that soothes those who fear to face the traditional Christian concerns of evil, suffering, and death."

After the publication of his book in 1965, Pierre Berton attended a discussion on *The Comfortable Pew*. He reported the following contribution he made at the discussion:

I suggested that the Church either meant what it said or else it was being hypocritical. Unless my hearing is faulty, the scriptures tell us in a variety of ways that we are our brother's/sister's keepers. I suggested, therefore, that if the Church wanted to demonstrate that it meant on Monday what it said from the altar and pulpit on Sunday, it had no other course than to press for wide-open immigration policy (in Canada), regardless of race, creed colour, or training. ... A cry for wide-open immigration is perhaps impractical but when did practicality ever enter into the basic teachings of the Christian Church? "Take all thou hast and give to the poor" appears to some to be manifestly impractical. "Consider the lilies of the field; they toil not, neither do they spin" is at odds with the practicality of a work-oriented society. "Turn the other cheek" is scarcely practical in a war economy. "Thou shalt not covet" hardly fits the practical necessities of modern advertising. The Church has for years been preaching the virtues of impracticality without ever being prepared to accept the

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sacrifices of its consequences. This is why so many people see it as a hypocritical institution. I say the time has come for the Church to put up or shut up. Let it show it believes what it says, and what its Messiah said, or let it rewrite the Scriptures.

On matters of social concern, Pierre Berton commented as follows:

If the Church insists on taking absolute positions in such fields as that of sexual morality then it must be prepared to be criticized for not taking absolute positions in such fields as business ethics, war, racial justice, and so on. It cannot have things both ways.

The churchmen around me ... continue to talk of peace ... peace ... peace. The word is dragged out at Christmas-time and made synonymous with Christianity. Yet some of the very men who talk so glibly of the Prince of Peace are to be found symbolically or literally blessing weapons and passively accepting in the name of wartime expediency every kind of human villainy from the indiscriminate bombing of civilians to the torture of Viet Cong prisoners.

Some if not all of these problems continue to face the Church today. Harry Reid has revealed many of the problems confronting the Church of Scotland today in *Outside Verdict*. One would have to read the book carefully to appreciate its contents. Perhaps the following paragraph gives a taste of how Reid thinks:

Then there is the question of who exactly the minister is serving. The congregation that has called the minister, obviously; but who, if anyone, else? "Some members want you to serve the whole community, but others want you to serve the members only." Many people expect ministers to conduct sensitive, well-informed and dignified funeral services, even if the deceased and the bereaved haven't been near a church for years. ... But if you read the marvelous parable in Luke 15 carefully, you may well come to the conclusion that a minister should, as the first priority, be serving just about anybody except those who are actually in the congregation. As I say, it ain't easy. Reid has a very interesting paragraph on the priesthood of all believers that is worth quoting, in closing;

As I write this, I am constantly aware of the reformatory phrase priesthood of all believers echoing in my mind. It seems to me that the very essence of Protestantism is its incredibly exciting emphasis on the direct responsibility of individual believers to communicate and interact directly with their maker rather than always having to operate through the intercession of a minister or a priest. To reduce it to its bare bones, Protestantism seems to me to imply the eventual redundancy of ministers. On the one hand, it could be argued here that I am trying to make the elder more like a priest or a minister, but, on the other, it could be said that the more elders, who are lay, take on the traditional tasks of the ministers and priests, the more the Kirk would be developing logically and bravely along the lines laid out by the founders of the Reformation in the sixteenth century. Has it got the courage to do this?

The Vision of the Rt Rev. Dr. Marion Pardy, Moderator, UCC

The vision for the implementation of our new design is as follows:

The calling of the General Council is to enable the whole of The United Church of Canada to participate faithfully, collaboratively, and effectively in the one mission of God in the world, celebrating God's presence, living with respect in creation, loving and serving others, seeking justice and resisting evil, and proclaiming Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

Specifically, we seek to be a church that is committed to: living whole-world ecumenism, nurturing visible unity in the body of Christ, overcoming structural racism, seeking gender-justice, being affirming and inclusive, ensuring participation of all ages, and removing structural obstacles that impede us from working effectively together in mission.

Rev. Harold Sitahal

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Story for the Heart: Perspective

A little girl was visiting her grandmother in the country. One evening they sat and enjoyed the panorama of stars in the heaven – such sparkling brilliance the little girl hadn't seen, living in the city with all the lights.

She was in awe of the beauty and said to her grandmother, 'If heaven is so beautiful on the wrong side, what must it be like on the right side?' *Author – Marilyn McAuley*

Food for Thought: Opportunity

When one door closes, another opens but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us. *Author - Graham Bell*



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Global Christian Forum: Ecumenism... experienced in the broadest sense

In the mid-90s, there was an awareness that essential voices were missing from the ecumenical table. As a result, Konrad Raiser, the then WCC (World Council Of Churches) general secretary, proposed a new ecumenical structure that would be more inclusive than the WCC. The WCC, which was a principal instrument of the ecumenical movement in the 20th century, would not be absorbed into the new structure, but would remain one of the participating groups. Out of this proposal has developed the Global Christian Forum.

The Global Christian Forum had its inaugural meeting in Limuru, Nairobi, Kenya from November 6 to 9 2007. The theme of the forum was, "Journeying with Jesus Christ the Reconciler". During this period, some 245 delegates, Christian men and women coming from 72 nations and five continents, from a broad range of churches, confessions and inter-church organizations agreed to carry forward what is called "the Global Christian Forum process". This new forum will be an open space for encounter and dialogue with the stated goal "to foster mutual respect and explore and address together common challenges".

