

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. Available through our website quarterly, this newsletter will be a vital vehicle to inform you of our foundation’s endeavors, events and accomplishments; importantly, we eagerly anticipate “working together” with you, through your contributions and feedback. So with One Love we could nurture Harambe into a constructive newsletter.



Ministry of Education Youth and Information Salutes Rita Marley Foundation(JA) Works!

Presentation by Ms. Karlene Joy Segre, Senior Education Officer
4th Annual Public Speaking Competition



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I am enthused to bring you remarks on behalf of the Honourable Minister of Education, Senator Ruel Reid and by extension the executive management team of the Ministry of Education, Youth and information.

In greeting you, I want to extend heartiest commendations to the Rita Marley Foundation, for the vision of enabling the provision of a platform for our Jamaican students to express themselves through research and oral presentation. I must congratulate the Rita Marley Foundation for celebrating its 4th Anniversary of this Annual Oratorical Competition.

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The highest way one can serve its people, its country is to give back after you would have benefitted. Today, this opportunity is provided through the works done in music and social commentaries by Dr. Alfarita Constantia Marley (Rita Marley) and Honourable Robert Nesta Marley (Bob Marley). We laud them, as individuals contributing to our cultural development as individuals and as a team. We laud Dr. Alfarita Marley – Rita Marley for her outstanding commitment, dedication and life time service in the field of music. This has contributed tremendously to our cultural diversity and development. In death, some 37 years later, the Honourable Robert Nesta Marley remains a relevant staple in the subject of music, equal rights and justice for all, a voice against oppression, a message of One Love. An international legend – transcending cultures, generations, races and creeds! A man way ahead of his time! Today, we hail them both Dr. Alfarita Marley and Honourable Robert Nesta Marley, whose works as public speakers through music we celebrate through this Foundation and this public speaking competition.



Mr. Tyrone Gunnie (South African High Commission)

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Information is pleased to support the efforts of the Foundation. Activities and engagements that encourage oral expression, critical and creative

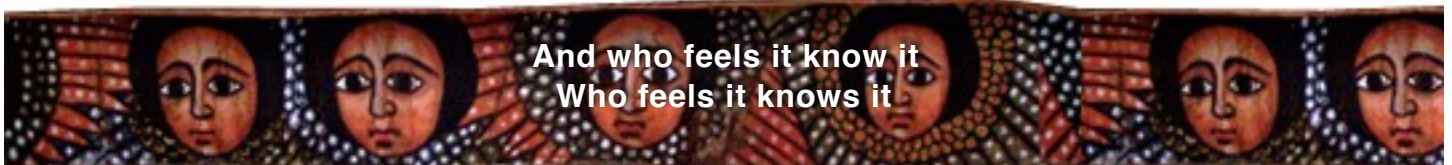
thinking are consistent with the Ministry's mandate as we prepare students with 21st Century Skills – **Collaboration, Critical Thinking, Creativity and Communication.**

For our students to become competitive on the global sphere, they must develop the buoyancy for first world skills and crafty expertise relating to research, speaking confidently, addressing topical issues, and thinking on the spot and out of the box.

Communication is the backbone of successful societies. It allows us to form connections, influence decisions, and motivate change. Without communication skills, the



Ms. Karen Joy Segre, Senior Education Officer & usher(student at York Castle High School)



ability to progress in the working world and in life, itself, would be nearly impossible.

We recognize that public speaking is one of the most important yet most dreaded forms of communication. According to Duncan – Rosemary in an article published in the Observer, February 14, 2018, "The Surveys have indicated that public speaking is one of the greatest fears. Public speaking is important in an individual's personal, academic and professional life; however, it is lacking among the youth, seeking to develop confidence and the requisite skills for them to be masterful orators." However, with the necessary training, adequate support, positive encouragement, varied opportunities and attractive incentives - students may develop an interest in developing this life skill, and ultimately overcome the inherent fear of speaking before an audience.

