



**Fabulous 71st
Earthstrong Blessings**
to Nana Afua Adobea 1,
Dr. Rita Marley OD/LITT

HARAMBE

A QUARTERLY FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

Harambe is an African Word which means "working together." It is also the foundation's slogan and name of one of Mrs. Rita Marley's most popular tunes.

WOLMER'S GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL ESSAY CHAMPION-WIN TOP THREE AWARDS AT RITA MARLEY FOUNDATION (JA) ESSAY COMPETITION



Danelle Mathews 3rd, Tamoy Campbell 1st, Kuankera Wheatley 2nd

1st Place Essay By Tamoy Campbell

Love Iyah Essay

'They will try to buy your souls with money, bribing with milk and honey, distorting the youths in their minds, doping the wool they pull over their eyes.'

Jah call on the youth cause they're strong, don't give your strength in vain now'

"Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive." These are words of truth from the revered Dalai Lama, and it is without ambiguity that Dr. Rita Marley also captured this notion in her song, 'Love Iyah'. The song also stresses that love is a universal language and a feeling that must be translated throughout each individual and the wider diaspora. However, this notion is



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**Tributes To Dr. Rita Marley
For Her 71st Earthstrong**

**Happy Earthstrong to our
LIONESS MAMA.
I love the way you smile even
in the face of adversaries.
I love the way you cry when
you are so happy.
I love the way you shake your
fist in determination
I love the way you have raised
us Mama...you have raised all
of us with so much love and
devotion.
All that we are is because of
you Mama.
Thank you for being
youMama and when i grow
up I want to be just like you!

Love You-Cedella, Sharon,
Ziggy, Stephen, Stephanie,
Serita**

*Thank you Jah for what you've
done for me
Thank you Jah for what your
doing now* 



Tamoy Campbell Winner

sometimes not followed through and can be corrupted. It is the belief and opinion of the essayist that the highlighted lyrics, which will be expounded on; contradicts the sentimental value of love that the song conveys. Rather, the lyrics tell of how humans can abuse one another-mentally and emotionally; and simply do not show each other love.

It is profusely ironic that the people in life who are to inspire and motivate others and influence positives are the very same ones who contribute to their demise. This is just the prelude to the meaning of the lyrics. The lyrics suggest that influential people in our society will try assiduously to persuade and corrupt the minds and thoughts of others, particularly the younger demography. This can be done through actions or persuading them with honey-sweet words that will be appealing. The intent of this will be for the youths to follow another way of thinking, especially something wrong or devious. The notion of milk and honey is one that epitomizes prosperity, abundance and all the things desirable. This allusion is reminisce of God's promise to his chosen

people of a land filled with milk and honey. The Christian faith equates this to the promise of goodness and opulence. This includes but is not limited to materialistic items such as: money, jewellery and technological devices- in essence all things good. Therefore, the lyrics is stating that some members of the society will use items that symbolize prosperity as stated above, as a means of capturing the youths and vulnerable; either mentally or physically. They will promise the youths these luxuries in exchange for the souls of the youths. Soul here refers to the minds, spirits, views, and everything that makes an individual who he or she is. The fear is that they will lose

themselves in the materialistic elements or the so called goodness.

Furthermore, according to the Oxford Dictionary, the word doping means to smear or to cover, usually with varnish. Thus, the same people with their negative influences, will literally taint the material used by the youths. This could be through the music they listen to, the programmes they watch, or the things they read which have the ability to cover them with lewd, illicit and negative thoughts so as to conceal the views of the youths and



Students

confuse them. Doping the wool, will make the youths blind- blind to the world and the true intentions of others, blind where they(the youths) cannot make conscious and wise decisions. And this blindness will allow the society members who are corrupt, to possess control, mentally and even physically of the young people of this diaspora.

Additionally, in the Rastafarian faith, Jah is the ascribed name for God as used by the Hebrews(Jews). He is the supreme being and one that has the ability to do all things exceptionally well. He will beckon or summon the young

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Greetings and salutations in the name of the Blessed Trinity.

On behalf of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church Community, kindly accept and convey to Sister Gannette Mariam (Dr. Rita Marley) best wishes, kindest regards and God's blessing upon her soon to be celebrated birthday (earth strong).

I seize this moment also to remind her that she is always in our prayers for her restoration to normal health in accordance with God's will and divine providence.

Best regards.