For nearly a decade a compelling vision has empowered

the Global Christian Forum process, whose participants have yearned to bring together church leaders and other Christians from all the families and traditions that lay claim to faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord. This vision has also reflected the dramatic shift in the shape of Christianity in the 21st century, which is growing so rapidly in the global south. Representatives of the historic Protestant Churches, the Catholic Church, the Orthodox Churches, the Pentecostal Churches, the broader Evangelical movement and other Christian Churches and communities have discerned the need to be brought into relationship with one another for the sake of witness to the Gospel.

At this historic event, each delegate reflected on his/her journey with Jesus Christ the Reconciler. We were challenged in our time of Bible study to reflect on the words of the Apostle Paul: "no longer to be aliens to one another, but citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God... In whom you are also built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God" (Ephesians 2:19-22). In addition, we shared personal testimonies of our encounters with Christ, and were enriched by a forum within which we could express our faith out of our respective confessional traditions and reflect on what it

might mean to walk together in obedience to Christ. We acknowledged that we have differing views on substantive issues such as ecclesiology, the scope of evangelism and mission. Here a new beginning was made for encounter and dialogue.

Enjoying times of prayer and fellowship, we discussed the challenges and opportunities we have in sharing the Gospel and in pursuing justice, loving mercy and walking humbly with God. We shared our experience of what God is doing in our churches and organisations, and how we participate in God's mission in the world by witnessing to the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

We were grateful for the opportunity it gave us to meet in an atmosphere of trust and openness in which we could acknowledge and repent of past failings to bear with one another in love. We acknowledged that we have often allowed prejudices to shape our understanding of different Christian traditions, and we welcome the opportunity as God's adopted children to encounter one another and to explore together the forgiveness and redemption found in Christ.

The Christian traditions represented at the Forum meeting in Limuru were: the African Instituted churches, Anglican, Baptist, Eastern Orthodox, Evangelical, Disciples of Christ (Churches of Christ), Holiness, Lutheran, Mennonite, Methodist, Moravian, Old Catholic, Oriental Orthodox, Pentecostal, Reformed, Roman and Eastern Catholic, Salvation Army, Seventh-Day Adventist, the Society of Friends, and the United and Uniting churches.

The Forum process also involved a number of Christian organizations: regional ecumenical organizations, youth and student international movements, YMCA and YWCA, United Bible Societies, World Vision International, the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, the World Evangelical Alliance, the World Council of Churches, the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and a number of other organizations.

Two documents were issued at Limuru: the Global Christian Forum Guiding Purpose Statement and a Message from the Global Christian Forum to Brothers and Sisters in Christ Throughout the World.

The Global Forum was indeed a historic achievement. It is historic because it sets a benchmark in church history for the commitment of the churches to walk together. It is an achievement of unparalleled importance because it brought together the historic churches of the Reformation together with the Eastern churches in a commitment to seek visible unity and common witness.

However, for numerous reasons there were many churches that could not join the conversation. For some, the ecumenical process was flawed in its goals and its methods. For others, participation in the process would conflict with their own ecclesial identity, or in some cases, their non-ecclesial identity.

The WCC describes itself as the "privileged instrument" of the ecumenical movement. Though the Global Christian Forum does not seek to become such an instrument, it

wishes to be an open space for encounter and dialogue. The very scope of the forum participation is historic ... only time will tell whether this new ecumenical venture will become a new benchmark in church history. Nevertheless, the delegates made a commitment to pray for one another and to work to convene local and regional events, as well as other global encounters, in order to deepen this journey toward the goal of reconciliation.

At the Forum, though hectic and intense, delegates were given the opportunity to see a bit of Kenya, when we visited one of the most popular African Safaris - Lake Nakuru National Park. It was indeed a sight to behold!

Although, at the time of the Forum the delegates were spared the explosion of violence over Kenya's disputed election taking place presently, the delegates through e-mails have expressed their concern and offered prayers for the Kenyan people, especially those who have lost their homes and loved ones. We are urged to continue praying for our Kenyan sisters and brothers.

*Rev. Joy Abdul-Mohan,
Principal - St. Andrew's Theological College*



Rev. Joy does some sightseeing in Kenya - Safari style!



From the archives of the Presbyterian Church in Trinidad & Tobago: Annual congregation reports

Around this time of year congregations and Regions will be having or already had their Annual Congregational Meeting - these are so important where the reports of the work of the past year are received and discussed and some initial plans made for the next several months.

What becomes of all these reports? Literally hundred of such reports are produced throughout the length and breadth of the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago. What becomes of all these reports re the life and work and worship of our people?

At our Presbyterian Archives we are very, very interested in these Annual Reports for they say a great deal about the ongoing witness of our congregations and the several groups that are formed in every congregation.

We are therefore making an appeal to all Secretaries (Local Board, Session etc.) to please forward all such reports for the past year and indeed any Reports of previous years that are at hand. Your Minister/Interim Minister, Presiding Elder/Deaconess will be only too happy to be a channel/contact in getting such invaluable documents to our Presbyterian Archives.

Last year a similar appeal was made and only two Regions responded - you will agree that this was not good enough.

We have boxes/files opened for every single Pastoral Region and individual congregations. Some of these are bursting with documents - Susamachar, Oropouche and

Penal/Siparia are the leaders but them again there are a number of Regions whose boxes/files are literally empty.

Help us to preserve the story of the growth and development of our Church in every nook and cranny.

