MEN OF GOD...  
ON THE MOVE...

The Confab was held in conjunction with the BWA Men’s Department, the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship (CBF) Men’s Department and the Jamaica Baptist Union Brotherhood (JBUB).

Rev. Neville Callam, General Secretary of the BWA who brought greetings, charged the men to rise up to the challenge at hand. He was excited about the recent improvements and renewal in the life of the Men’s Dept. and urged the men to get even further involved and take a proactive stance in this area of Ministry.

Rev Luke Shaw, President of the Jamaica Baptist Union (JBU), in giving the keynote address, emphasized the need for men to lead consistent and exemplary lives, and to reach others by the example set by them, so people can see Christ reflected in their lives even when times are difficult and challenging.

A number of workshops were held as part of the confab, with topics covering areas such as “Wholesomeness – a Society Designed by God” presented by Rev. Kiviyiekiielie Linyu, Executive Director of the Angami Baptist Church Council in India; “Understanding Males in a Changing World” by Ayoola Badejo, President of the All Africa Baptist Men’s Dept; “The Man’s Role in the Family and Community” by Lucky Ray, President of American Baptist Men’s Ministry; “The Challenge of Restoring Christian Values” by Forestal Lawton, President of the North American Baptist Men’s Fellowship and Director of the BWA Men’s Dept; and “Christian Men in Business” by Glen Christian, CEO of Cari-Med Ltd. and member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Kingston, Jamaica.

Event hosts, Owen Crooks, President of the BWA Men’s Dept, Rev. David Serrant, President of the CBF Men’s Dept. and Neville Jennings, President of the JBUB were pleased with the participation and response of the men, many of whom took time off from work, to travel to Ocho Rios to be a part of the electrifying atmosphere and stimulating discussions on the programme.

Appreciation was also expressed to the overseas guests for their presence and the support extended in ensuring the success of the Confab.

To God be the Glory!
BWA Men’s World Day of Prayer

The BWA Men’s World Day of Prayer is celebrated each year on the last Saturday of April, and offers an opportunity to involve the men in your church, but also to seek others in your sphere of influence, and those with whom you interact.

In 2013, men all around the world gathered on this day for prayer, fasting, and witness, to celebrate the goodness of God and to encourage unsaved men to come to know Christ.

A Devotional leading up to April 26, 2014 is being compiled, together with the Event Guide which will soon be posted on the Men’s Dept page of the BWA website at www.bwa.org.

Ephesians 6:17, 18 - “Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”

The helmet is the protector of the head in times of difficulty or distress. It covers the head in the day of battle against satan, the enemy of the saints. The helmet of salvation is also the protector of the mind against false doctrines. The sword of the Spirit is the word of God. Its two edges are the law and the gospel; one convicts of sin and the other speaks to the truth of God. This is a sword of a spiritual nature used by the spiritual man and the Holy Spirit is the author of it. Pray for God to teach you how to use these gifts and to know the power of each and how effective they can be in your ministry.

By Lucky Ray
2013 Day of Prayer Devotional

Members of the Executive of the Men’s Dept met over March 4 & 5, 2013, to discuss and make plans, including for the upcoming 2015 Baptist World Congress in Durban, South Africa in 2015. Plans are afoot to use the opportunity to host a Men’s Rally at that time.

Men, Be Encouraged!

The walk of faith is quite a challenging one and moreso for men out there. Men are seen to be the leaders and have to take responsibility for their families and for the people around them in general.

As Christian men we have a huge responsibility. Accept this responsibility as a sign of God’s trust in you. We must take our duty towards our families seriously, but apart from that, we also carry this responsibility at our places of work and in the wider society. As a man you should understand your limitations as well. There are things and situations where you need to solely rely on God. Remember Luke 18:27 - “The things which are impossible with men, are possible with God.

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