



THE REAL DEAL

March 20, 2017

Dear CERT Friends,

I seldom follow up the very next month the letter from the previous month. Please allow me to remind you of our February letter. See the pictures “Before” and “After.” Read the testimonies below. They are all the result of your prayers and financial support that provided the medical/dental supplies. Your gift in whatever amount helps make it happen.

I shared with you a dream or vision that Ryan Keating, a Jamaican, has to help the poor in his country. Let me give you an update of what has transpired since last month’s letter.

The pictures in last month’s letter were taken and received on January 25. Michele and a CERT team were there on the “farm” one month later, February 25.

What Ryan had accomplished in that period of one month was incredible. As I said in last month’s letter. **Ryan is for real!**

Ryan’s vision as he stated it is to *“Feed the hungry, provide shelter, clothe and educate the poor, care for the sick and break the cycle of poverty.”*

Ryan provided the initial funds to set up a foundation, **“Jamaicans Against Poverty.”** As I wrote in last month’s letter, Ryan *“has a heart for God and a heart to help his people.”*

He is not just a dreamer or visionary; he is a doer putting his money where his mouth is.

I encourage you to pray for Ryan. May I challenge you to have a part in seeing Ryan’s dream and vision for his people become a reality. Your financial support is needed.

Dr. Michael Schneeberger and his dear wife, Marsha, have been on 23 medical/dental missions to various countries with CERT. They were on the past two Missions to Jamaica. Let me share what Dr. Schneeberger wrote about Ryan.

“I’m excited for Ryan’s farm project. I see Ryan as a man of vision and as a man who is trying to make a difference in the lives of the poor in Jamaica. When I looked at his “farm” I saw rocks, weeds, brush and old run down abandoned buildings. All the problems and trouble it would be to get it to be a functional farm. I wondered if he was trying to grow rocks. Ryan on the other hand looked at the property and saw possibilities and an opportunity to help get people jobs and food. He already has two men working on the farm who would likely be unemployed otherwise! Ryan is a businessman. He knows real estate. He knows the culture and has contacts to make projects like this successful. He will keep trying until he finds something that works. I think it is always wise to invest in a man with vision and a heart to make a difference!”

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Another team member who was making her second mission with CERT to Jamaica, said,

“We could not believe all the work that had been done by two men in a month’s time...how they had cleaned up the farm. They had cleared areas and had already planted corn and pumpkin seeds that were already sprouting. To walk the farm and hear Ryan talk about his vision of feeding his people was humbling.”

Ryan didn’t wait to see if CERT would feel led to help. He started the work without any help from CERT...without any promise from CERT. He did it because he has a heart to help his people.

We take medical/dental teams to countries around the world. We undertake and raise funds for special projects. Teams and projects all serve the purpose of our being able to share Jesus Christ with the people.

The CERT medical/dental team in February carried in two heavy cases of Bibles provided by a local church. What a blessing! Everyone wanted a Bible.

They wanted the Bibles more than the medicines and medical care the team was there to give. It was so difficult to tell many that the team had no more Bibles. The team had to limit the giving of Bibles only to the new believers. **We must take more Bibles.**

There is a spiritual hunger in Jamaica. With the loving care the doctors, dentists, nurses and lay people share with the people, Jesus is also shared with them.

Twenty-one Jamaican’s prayed with team members acknowledging their need and desire to know Christ personally.

Your prayers and financial support makes a difference in the lives of children and their parents.

You offer hope to the poor. Ryan says, **“I am not looking for “handouts.” I am looking for “handshakes” of people like you and me who will come alongside him,** and involving his own people in labor, to make their lives different...giving them hope.

Folks we can make a difference. Your gift, in whatever amounts, joined together with others makes a huge difference in the young children and their families. I encourage you to prayerfully consider what the Lord would have you do.

Yours in Christ,



Dr. Ken Daugherty