We are looking for:

- Annual Reports, Minutes of all meetings - Boards, Committees, Session, PCW, Youth Group, Choir, Sunday School, etc.
- History of Congregations and Schools
- Brochures, bulletins, Newsletters, (please put us on your mailing list)
- Pictures of events and Group pictures. (Add information on back of picture and date).
- Church diaries, announcement books

Your interest and contributions will certainly help the Archives Committee in carrying out their allotted duties.

This year 2008 we are celebrating 140 years of the work and witness of the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago (1868 - 2008). Regions and congregations may conceivably have special Thanksgiving Services or other activities to mark the occasion. Kindly send us any brochure or special publication that you are planning to produce to mark this or any other similar event.

We wish to express a 'Thank You' to all those who have assisted the Archives Committee during the past year.

Rev. Ken Kalloo



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A brief history: Iere Memorial Prebyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church in Trinidad had its humble beginnings at Iere Village in 1868. The church was established by the Canadian missionary John Morton. Morton was born in Nova Scotia, Canada, where he became an ordained Presbyterian minister. Complications from diphtheria forced him to find refuge in the tropics. After sailing to Barbados he finally settled in Trinidad.

Morton observed East Indians working as indentured labourers in the sugar plantations in Trinidad. He found in Iere Village a small mission that had been established by the United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) in 1843 but abandoned in 1853. After four months in Trinidad, Morton travelled to Philadelphia to petition the Presbyterian Church to allow him to work for them converting East Indians to Christianity, but his petition failed. He then presented his concerns to the Board of Foreign Missions in the provinces of British North America. This time he got a favourable response and he was allowed to go to Trinidad to convert East Indians. The United Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) offered use of their premises at Iere Village providing that Morton administer to both Africans and East Indians.

Morton arrived in Trinidad on January 3, 1868. He oversaw repairs to the dilapidated manse and chapel at Iere. Initially services were held for the African congregation. Morton wanted to reach out to the East Indian community and he learnt Hindi and Urdu in order to extend his ministry. On March 23, 1868 Morton converted three children of John Kunjah to Christianity. These three are sometimes referred to as the "doorstep three." Morton maintained regular services and also visited neighbouring villages in order to build his congregation. As time

passed many East Indian indentured labourers came forward to be baptised, and some were trained to minister the gospel. Churches were established in many villages, including Mount Stewart Village which borders Iere Village. In 1971 the Mount Stewart Church was closed and the congregation merged with Iere Village. The Presbyterian Church also established primary and secondary schools, and many locals were trained to be teachers. These schools together educated East Indians, thereby increasing their opportunities for social mobility and a better quality of life.

In 1881 John Morton left Trinidad and the leadership of the church passed to local clergy. Some of the local ministers who have served in this region include Malal Singh, Ramlal, Gopaul, Sukhu, Nobbee, York, Sieunarine and Sammah.

Many families have contributed to the growth of the first Presbyterian church here at Iere, and these families include:

Ablack, Allahdua, Annajee, Backhorie Balaram, Banawa, Baskhaw Bhulchn, Boulcha, Cockey, Cris, Gomez, Jurawan, Kantoo, Premchand, Mahabir, Ramkhalaw, Rampersad, Ramrattan, Sooden, Sukhu, Suphal and Tejah. The direct descendants of John Kunjah, the children of Rawle Mahabir, are also still worshipping at the Iere Memorial Church. Today there are Presbyterian churches all across Trinidad, and the primary and secondary schools are among the best on the island. The church at Iere is still vibrant, with a committed congregation of youth and elders who continue to serve the church steadfastly.

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Photo Source: Wikipedia, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iere_Village



THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY: Preaching Schedule, March 9th 2008

1) SAN JUAN/ WOODBROOK:

San Juan 7.15 a.m.
Santa Cruz 8.45 a.m.
Woodbrook 10.30 a.m.

2) ARAMALAYA:

Tacarigua 6.30 a.m.
Aramalaya 7.45 a.m.
Warrenville 9.00 a.m.
Kelly 10.30 a.m.

3) ARIMA:

Arima 7.00 a.m.
Valencia 8.45 a.m.
St. Helena 10.30 a.m.
San Carlos 9.00 a.m.

4) GUAICO:

Caratal 6.30 a.m.
Cumuto 6.45 a.m.
Jubilee 8.30 a.m.
Cunaripo 8.00 a.m.
Guaico 9.30 a.m.

5) SANGRE CHIQUITO:

Sangre Chiquito 7.00 a.m.
Plum Road 8.30 a.m.
Grosvenor 7.00 a.m.
Fishing Pond 9.00 a.m.
Plum Mitan 10.00 a.m.

6) CUREPE/ST. JOSEPH:

Maracas 7.00 a.m.
St. Joseph 8.30 a.m.
Curepe 9.45 a.m.
Caroni 7.00 a.m.
Latchu Memorial (Bamboo) 8.15 a.m.

7) CHAGUANAS:

Longdenville 6.30 a.m.
St. Charles 9.30 a.m.
Las Lomas 7:00 a.m.
Cunupia 8.30 a.m.
Felicity 8.00 a.m.

8) CHASE VILLAGE:

Waterloo 7.00 a.m.
Bank Village 7:30 a.m.
Calcutta 8.00 a.m.
Nistar 10.00 a.m.

9) COUVA:

McBean 7.00 a.m.
Balmain 9.00 a.m.
Knox 8.00 a.m.
Indian Trail 10.00 a.m.

10) CLAXTON BAY:

Ebenezer 7.30 a.m.
Mizpah 9.00 a.m.
Carolina 6.30 a.m.
California 8.00 a.m.
Esperanza 9.30 a.m.