Kes Wolde Dawit

Thank you Jah for every little thing 

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Hello Rita

**A very HAPPY
BIRTHDAY to you on July
25th.**

**I wish you many, many more
birthdays with much
improved health.**

**All the best and enjoy your
day.**

**Love Your sister Pauline
(Fay)**

*Thank you Jah for you
make me sing
I'm gonna singalong,
singalong* 

people because he knows the potential, capabilities and the undaunted strength that each of these young people possess. This belief is supported by the words in 1 John 2:14 which says, " *I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong...*", which concretizes the facts that the specific lyrics are trying to convey, that Jah summons the youths because he knows the strength and vigour that the youths possess and as such, it is imperative that they use it. Jah wants them to trust and believe in their strength. Strength can surpass the literal meaning of being strong, and also mean strength in the form of skills, talents, intellect and immense potential as a means by which they must stand up and defend themselves. The youths must use all these capabilities as a shield to defend themselves against the people of the society who have evil and duplicitous intentions towards them. If they have already been corrupted and poisoned mentally, emotionally and otherwise, then they can still use these capabilities which Jah has endowed them with as a way to combat the corruption and set themselves free. Frankly, Jah or God knows that the youths have these strengths or else he would not have called them. It is also due to this knowledge, that it is paramount and of the greatest essentiality that the youths absolutely not let these strengths be in vain or amount to nought.

Conclusively 'Love Iyah', is more than just a song, it is a message in which specific lyrics are drenched with potent meanings that emphasize the fact that in the world, people will try to corrupt and poison the young and vulnerable



Vice Principal Mrs. Charmaine Ashman



(L-R) Rosemary Duncan(Manager, Rita Marley Foundation(JA) & Charmaine Ashman Vice Principal-, Wolmer's Girls' High School) Address students.

through a myriad of ways. These people will bribe the youth using things that seem good and appealing to influence and persuade them. However, through God or Jah, the youths will prevail, if they use everything they have to fight and defend themselves from these harmful people of society.

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**School Board, staff &
students of Holy Trinity
Basic School wish you good
health and many more
wonderful happy days!**

**Holy Trinity Basic
School(Jamaica), Principal
Julet Ellis**

Kudos, Congratulations, Ovation....Hats Off To You For a Super Successful 4th Annual Rita Marley Foundation (JA) Essay Competition:

- *Eternal Thanks & Profound Congratulations to high schools (principals, teachers, students) for their participation and support.*
- *Immeasurable Thanks to judges: Dr. Rita Marley OD/LITT (President/Founder Rita Marley Foundation), Ms. Beverley Lashley (National Librarian/CEO-National Library of Jamaica), Dr. Kadamawe Knife (Lecturer, University of the West Indies), Mr. Vernon Derby (Radio Host- Nationwide News Network 90FM/Educator).*
- *Enormous Thanks to the media: Jamaica Gleaner, Jamaica Observer, Loop Jamaica, Nationwide News Network 90FM, Irie FM.*
- *Great Thanks to Dr. Rita Marley (President/ Founder Rita Marley Foundation), Directors (Cedella Marley, Stephanie Marley, Sharon Marley, Serita Stewart)*
- *Major Thanks to Ms. Rosemary Duncan, Manager,-Rita Marley Foundation (JA)*

*Said I'm in no competition, ooh
But I've made my decision, ooh*



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Dearest sister!

We - your Swedish side of
your family, wishes you a
happy birthday and we hope
to see you soon again!

Be ever wonderful, stay as
You are!

Lots of love from sisters
Diane and Jeanette with
families

*Thank you Jah for what you've
done for me*



(L-R) Professor Dale Webber(Pro Vice Chancellor UWI), Rosemary Duncan(Manager, Rita Marley Foundation(JA), Bobby Francis(Winner 2016 Public Speaking Competition, 2nd place-2017 Public Speaking Competition), Kuankera Wheatley (2nd place -2016 Essay Competition, Nastacia Linton(Winner-2016 Essay Competition)

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS MEET UNIVERSITY HEADS

Despite incessant rains Bobby Francis, York Castle High School (winner-2016 Public Speaking Competition); Nastacia Linton, William Knibb Memorial High School (winner-2016 Essay Competition); Kuankera Wheatley, Wolmer's Girls' High School (2nd place-2016 Essay Competition) were all present and punctual for courtesy meetings with revered academic luminaries, Professor Stephen Vasciannie (President, University of Technology and Professor Dale Webber(Pro Vice Chancellor, University of the West Indies).

Courtesy Call/ Professor Stephen Vasciannie/President, UTECH

Professor Vasciannie stated he is truly impressed with the topics issued for the

events. As they're challenging and stimulating. He then asked each student to share his or her experience at the competition.

Nastacia Linton (Winner, 2016 Essay Competition) said she plans to pursue a full-time career as a writer. The essay competition was very demanding and helped improve her writing skills and self confidence.