The Ministry of Education wishes to acknowledge the 11 finalists from our schools

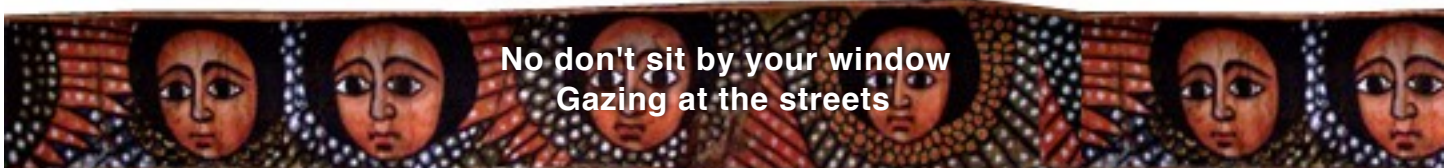


Welcome Remarks Rosemary Duncan, manager Rita Marley Foundation(JA)

across Jamaica who have first demonstrated an interest in public speaking and have clearly dedicated some time to prepare for this competition. It is commendable. I wish to acknowledge all these fine young people – our finalists (please stand) and to the teachers and the support teams who would have worked with them over the period. You would have taken them **through the process; today we will observe the product.** We acknowledge that mastering the art of public speaking is a constant work in progress. So today is a part of that developmental process. We thank you.

It is our wish and hope that very soon other students will become inspired, especially those who are naturally talented for public speaking and more schools will participate in this and other oratorical competitions as there are many benefits to be derived from public speaking, which include:

- **Winning over crowds** – we can acknowledge that it is an important skill to have in business and especially in the public relations arena. The skill of persuasion or the ability to win over a crowd is an asset. Inside and outside the workplace, the power of persuasion can carry you far and it all starts by honing those public speaking skills. The best and some of the worst of mankind, were excellent orators, they used their skills in public speaking and persuasion to win over crowds.





Wisynco Group

- I speak of the likes of Winston Churchill after just a month of taking over as prime minister of England he delivered his famous "Our Finest Hour" to a country bracing itself for full-scale attack, from the Nazis. In 1953, Churchill was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature, in part for his speeches, which he wrote himself.

- Martin Luther King (whose name you are more familiar) drew inspiration from Shakespeare, the bible, his own past speeches, and numerous civil rights thinkers to write his "I Have a Dream" speech, one of the most famous of all time.

- On the other hand - Adolph Hitler -

Hitler was well aware that mastering the art of public speaking was crucial to his political career. He wrote all of his speeches himself, sometimes editing them more than five times. He practiced his facial expressions and gestures, and he was adept at interweaving metaphor and abstract ideas into his speeches about political policy. (You know the story of Hitler). The world needs no more of his kind.

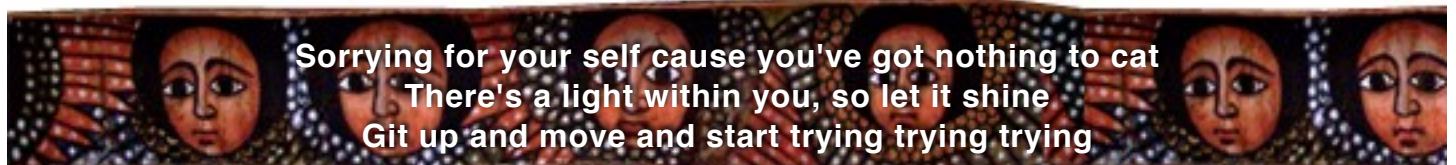
However, these leaders mastered public speaking and were able to win over crowds with their abilities. Today, we will witness your prowess in winning us over.

- **The power to motivate your audience to do something, stop doing something, change a behavior, or reach objectives.** But to carry an idea forward, you must be able to excite and enliven your peers, employees, coworkers, customers. Public speakers are leaders who are able to inspire their audience to work harder to achieve their goals. So, when you would have reached that level in your development, you will find that being an affluent public speaker, will enable you greater productivity.

- **The ability to inform**, which is one of the most important aspects of public speaking. From presenting research papers and PowerPoint presentations, to presenting ideas and pitches to your fellow classmates and faculty, informative public speaking is a vital component of a successful career across all work fields, starting from



Prize



school. We are convinced that you would have done extensive and expansive research as you prepared to **"Share with us Your Opinion on the Cause of & Remedy for the Severe Weather Catastrophes Affecting Various Countries throughout the World."** We await your presentations with much enthusiasm.