11) MARABELLA /BONNE AVENTURE:

Marabella 7.00 a.m.
Gasparillo 8.30 a.m.
Bonne Aventure 7.00 a.m.
Mayo 8.30 a.m.
Reform 7.30 a.m.
Ben Lomond 8.45 a.m.

- Mr. Harold Baccus
- Rev. Elvis Elahie
- Rev. Elvis Elahie

- Rev. Albert Bailey
- Rev. Albert Bailey
- Mr. Anthony Rampersad
- Mr. Anthony Rampersad

- Rev. Winston Ramkissoon
- Rev. Winston Ramkissoon
- Deaconess Ashmin Gajadhar
- Deaconess Ashmin Gajadhar

- Miss Kimberly Ramlochan
- Miss Anupa Nanan
- Miss Anupa Nanan
- Rev. Stephen Harripersad
- Rev. Stephen Harripersad

- Rev. Joy Abdul-Mohan
- Rev. Joy Abdul-Mohan
- Mr. Keron Khellawan
- Mr. Keron Khellawan
- Miss Kimberly Ramlochan

- Mr. Daniel Chance
- Mr. Daniel Chance
- Mr. Daniel Chance
- Deaconess Calpurnia Chance
- Deaconess Calpurnia Chance

- Rev. Arthur Yorke
- Rev. Arthur Yorke
- Mr. Damien Sieunarine
- Mr. Damien Sieunarine
- Mr. Harold Latchu

- Mrs. Hazoon Baksh-Dass
- Mr. Mikey Bedasie
- Mr. David Nath
- Mr. David Nath

- Rev. Cyril Paul
- Rev. Cyril Paul
- Mr. Orlando Nagessar
- Mr. Orlando Nagessar

- Rev. Randall Sammah
- Rev. Randall Sammah
- Mr. Larry Kowlessar
- Deaconess Jenifa Sinanan
- Deaconess Jenifa Sinanan

- Rev. Daniel Teelucksingh
- Rev. Daniel Teelucksingh
- Mr. Rawle Ramlogan
- Mr. Rawle Ramlogan
- Deaconess M. Seenathsingh
- Deaconess M. Seenathsingh

12) SUSAMACHAR:

Susamachar 7.00 a.m.
Vistabella 8.30 a.m.
Susamachar 5.00 p.m.
Corinth 8.30 a.m.
Golconda 10.00 a.m.

13) LA ROMAIN/ DEBE:

La Romaine 7.00 a.m.
Canaan 8.30 a.m.
Debe 7.00 a.m.
Esperance 9.00 a.m.
Hermitage 10.30 a.m.

14) PENAL / SIPARIA:

Penal 7.00 a.m.
Penal Rock 9.00 a.m.
Divine Rock 10.30 a.m.
Erin Road 7.00 a.m.
Siparia 8.30 a.m.
San Francique 10.00 a.m.
Mendez 10.30 a.m.

15) OROPOUCHE:

Morning Star 6.30 a.m.
Rousillac 9.30 a.m.
Eternal Light 8.00 a.m.

16) POINT FORTIN/ CEDROS:

Guapo 6.30 a.m.
Salazar Trace 7.45 a.m.
Point Fortin 9.00 a.m.
Cedros 7.00 a.m.
Coromandel 8.30 a.m.
Point Coco 10.00 a.m.

17) DIAMOND:

Diamond 7.15 a.m.
Krist Mandali 9.00 a.m.
Lower Barrackpore 7.00 a.m.
Transfer 8.30 a.m.

18) BARRACKPORE:

Upper Barrackpore 7.30 a.m.
Lengua 9.00 a.m.
Borde Narve 7.00 a.m.
Clarke Road 7.00 a.m.
Rochard Douglas 8.30 a.m.

19) RIVERSDALE:

Morichal 7:00 a.m.
Brothers 8.30 a.m.
Poonah 8.00 a.m.
Riversdale 9.45 a.m.

20) TABAQUITE:

Piparo 6.30 a.m.
Jeffers {24 mile} 8.00 a.m.
Torrib Trace 9.30 a.m.
Tabaquite 9.30 a.m.
Flanagin Town 8.00 a.m.

21) PRINCES TOWN:

St. Andrew's 7.00 a.m.
Iere Village 8.30 a.m.
Jordan Hill 7.30 a.m.
St. Mary's 9.30 a.m.

22) TABLELAND:

St. James 7.30 a.m.
St. Julien 9.00 a.m.
Poole 7.00 a.m.
New Century 8.30 a.m.

23) NARIVA/ MAYARO:

Rio Claro 7.00 a.m.
Navet 8.30 a.m.
Ecclesville 7.00 a.m.
Mafeking 8.30 a.m.
Biche 7.00 a.m.

24) TOBAGO:

6:00 p.m.

- Rev. Everson Sieunarine
- Rev. Everson Sieunarine
- Mr. Kenrick Seepersad
- Deaconess Indira Roopan
- Deaconess Indira Roopan

- Rev. Emmanuel Ramdeen
- Rev. Emmanuel Ramdeen
- Mr. Emmanuel Ramkaran
- Mr. Reginald Amman
- Mr. Reginald Amman

- Mr. Dennis Williams
- Mr. Dennis Williams
- Mrs. Indra Kokaram
- Rev. Annabell L-Ramkelawan
- Rev. Annabell L-Ramkelawan
- Mr. Roy Ramlogan
- Mrs. Gloria Hay

- Rev. Clifton Mathura
- Rev. Clifton Mathura
- Mrs. Radica Moonoo

- Rev. Bruce Kramer
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- Mrs. Reeia Lalchan-Prayag
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- Rev. Paul Balliram
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- Mr. Timothy Beepath
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- Rev. Ralph Umraw
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- Mr. Lennox Sibdial
- Mr. James Goolcharan