Kuankera Wheatley (2nd place, 2016 Essay Competition) added, that journalism is her career goal. The essay competition has helped prepared her for that job.

Bobby Francis (Winner 2016 Public Speaking/2nd place, 2017 Public Speaking Competition) stated he is focused on becoming Prime Minister of Jamaica and a Constitutional Attorney. The Rita Marley Foundation (JA) has definitely assisted with attaining both career goals. Through the knowledge, skills, experience garnered at both events. Also the Foundation's post involvement and support of his education through visits with esteemed academics and other dignitaries.

Professor Vasciannie asked the teachers whether the programmes (Public Speaking/ Essay Competitions) had positively impacted participants. All emphatically affirmed that their students' confidence, writing and verbal communication skills had improved.

He encouraged each student to study hard and do well to gain admittance at UTECH. The Professor said he is delighted that students are already on the right track and encouraged them to stay on the path of righteousness. Whether as Prime Minister, Constitutional Attorney, Writer, Journalist.

The students also posed questions to Professor Vasciannie. They queried what legacy he wants to leave behind. The Professor replied, "I would like to be remembered as someone who helped other people. For me to reach here (President of UTECH) many people helped me."

They asked Professor Vasciannie, if he were to change one aspect of the educational system, what would it be. He said "I would make the transition from high school to university less traumatic for students. Additionally, we need to allocate more

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Happy Birthday,
Earthday
and Earthstrong
to the hardest working Aunt
in show business!

With so many awards,
honours and much
recognition, without doubt
that fire lit from your youth is
still smokin'!

Have a great Birthday Dr.
Aunt Rita! :-)

Peace and love,
Tony Anderson (Nephew)

*Thank you Jah for what your
doing now*

Right now, now 

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Dear Rita

just a few lines to wish you a
happy birthday and I hope
you live to see many more.

I'm
enclosing some photos of us
together enjoy.

Brother Donovan.

*You can keep
You can keep your opinion
I just callin' on the white man
communion* 



Professor Stephen Vasciannie (President, UTECH), Rosemary Duncan (Manager, Rita Marley Foundation), Bobby Francis (York Castle High)

resources to schools. Salaries are low. Some resources are not up to international standards. We need to find a way to move students from CSEC to CAPE with less trauma. Jamaica's admission of students at university level is much lower than any other country in this hemisphere. Barbados used to pay full fees for one person per family. Trinidad pays partial fees."

The students asked Professor Vasciannie's views on standardised testing. He answered, "It's necessary because what are the alternatives. We must remember, we're in a competitive environment. Thus must have standardised tests to assess everyone. Many students migrate upon graduation. Overseas markets also rely on standardised exams to determine students' placement. Life is a series of examinations. Catch the practice while you can."

Courtesy Call/Professor Dale Webber/Pro Vice Chancellor, UWI

Professor Webber shared that four campuses constitute the University of the West Indies; Mona (Jamaica); Cave Hill (Barbados), St. Augustine (Trinidad) and an open campus. With students from seventeen countries.



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Professor Webber's advice to the students:

1. Continue your education as far as possible.
 2. Make the best decisions. As you gain education, you'll be called upon to take decisions for your country. Don't walk away. Guard your education very carefully because it gives the opportunity to achieve whatever you want. Take education as a serious stepping stone.
- Your achievements at the Rita Marley Foundation(JA) Public Speaking and Essay

Competitions have put you one step ahead of other students and should be included on you resume' to stand out.

3. As you go through life practice moderation without mediocrity.

He too queried each student's career goal. They responded, Prime Minister, Constitutional Attorney, Writer, Journalist. Professor Webber firmly stated, those who decide on a career choice before age 25, are 83% sure to change. Everyone laughed. The students asked Professor Webber what change should exist in the education system. He said, "the private sector should inject more funds into primary and

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Of all the women I have known during my lifetime, you are among the strongest, most dedicated, persistent, caring and loving. With a broad back you have endured criticism and barbs from detractors, pain and struggles but you have triumphed to become a Queen. I can never repay your kindness to me except with my love and sincere wishes for joy and fulfillment for many years to come.

Happy Earthstrong,
Harambe and One Love
Sister Rita.

From Grub Cooper CD OD
(Musician)

*Thank you Jah for every little
thing, yeah, yeah
Thank you Jah you make the
birds to sing* 

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Let me take this opportunity to say it's an honour for me to extend Earthday wishes to my special sister/friend Rita Marley. We have shared many great moments displaying the gifts and talents God has placed deep inside of us to share with many generations all across the planet.