Judges (from left) Dr. Kwame Boafo, Dr. Amina Blackwood-Meeks, Mr. Orlando Hamilton, Ms. Beverley Lashley

The benefits are many and put individuals at an advantage in this fast pace world, particularly where information has become the new world industry. As we continue as a Ministry to prepare our students to take on the world, we endorse and embrace this competition and we congratulate you all - once more, for your interest in public speaking, your commitment to research and your efforts in preparing. You are all already a winner by virtue of being here today, **representing your school, your community and yourself.**

We wish for you every success in your academic affairs and hope that the lessons learned in this competition will be the launch pad for a successful academic career.

In closing, I wish to reiterate the Ministry's position in support of this competition which is in keeping with the Ministry's focus. We thank the Rita Marley Foundation and the organizers involved in this Annual Activity and the schools and students that participate. We thank you for keeping the candle alight as we seek to provide meaningful learning opportunities for all our students that are consistent with 21st Century Skills.

Ladies and gentlemen, students, friends – all - I rest my case. Thank you.





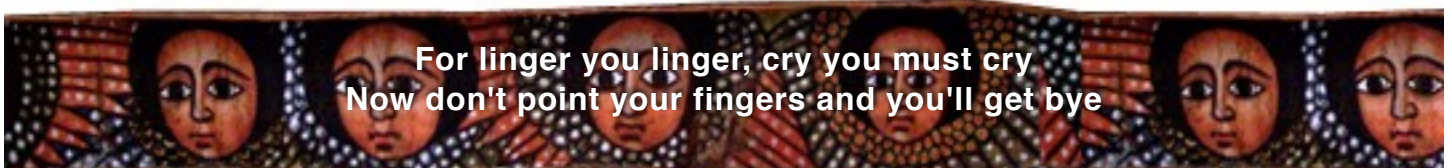
Legendary musician Astley 'Grub' Cooper teaches young ones

Making of Future Musicians: Rita Marley Foundation(JA) Enlists Musical Maestro to Teach Basic Schoolers

Instructor, **Mr. Astley 'Grub' Cooper is excellent.** The little ones, all musical novices (ages 5-6), keenly soaking in every bit of knowledge and skill imparted. Quickly memorizing basic theoretical and practical concepts. Learners were assessed and placed in three groups; drums, vocals and recorders. Every Monday, from 10am-11am, the students receive one hour tuition at Holy Trinity Basic School in Kingston.

Recorder

"The recorder has a sound like a keyboard. Once you play, a sound is made. Each hole you cover produces a different pitch. Use the left hand, cover the top 3 holes of the instrument with your index fingers and the hole to the back of the instrument with the thumb. This is called the letter 'G'. Do not blow too hard into the recorder, as it will produce a sharp, unpleasant sound. Blow gently so as to produce a musical sound. Play (blow) into the recorder using the sound of the letter 'T.' Learning takes time and practice. To be a good runner, it takes practice. Anything you do takes practice. When you go home practice what I taught you today" Grub warmly tells the students.





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Vocals

The upcoming crooners first learnt to sing 'One Love' in acapella. Then accompanied by Grub on keyboard. He highlighted that the students sing in the key of F.

"One love, One heart, let's get together and feel alright." The choir merrily sang. Their sweet angelic voices, lured principal, Ms. Juliet Ellis, to join in the melody too.

Drums

Learning is fun. The students beat their tiny hands against the flat surfaces of the drums with heartwarming zeal. They are so passionate about learning the instrument. In fact, Heru Wilson, who has big dreams of becoming a professional drummer, brought a drum, which he had never played, from home on the first day of class. Everyone was amused.

Classes are fun and students are focused. All preparing to showcase their musical talents at graduation in June.