- Mr. Anthony Boodram
- Mr. Ivan Paul
- Rev. Brenda Bullock
- Rev. Brenda Bullock

- Mr. Satnarine Ramnath
- Mr. Satnarine Ramnath
- Mr. Shirvan Siloch
- Mr. Kelvin Sookhansingh
- Mr. Kelvin Sookhansingh

- Rev. Rawle Sukhu
- Rev. Rawle Sukhu
- Mr. Carlyle Mohan
- Mr. Hollis Mohan

- Mrs. Indra Debysingh
- Mrs. Dianna Sookdeo
- Mr. Hamid Isahark
- Mrs. Grace Sookoo

- Rev. Letra Jacob
- Rev. Letra Jacob
- Deaconess Lisa Dharamjit
- Deaconess Lisa Dharamjit
- Mr. Errol Ragnauth
- Rev. Emmanuel Ramdeen
(23rd March 2008)

Children's Corner: My Father's Business



Biblia.com



Searchingthescriptures.net



Rosarycorner.com

His father was a carpenter who used hand tools to do his work. As a little boy he would often go to his father's workshop and watch him work. He wanted to be like his daddy.

He would touch the tools and often his father allowed him to play with some that were safe. He would touch the tables, stools, beds, yokes and ploughs which his father made or repaired for the people who lived in his village and town.

The people were farmers, who planted corn and wheat and kept vineyards with winepresses. They were also fishermen whom his father helped to build and repair their boats.

As he grew older, his father taught him the names of the tools - as the clamps, the chisel and the awl and things like putty and glue and how to use them properly and safely. Although he was interested and learnt his father's business very well, he did not want to be a carpenter all his life.

As a boy he would go to the synagogues and the temple with his parents to pray and worship God. He had read the scriptures, learned to pray, sing the psalms, attended worship in the temple and synagogues and spoke with the rabbis and priests. He always knew that he wanted to tell people about God, and about the work and business of his Heavenly Father.

He knew the business of this earthly father, that of being a carpenter and also the business of the heavenly father, that of loving one another. He knew this was what God wanted him to do since he was twelve years old.

Remember that story when he was in the temple talking with the lawyers and his mother and father found him after worriedly looking for him for many days? He said, "How is it that you looked for me, wist ye not that I must be about my father's business?"

Memory Verse: St Luke 2:49.

You can read the story: **St Luke 2:41-51.**

The boy Jesus loved his father Joseph and he also loved God. His father's business was the work that Joseph, his earthly father did and also the work that his heavenly father, God wanted him to do.

He did what they wanted him to do.

Activities:

(1) Fill in the blanks to find out some of the tools and things a carpenter uses.

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 G _ _ E P _ _ CIL _ _ A _
 _ LA _ _ S PU _ _ Y A _ L

2. Do you know your father's business or the work he does? Talk with him; let him tell you about his work and the tools and things he uses.

3. Older children can do a woodcarving of Jesus at the age of twelve years.

Song:

At work beside his fathers' bench, and play when work was done ...

Prayer:

Heavenly father, I pray that you will help my earthly father to be good and kind and true, so I can learn from him about his business and about your business. Amen

Until next month, take time to learn about your father's business and be safe.

With love- *Uncle Bill.*

SATC Graduation: A reflection in pictures





Gratitude: For all you have done for us

Come let us with deep reverence kneel and pray,
For those who in the past have shown the Way;
With grateful hearts we raise our anthems up above,
To Thee, O Great Creator, O Thou God of love.

On every nook and cranny of our land
You've built a fortress with your dedicated hand;
Thanks be to you and all who came before,
For majesty and grandeur in your dedicated chore.

We serve Thee now, because of those before,
Wherewith could we so easily have found this cure?
Their dedicated spirits bore no marks of bitter pain,
And, could they return, will serve us willingly again.

Come then with holiness to kneel and pray,
For those whose brighter lights have shown the Way.
Their torch of Faith we pass to youthful ones,
To share a greater glory with our Star and Sun.

In Honour of the Missionaries, the last of whom was the late Rev. Geraldine Reid.

*Roland Dharamjit Ramkoon,
Aramalaya Presbyterian Church, Tunapuna*

Articles for The Trinidad Presbyterian Newsletter

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We are respectfully requesting that All Sessions appoint a member or members to write and submit articles and photographs to the Trinidad Presbyterian News on ongoing or up-coming events in your region.

We would sincerely appreciate if you can submit the name/s and contact number of the selected person/s to the **Communications' Committee, C/O The Presbyterian Church In T&T, P.O. Box 187, Paradise Hill, San Fernando.** Email – pctt@tstt.net.tt Phone/Fax No. (868) 652-4829.

Please make arrangements for your regions Newsletter to be collected from Synod's Office on the Friday before the First Sunday of the month. Your Newsletter will be available at Synod's Office from 2:00 p.m.

Please note that Articles should be typewritten, Approximately 200 – 250 words in length, and as far as possible

accompanied by a picture. Also please note handwritten Memoriams will not be acknowledged/published.

Ideally, digital photos should be clear and in focus, the subject of the photograph should be well lit, colors should be rich/accurate and pictures should have a resolution of 3+ megapixels (there are many websites that give tips on good photography). Although printed photos can be scanned, digital camera photos are preferred.

Articles can be sent to Paradise Hill or emailed to pctt@tstt.net.tt. Please submit articles before the 15th day of each month. All articles must include the name of the writer/s before they can be published. Articles containing news older than three months will not be published.