Continue to be the strong woman you have always been. Never give up the fight. '

Endless love,
Judy Mowatt (I-Three)

*Thank you Jah
for you make me to sing
I'm gonna singalong,
singalong* 

secondary education. There are 15,000 students at UWI. 109 cannot fund their education.

Professor Webber also expressed that he's passionate about climate change and urged students to join outreach programmes to enlighten them on climate change. He advised them to practice the following: reduce, reuse, recycle.

Both luminaries thanked the Rita Marley Foundation(JA) for its impactful works in developing and empowering the youth.

RITA MARLEY FOUNDATION(JA) HELPS FEED STUDENTS

The students of St. Isaacs Basic School, Three Miles and Holy Trinity Basic School, Maxfield Avenue, are from struggling families in vulnerable communities. Homes lack food. Thus students often rely on schools for meals. There is a correlation between poverty, malnutrition, low attendance and poor performance at school.

The school feeding programme is a formidable tool for remedying those problems. Proper nutrition results in sound health, increased school attendance and higher academic performance. For this reason, the Rita Marley Foundation(JA) contributed to the School Feeding Programmes at both institutions. The Foundation's investments will ensure 100 students have one wholesome meal, five days weekly (Monday-Friday).

Students will concentrate on their studies and not their stomachs.



(L-R)Teacher Sarah (Vice Principal, Holy Trinity Basic School) & Mrs. Scott (Principal, St. Isaacs Basic School)

HELPING & HONOURING ELDERS AT THE ALFA & OMEGA HOME FOR THE AGED IN KONKONURU, GHANA



Seniors displaying paintings



*Auntie Effie & Nurse Brenda
Powell(RMF Ghana)*



Senior dancing



Missionary Myha with elders



Elders praying and singing



Braiding Activity



Center photo: Aunty Viola

Man with trumpet: Leroy Anderson (Father)

B & W photo of bespectacled lady wearing glasses (Grandmother)

Coloured photo of bespectacled lady wearing glasses—Mrs. Cynthia Jarrett (Mother)

Photo of Dr. Rita Marley with two men: Dr. Rita Marley & Brothers, Donovan & Wesley

Group photo bottom of collage: Sharon, Cedella, Dr. Marley & her sisters Diane & Jeanette

Photo of lady and young man: Mrs. Anderson & Scott (nephew)

Photo of man seated in suit: Wesley Anderson (brother)

Photo of young man standing wearing suit: Tony Anderson (nephew)



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I have known Dr. Marley all her life. In fact as a Big Brother i saw to it that she paid attention to her education in her youth. We had a simple upbringing in a very poor environment but we had great parenting from Aunt, our Fathers Sister who brought us up as her own.

Dr Marley grew up into a musical family - our Father Leroy Anderson was a jazz Musician who toured extensively abroad and trained local Artistes as well. As a child "Rita" liked to sing and Aunt taught her how to harmonize as a back-up vocal for lead Singers. Her earliest and most memorable back-up was with Singer Tony Gregory in a song called "Baby Come on Home" along with her group called the Soulettes.

Her meeting with Bob Marley was not accidental, they shared the same love in music, worked at the same studio to perfect their craft and maintained the same work ethics. Bob had the talent and Rita had the determination to make their collaboration succeed as a business, so without prior experience they moved ahead together with one vision in mind.

Bob and Rita got married in the the mid sixties. Their success in the music business was because of the hard work that they put into it. With her own sweat and tears, she laboured vigorously working side by side with Bob; creating music, setting up a Record Shop in KIngston, distributing records to Dealers and raising a family.

Her charitable outreach extends far and wide in Jamaica and West Africa through her organization known as; The Rita Marley Foundation. In Jamaica, the Foundation sponsor an annual "Public Speaking Contest" which has taken off with great success, attracting various private and Government organizations to encourage the intellectual development of high school Graduates all over the Island. In Africa, the Foundation operates an Health Clinic and provide clean drinking water for the village of Konkonuru where it supports an elementary school.

The vision for her Family has always been to keep the children focussed on, Respect for others, Benevolence for those in need and Love for one another. She exercise discipline single handedly to re-emphasize those qualities. She put much effort into keeping the Legacy of Bob Marley alive through strict measures in the sale and promotion of his products and Music.

Dr. Marley has touched millions of people in her seventy-one years on this earth and is still reaching out to help when ever she can.

The Author Miah Angelou said that;

"People may not remember what you did for them,
They may not remember what you said to them,
But they will always remember,
How you make them feel."