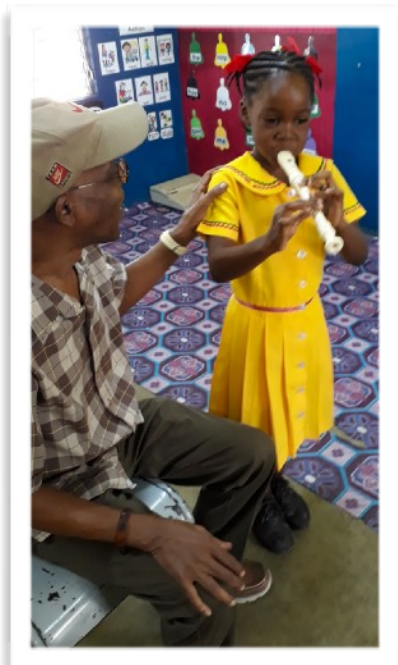


Legendary musician Astley 'Grub' Cooper teaches young ones

Proud Principal Ms. Juliet Ellis observes training



Recorder Players



Music lessons at Holy Trinity Basic School



**Don't be no moonshine-darling and sit down and cry
Please don't you give up now before you give it a try**

Immeasurable Thanks For A Phenomenal Public Speaking Competition

Dr. Rita Marley & The Rita Marley Foundation (JA) extend humongous thanks to the EOC, sponsors, schools, master of ceremony (Professor Verene Shepherd), judges (Dr. Amina Blackwood-Meeks, Ms. Beverley Lashley, Dr. Kwame Boafo, Mr. Orlando Hamilton), government officials, foreign missions, University of the West Indies Mona(Main Library), ushers, musicians, volunteers, media and everyone who helped make the 4th Annual Rita Marley Foundation (JA) Public Speaking Competition a magnificent success:

**Highest Congratulations to 1st place winner
York Castle High School,
represented by Joel Lyn
awarded JMD 45,000**



**Great Congratulations to 2nd place
Immaculate Conception High School
(Tanisha Francis awarded JMD15,000)
and 3rd places
Jamaica College (Rolando Alberts awarded JMD10,000) &
Wolmer's Boys' High School (Trevor Fletcher awarded
JMD 10,000)**

We applaud all participants for their impressive performance:

- St. Hugh's High School
Jameilia Reid
- Haile Selassie High School
Tevaughn Nesbeth
- Marcus Garvey Technical
High School
Briana McKenzie
- Excelsior High School
Aisha Downer
- Wolmers Girls High School
Tamoy Campbell



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**We look forward to another extraordinary and exceptional Public Speaking Competition in 2019.
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Top Student's Speech on Causes of & Remedy for Severe Weather Catastrophes Affecting the World

Honorable adjudicators, distinguished personnel and well wishers a pleasant morning to you all. It is indeed with great pleasure that I share my opinion on the cause of and remedy for severe weather catastrophes affecting various countries throughout the world. In my pursuit to clarify the previously stated moot I would like to define two crucial terms which are severe and catastrophe. Severe, as defined by the Oxford dictionary is anything great and intense and catastrophe, a sudden event that causes great damage or harm. I can therefore now reiterate the moot to say, "Share your opinion on the cause of and remedy for intense weather events that have caused great damage to various countries throughout the world."

It was Charles Dudley Warner

who said, and I quote, "Everyone talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it," end of quote. It is quite unfortunate that everyone in our society today faces the impact of severe weather and nobody is willing to take the initiative to stop it! What steps are you willing to take to make a change in weather patterns?

Over the last 30 years severe weather conditions have been various phenomena from tsunamis, hurricanes, earthquakes, famines, tornados to heat waves, volcanic eruption, thunder storms, cyclones, snow storms and even ice storms. But, what is the cause



Winner Joel Lyn of York Castle High School

**Before you give it a try
Before you give it a try, try, try**

these disastrous weather conditions? What is the unsettling factor that has triggered these conditions? What is the stimulus behind this all?

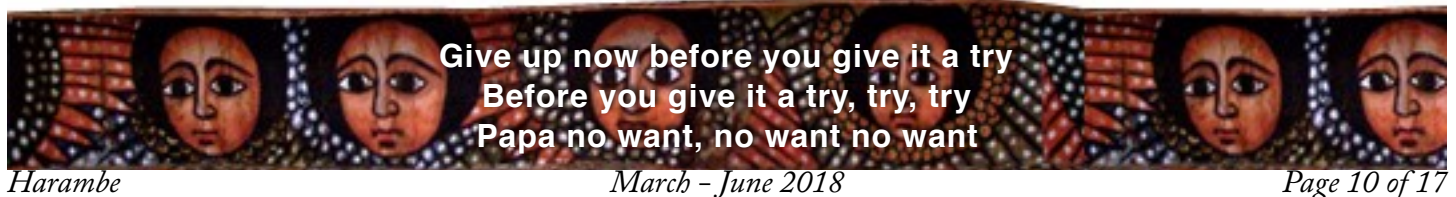
According to lifescience.com deforestation is the permanent destruction of forests in order to make the land available for other use. This simply means destroying trees to suit individual and collective needs. But, who or what is doing or causing this destruction? Can/ May I tell you, you are the ones who destroy the lungs of Mother Earth to make roads and infrastructure, you are the ones that deforest trees to make furniture and homes, we are the ones who illegally remove trees from forests to use as fuel. This same deforestation has affected us as a global community intensely as it has led to global warming, extensive flooding, soil erosion among a number of other conditions. This was tragically proven in Haiti in 2004, when torrential rainfall caused mud slides, due to the lack of trees, that claimed thousands of lives.