We take this opportunity to invite your feedback and suggestions on our Newsletter. Your response can be emailed or posted to us via Synod's Office.

The Communications Committee

Read the Bible in one year: Feb-Mar 2008 Guide

FEBRUARY

1st Exodus 27-28
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2nd Exodus 29-30
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3rd Exodus 31-33
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4th Exodus 34-35
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5th Exodus 36-38
Matthew 23: 1-22
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23rd Numbers 7-8
Mark 4: 21-41
24th Numbers 9-11
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25th Numbers 12-14
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5th Numbers 34-36
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6th Deuteronomy 1-2
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7th Deuteronomy 3-4
Mark 10: 32-52
8th Deuteronomy 5-7
Mark 11: 1-18

An invitation from the Communications Committee

Dear Readers, It is not too late to wish you all a Happy and Blessed New Year. The Communication's Committee has taken a giant leap this year to produce a better quality of newsletter. Please share your views with us.

For this 140th anniversary year of our church, we are inviting readers to submit their own thoughts on the topic: **"What Being a Presbyterian means to Me"**. Your article should be about three hundred (300) words in length. If we think your experience will help others on their faith journey, we will print it in a subsequent issue of the T.P.!

So put pen to paper or finger to keyboard and just write. We are also looking for a young person within our church currently pursuing studies or training in Journalism. We would love to have you on board as part of our team. Your knowledge will be of great help to us. We will offer you experience. You never know where the Lord will take you. Please give me a call at 657-8509.

Hope to hear from you soon! God bless

Rev. Dr. Randall Sammah,
Chairman- PCTT Communications Committee

Fundraiser for Presiding Elder Rawle Ramlogan

The Synodical Council at its last meeting agreed to a proposal of the Board of Social Responsibility to raise funds to assist our Brother, Presiding Elder Rawle Ramlogan, to restore his dwelling house, located in Riversdale, which was partially destroyed by fire.

The cost of restoration of the building is estimated at \$200,000.00.

Pastoral Regions and or individuals are kindly requested to make a contribution to assist in this noble effort. Regions may also request assistance in cash or kind from non-members wherever possible.

All contributions should be forwarded to the Synod's Office, where a Rawle Ramlogan Fund has been set up. Preferably, contributions should be sent by cheques, issued to "The Presbyterian Church in Trinidad and Tobago" and properly identified.

Where Pastoral Regions have made a contribution directly to the family, notification of the sum may be sent to the Synod's Office for information, record and transparency. We look forward to your usual generous support and co-operation to such deserving cases.

General Secretary of Synod

National Presbyterian Sunday School Rally

The National Presbyterian Church Sunday School Rally will be held on Saturday 15th, March 2008 at the Gasparillo Comprehensive School from 8am to 3pm.

Parents are advised to bring their children early as registration begins at 8am. The actual programme for the Rally begins at 9am and will continue until 3pm. The Gasparillo Composite School is located at Rahaman Drive, Bonne Aventure Road, Happy Hill Village, Gasparillo.

Sunday School children are expected to bring palm branches for the parade. Refreshments will be on sale.

Deaconess Indira Roopan

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Mission & Restructuring Document	\$10
DAILY BREAD 2008	\$27

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* Hymns for Children	\$6
* Basic Guide to Christian Education	\$15
* Basic Guide – Easter/ Pentecost/Advent	\$10

The Family Can: Celebrate the new Year 2008

As we turn the bend in time, will it continue as 2007 or will it be different? Any hope for a difference must begin with you the individual before it impacts the family or any other group. Certainly there are experiences we would not want to relive but there are experiences we would want to improve or change. Each of us can contribute or deduct from the family to which we belong as determined by our resources, attitudes and spirit of life.

The thought for the New Year is to make 2008 - The Year of the Family.

In looking back and looking forward, celebrate 2008 not only on January 1 but each day of the year to December 31, 2008. Celebrate your family over the next year with thoughts from **THE FAMILY CAN** ... to bring family members closer with purpose and love.

Let the family be your number # 1 focus in the New Year so that one year from today - the family, your family can look back and say, 'it was a really good year'.

How can this happen?

Say, Let it begin with me and initiate doing activities

together. Set family goals in addition to individual goals, transfer family values, continue family traditions, do chores, cook, shop, play, pray and worship, learn and share time together. All these help to cultivate the value of the family.

Ever wondered, why God created families?

God established marriage that man and woman might have life-long companionship, that natural instinct and affections might be fulfilled in mutual love, that children would have the benefit of family life, and that society might rest on a firm foundation.

The commandment of the Family is to 'love one another'.

Unless the Lord builds a house, they labour in vain who build it. Psalm 127:1.

THE FAMILY CAN ... CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR – 2008 Have a safe, peaceful and really good year.

A MONTHLY THOUGHT TO HELP IMPROVE YOUR FAMILY
Hilton R. Siboo

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Heritage 101.7FM: Congrats to the Pres. Church

Heritage Radio 101.7 FM congratulates the Synod, Region and all Members of the Presbyterian Church of Trinidad and Tobago on their 140th anniversary.

During the past 32 months we have broadcast 'live' more than 125 Sunday morning devotions, anniversary celebrations and other special services throughout the country.

