



## **Message from Jamaica CAUSE**

### **January 2016**

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am Stevenson Samuels from Jamaica CAUSE. On behalf of Jamaica CAUSE, I extend to you and your family, our best regards for 2016 and sincere prayers that the Lord will be your guide and ultimate source through-out this year. Many of us have begun the year with heavy hearts, strained resources and failing strength. Our world faces turbulent times. Our nation is subject to national and international instabilities of various forms – economic, social and political.

This is compounded by the growing deterioration of traditional morals and values that are critical to preserving a peaceful, cohesive, and well-functioning society.

Regardless of political, economic or social status, as a people, we have been slipping fast on a downward slope.

For those whose outlook on life and personal beliefs are rooted in the bedrock of God's truth, these challenging times are in fact opportunities. Opportunities to deepen our faith, to strengthen spiritual muscles, to be the salt and light that our society desperately needs, to prove the authenticity and relevance of the gospel to our political, economic and social conditions.

Jamaica CAUSE sincerely believes that the Christian Church is at an important crossroads in her existence if she is continue the integral role of forming and shaping of independent nation. This role depends on the promotion and transmission of sound godly morals.

We must confess and admit that for too many years, the Church as a whole has not been as deeply involved as we ought. The effect of our withdrawal from public engagement and influence is now evident.

Christians, we cannot afford to be distant, silent and uninvolved. The Lord will hold us accountable for our failures to be active watchmen on the wall and to be prophets speaking truth to those in power for the emancipation of our nations. The new bondage that seeks to entrap us arises from ungodly mind-sets, attitudes and habits which are destructive to the individual and society. We are called to be priests in interceding for the salvation of every man, woman, boy and girl.

Let each of us personally undertake an honest accounting of our condition and need for repentance and cleansing. Let each of us take up our cross to follow Christ's lead in the struggles that lie ahead.

And let us do so with practical action and with prayer. As such, Jamaica CAUSE is asking that certain issues be given particular attention during your individual and corporate times of prayer and fasting.

In conjunction with our Caribbean colleagues who attended the Jamaica CAUSE Rally in Kingston, Jamaica in September 2015, we have prepared a list of topics under the themes of *Repentance, Restoration, Rallying and Resistance*.

The Caribbean CAUSE has also set up a regional prayer chain where each territory is responsible for rostering national prayer, on the listed issues, for a particular day each week. The day designated for Jamaica is Wednesday. We are calling on all believers and Christian churches to have individuals and prayer groups cover these topics every Wednesday through-out 2016.

Information on the prayer topics and where you can access the list will be provided at the end of this statement.

Fellow believers, these are uncommon times, but we have been brought into the kingdom for such a time as this; to be uncommon men and women of valor, beacons of light, wielding the sword of the Word and shield of faith in these dark days.

Thank you for joining us in prayer.

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