In a meeting with "Rita" you always leave feeling better about yourself even if you do not agree with what she said. Finally Dr. Marley, as you celebrate 71 years this year (July 25th, 2017) remember, "It is not the Years in your Life that count - It's the Life in Your Years". On behalf of my Family and I, We wish you all the Joys that your Earthday Brings and Hope for Many Happy Years to come.

From; your loving Brother and Family;
Wesley
Norma
Tony and
Scott   



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Message to Gannette Rita Marley

In July 1946, baby girl Alpharita Marley was about to take her first breath, as Emperor Haile Selassie I was in the USA on a state visit and Empress Etege Menen was celebrating The Majesty's B-Earthday (July 23rd) followed by diligent prayers and giving of alms to the Ethiopian Orthodox Priests during the first fasting of Filseta in Addis Ababa. I share this reflection, Ganette Mariam, as this is who you are - prayerful, supportive and diligent in your efforts. Whether caring, sharing, serving, loving or singing - your faith has carried you, your love has magnified you, and your spirituality has protected you. You are a Superb Sister, Matriarch, Wife and Mother... You are the one and only Empress Dr. Rita Marley - Queen Mother Nana Afua Adobea - who has nurtured and mentored many over the decades. That the Most High has spared and shared you with the world is a divine blessing and in honor of your B-EARTHDAY we sing your lyrics, "Thank you Jah for what you've done for me, thank you Jah for what your'e doing now, right now, thank you Jah for every little thing..."

On behalf of my Kingman Merid – children Aiyanna, Janel, Ajaweh, Tekle, lyundah, Birhan, Ghenett, Shema-Miraim, Mikel and Gebre and all the grandbabies...we send you itinual Love, Light and Laughter.

Ever Loving You,
Sister Desta

Happy earth day to a queen who has done so much for the upliftment of people all over the world especially young students through the Rita Marley foundation.

Mrs. Merle Heholt

Greetings

Happy Earthday to my sister, friend and Queen Mother, Nana Afua Aduba (Rita Marley). I have travelled far and wide with you so I have known your work. Therefore, with all my heart, I am hailing the beautiful, strong, courageous African Warrior Queen. The Earth rejoiced when you were born! Jah loveth the gates of the Daughters of Zion more than all the dwelling of Jacob. Care not where life takes us, it will be kind to us and take us to the right and bright place. This day, the twenty-fifth of July, I rejoice with you on your earthday. Have a long and prosperous life.

Sister Minnie, Nana Esiboah I

Dr. Rita Marley extend birthday greetings to you. We wish you all the best for the future. Thank you for your role for highlighting talents of young people in Jamaica. As a consequence of your contributions we have been able to bring out best in our students. A number of them have been given national prominence as a result of the Public Speaking & Essay Competitions. Commendations to you for those ventures and I hope that they will continue.

York Castle High School(Jamaica), Principal
Raymond Treasure





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We thank God for your love and we meet every Friday happily in your room. May the good Lord give you long life. If we are not happy at home, whenever we meet here we become happy here.

Auntie Janet Oboubi
Alpha & Omega Home for the Aged, Ghana
Constructed by Nana Afua Adobea 1 (Dr. Rita Marley) & Ghetto Youths International

I wish you Happy Birthday. I miss you a lot. It is my prayer that you come to visit us very soon.

Bye Bye

Auntie Afi Asarpong
Alpha & Omega Home for the Aged, Ghana
Constructed by Nana Afua Adobea 1 (Dr. Rita Marley) & Ghetto Youths International

I wish you Happy Birthday. We thank God for taking good care of us. We greet you.

Auntie Elizabeth Aboagyewah
Alpha & Omega Home for the Aged, Ghana
Constructed by Nana Afua Adobea 1 (Dr. Rita Marley) & Ghetto Youths International

Dr. Rita Marley happy birthday on behalf of the Papine High School. We thank you for creating the opportunity for us to be involved in your out reach efforts. Happy Birthday!

Papine High School, Teacher Mrs. Peter Gay Parnell Jones



I ask the good Lord to take good care of you. Happy Birthday.

Auntie Akua Ahya
Alpha & Omega Home for the Aged, Ghana
Constructed by Nana Afua Adobea 1 (Dr. Rita Marley) & Ghetto Youths International

We thank God for your life and for making us happy. We appreciate it. We wish you happy birthday.

Auntie Emma Kwaakwa
Alpha & Omega Home for the Aged, Ghana
Constructed by Nana Afua Adobea 1 (Dr. Rita Marley) & Ghetto Youths International

We wish you a very happy birthday. Thanks for the interest you have shown in the development of youth in Jamaica. We wish you would continue in your endeavours and have many more years!

Wolmer's Girls' High School(Jamaica), Mrs. Nadine Clarke-Thomas