Schedule of 'live' and recorded broadcasts for the month of February 2008:

3rd February - 7:00am – Delayed broadcast of Brothers Presbyterian Church, Williamsville special service by Rev. Joy Abdool-Mohan

9th February - 9:00-11:00am – 'Live' from Susumachar Presbyterian Church – The Presbyterian Church Women's Annual Conference

10th February - 7:00am – Service from St. James Church, Tableland – Officiating: Junior Minister Radica Moonoo

10th February - 4:00pm – Recording of the 140th anniversary service at lere Presbyterian Church at 4:00pm for re-broadcast on **February 17th** at 7:00am. Officiating Rev. Dr. Randall Sammah and the Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Elvis Elahie

24th February - 7:00am – La Romaine Presbyterian Church

24th February - 4:00pm – Recording of Elevation Service, Penal Presbyterian Church for re-broadcast on March 2nd at 7:00am

From Ash Wednesday 6th February to Easter Monday 24th March - Caribbean Lenten Meditation at 12:25pm with the Principal of St. Andrews Theological College, Rev. Joy Abdool-Mohan

Issac J. Ramoutar, M.O.M. • Co-Ordinator

Hymn: To the Spirit

Speak through, speak through O Spirit
Your Servants in this place,
The word of peace and justice,
God's word to every race;
And listening to your whisper,
Above the noise and strife,
We pray all ills to conquer,
And for abundant life.

Sing through, sing through O Spirit,
Our voices lifted high,
In grateful praise and wonder
For truths that never die;
Let's sing amidst the lament
Of those who sing with tears,
Let's sing amidst the silence
Of those who live with fears.

Work through, work through o Spirit,
Our hopeful plans and deeds,
May self give way to service,
And grace meet all our needs;
Let all our gifts be offered,
To build and edify
One Church, from one world gathered,
God's name to glorify.

Rev. Everson T. Sieunarine

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In Loving Memory of Emanuel Dharry Ramdhansingh



Sunrise: 23rd March 1919
Sunset: 1st December 2004
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid you
see. I took His hand when I heard
His call;

I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day To
laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks
left undone must stay that way, I
found the peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill
it with remembered joys-
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes, these things I too will miss.

But not burdened with times of
sorrow, I wish you the sunshine
of tomorrow. My life's been full, I
savored much, Good friends, good
times, A loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too
brief- Don't lengthen it now with
undue grief. Lift up your hearts,
and peace to thee- God wanted me
now; He set me free.

Loved & Missed by his children
Romeo, Rosemary, Kenneth (Nixon),
Annette, Lawrence, Desmond, Clar-
ence, & Carol his sons and daugh-
ters in law, his twenty-nine grand-
children & his twenty- three great
grandchildren.

In Loving Memory of Navarro Dookie



Sunrise: 25th November 1943
Sunset: 23rd February 2007

Lovingly remembered by his
beloved wife Myrna,
Daughters - Wendy and Nerina
Sons-in-Law - Lenny and Ameal
Grandchildren - Thalia, Tevin,
Reece and Aria

May his soul rest in peace.

practice at Siparia. He later took up an appointment
at TRINMAR and lived and worked at Point Fortin for
almost forty years.

At the funeral service the TRINMAR Chorale was
in attendance providing special music. Mr. Selwyn
Pragg, cousin of the deceased, sang the beautiful
solo 'It is well with my Soul'.

Dr. Saney was the relative of the Saney, Bhola, Rame-
sar, Lalgee and Matura families. He was a devoted
family doctor and friend to a multitude of people.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Joan Marie,
daughters Elaine and Sandra and son Isaac. He was
interred in the family allotment at the Siparia cemetery.

Ken Kalloo

**Installation at Guaico Presbyterian:
Deaconess Lisa Dharamgit is ready to serve**
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talents. He stated that although the parable is harsh
and stern it offers hope for all of us, whether we are
big or small. He emphasized that "small" is beauti-
ful, important and significant and that we all have
a role to play in today's world, since we are all God's
children. Reverend Paul explained that although our
talents may differ, we are all equal in God's sight and
that God's love does not seek value but it creates
value. However, he stated, many of us believe that we
have to continuously prove our value.

In her response, Deaconess Lisa graciously thanked
God for His love and grace and protection and the
congregation for their words of encouragement, love
and support.

We, the members of the Northern Presbytery
would like to sincerely congratulate Deaconess Lisa
Dharamgit on her installation, and would like to wish
her a successful and rewarding term at the Guaico
Pastoral Region.

Sitara Gardner

**Online Presbyterians: Look out for
the PCTT & TP Groups on Facebook!**

**e-TP (4.3mb): [http://www.zorce.com/
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The Funeral of the late Dr. Clifton Saney