The power is in our hands to deforest and to even stop; but the question is, which will you choose? The solutions to deforestation are simple and do not even require the use of technology these include reforestation and importantly if we truly want to see a change for the future in light of deforestation we have to educate our youths so that reforestation among a number of other preventative measures can become apart of them as youths are the elements of change.



Deforestation is not the only anthropogenic cause of severe weather conditions Global warming is even more so and is defined as the gradual increase in the temperature of the earth's atmosphere caused, by the greenhouse effect. Burning fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas for energy, burning rubbish, driving vehicles that are not energy efficient and deforesting are some human activities that heavily contribute to global warming by increasing greenhouse

gases for example: carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, methane and nitrous oxide.



If we intend to correct the problems we have caused on ourselves such as: a rise in sea levels, more extreme weather conditions especially drought and increased hurricanes we have to start with ourselves by, as Honorable Robert Nesta Marley said in his Redemption song, and I quote, "Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery," end of quote. We are enslaved in our minds to destroying trees and burning our garbage. We have to free our minds and think reforestation, renewable energy and energy efficient vehicles.



Excelsior High School's Aisha Downer, Haile Selassie High School's Tevaughn Nesbeth, Wisynco Group's Ms. Monique Clarke, Wolmer's Girls' High School's Tamoy Campbell, Marcus Garvey Technical High School's Brianna Mc Kenzie



Judges and audience

Honorable adjudicators, distinguished guests and well wishers it is sad to say that we are the ones who contribute to severe weather catastrophes but the good thing is that "if we cause it we can cure it." So let's take the initiative to make a change through reforestation, educating the youths and emancipating ourselves, our lives from being enslaved in our minds with practices that lead to our detriment. I leave with you the apt words of William

R. Alger, and I quote, "After every storm the sun will smile; for every problem there is a solution, and the soul's indefeasible duty is to be of good cheer." I implore you, be of good cheer and make a difference because the solutions to intense weather conditions lie in you! I thank you .



Write, Read & Share The Word

World Poetry Day is celebrated on March 21 by diverse cultures, in many languages and countless dialects across the globe. On that day, almost 400 students at Immaculate Conception High School in Jamaica, assembled at the school's cafeteria for their inaugural observance of this important art form and oral tradition. The event presented by the Rita Marley Foundation(JA)

Professional and aspiring poets spitted verses, proses and poetry, enthused with dynamic dramatic pieces too. Their audience absolutely electrified and passionately cheering each act on.

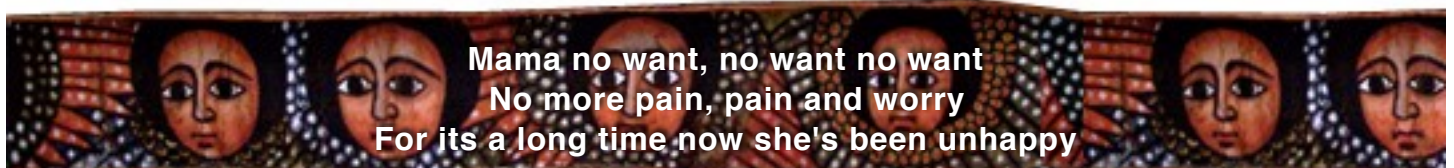


Promising Poet Jamie Smith

Among the promising student poets who performed, **Jamie Smith** ("Talk the Poem" Poetry Recital Competition County Level 1st Place Winner 2017):

Title of Poem: **Ancestor on the Auction Block**

Excerpt: *"I look you in the eyes and see the spirit of God eternal
Of this only I need to be ashamed
Of blindness to the God within me
The same God who dwelt within you
The same eternal God who shall dwell in generations
Yet unborn"*



Manty Bamba (JCDC Semi-Finalist 2018):



Mighty performance by Manty Bamba

Title of Poem:

Nuh Disrespec

Excerpt:

*"Be numbered,
Among the greatest
Society yuh nah guh mek me
bi faitless
Mek mi feel like nuh
wasteman"*

Marceline Moodie (JCDC Semi-Finalist 2018):



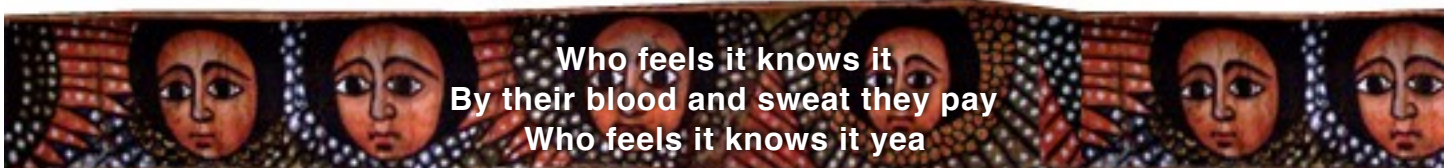
The Amazing Marceline Moodie

Title of Poem:

Oi Higue

Excerpt:

*"You think I like this
stupidness!
Gallivanting all night without
skin
Burning myself out like
canefire
To frighten the foolish?
And for what? A few drops of
baby blood?"*



**Who feels it knows it
By their blood and sweat they pay
Who feels it knows it yea**



Master Percussionist Bongo Herman

Since the arts are interwoven, the Rita Marley Foundation (JA) enlisted acclaimed percussionist, **Bongo Herman**. His invigorating performance, received with roaring jubilee.



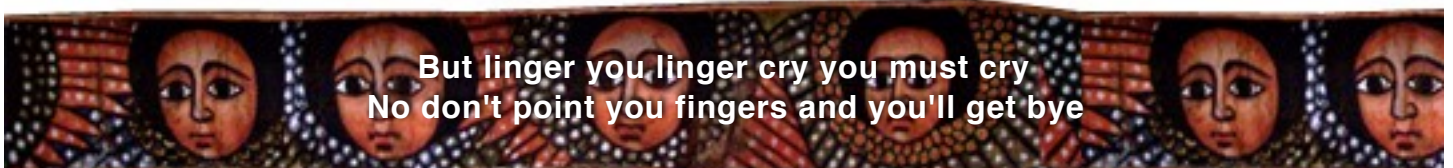
Angela Marie Williams recites Call of the Poet

Accomplished poet, **Angela Marie Williams**, shared works from her splendid anthologies 'The Call of the Poet' and 'Break Through.'



Fikre Selassie Manassi (Poet)

The impressive **Fikre Selassie Manassi** recited his popular poems; including 'I Am The Greatest' and 'Mother.'





Marvellous Poetry Day Event

At the close of the activity, the jubilant students requested more. They were assured that the Rita Marley Foundation (JA) would deliver other projects. Moderator, Autherene Clough-Spence (Teacher, Department of English) thanked the Dr. Rita Marley and the Rita Marley Foundation(JA) for a spectacular event.



Students cheering peers



Energetic Audience

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And please don't you give up now before you give it a try**

Rita Marley Foundation (Ghana) delivers Blissful Blessings in Konkonuru

Gender School Group for Girls at Konkonuru Methodist Basic School



Members of Union Grove Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia U.S.A



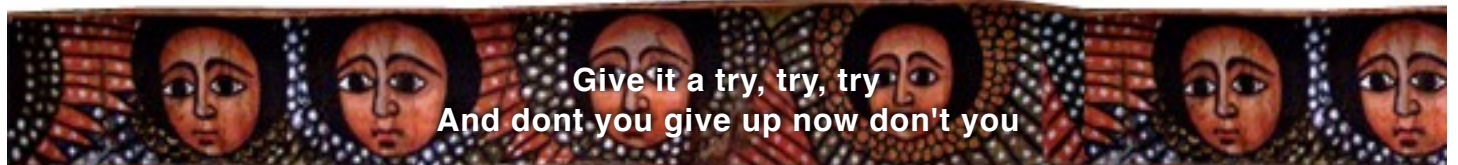
Elders exercise to maintain sound health



Seniors learn to write the alphabets



Nurse Brenda Powell (representative, Rita Marley Foundation (Ghana)) measures senior's blood pressure



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