Sunrise: September 2nd 1930
Sunset: December 9th 2007

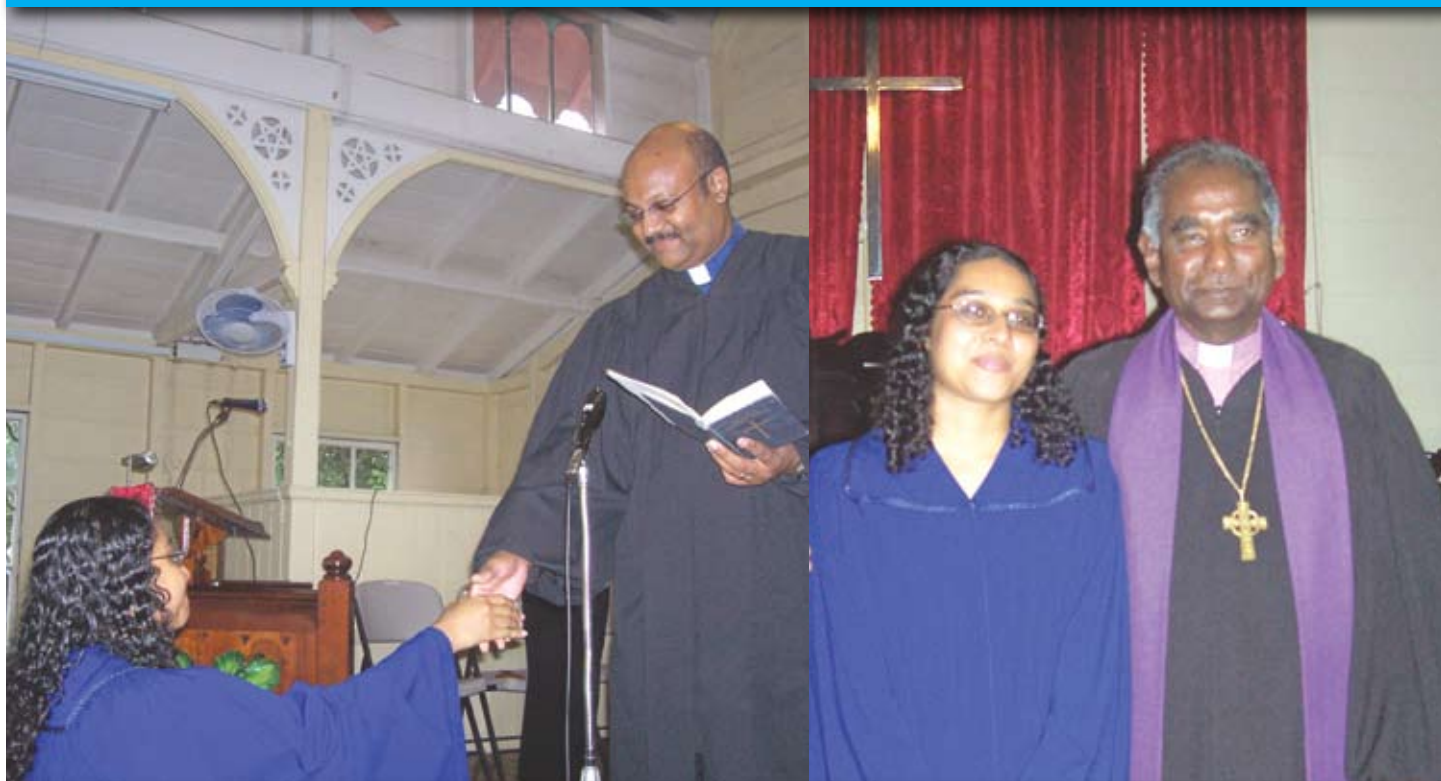
The funeral service for the late Dr. C. H. P. Saney took
place on Friday 14th December 2007 at the Akash-
bani Presbyterian Church in Siparia, the church of
his boyhood days and where he worshipped when
he first returned to Trinidad in the 1960s.

Clifton Saney, a graduate of Naparima College,
was the eldest son of Isaac and Hannah (Ramesar)
Saney and brother of Bede, Christiana, Muriel, Glo-
ria, Bianca and Beulah (deceased).

The funeral service was officiated by Rev. Winston
Ramkisson and Presiding Elder Hollis Mohan.
The sermon was preached by Ken Kalloo and the
eulogy was read by Dr. Saney's son Professor Isaac
Saney of Dalhousie University.

Dr. Clifton Saney served his internship at San
Fernando General Hospital and opened his private

Installation at Guaico Presbyterian: Deaconess Lisa Dharamgit is ready to serve *God loves us all...whether we are big or small!*



The Morton Memorial Church was filled to capacity on Sunday January 13, 2008 as members of the churches in the Northern Presbytery and the Church of Scotland gathered to witness the installation of Deaconess Lisa Dharamgit in the Guaico Pastoral Region.

Deaconess Lisa Dharamgit was commissioned on November 23, 2003. She worked for four years in the Arima Pastoral Region, assisting with the Sunday School, working with the sick, visiting the schools in the Region and generally sharing her love for God with everyone whom she met. Deaconess Lisa has a deep passion for her work and even in a very short conversation with her one cannot help but admire her simplicity and her genuine love for God.

The only child of Pavitrie and Michael Dharamgit, Deaconess Lisa has now returned to her home town, to work with the people she knows and loves. She is focused on doing God's work and caring for His people.

The Installation Service was organized by the Northern Presbytery. Persons who participated in the service included Reverend Emmanuel Ramdeen, who conducted the service, Reverend Cyril Paul, who delivered the mes-

sage and Reverend Albert Bailey, who was the Presiding Officer. The Chairman of Northern Presbytery, Mr Hatim Gardner, welcomed the congregation and made the relevant announcements, Deaconess Indira Roopan said the pastoral prayer, Mr Kenny Moorley and Mr Alison Vishnu Lakhiram read the scripture lessons, while Mrs Tara Persaud, Secretary of Northern Presbytery, presented Deaconess Lisa during the act of installation. Greetings were brought from the Clerk of Session, Mrs Ria Barran and Reverend Garwell Bacchus from the Church of Scotland (in Trinidad) and Reverend Elizabeth Cranfield from the Church of Scotland (in Scotland).

The Guaico Presbyterian Church Choir rendered lovely anthems to the accompaniment of Ms Geosanne Thannoo, a student of St Augustine Girls' High School. Also in the audience were Reverend Bruce Kramer, visitors from the Church of Scotland (in Scotland) and members of the Church of Scotland in Trinidad).

Reverend Paul's message was based on the scripture lessons in 2 Timothy 1:1-7 and Matthew 25:14-29. He emphasized that "... God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self control" (2 Timothy 1:7). He also gave his interpretation of the parable of the

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