



## **JAMAICA BUILDING PROJECT**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this proposal is to provide the reader with information about our charitable organization, *Community Impact*; our history and past programs; our current building project in Westmoreland, Jamaica; and our new fundraising campaign.

Once you have read through this proposal, it is our hope that you would choose to partner with us on this worthy cause of helping an impoverished community in Jamaica. Any contributions towards this project would be sincerely appreciated and would be a great blessing to the people in this community for years to come.

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of *Community Impact* is to relieve poverty within low-income communities by providing assistance with the basic necessities of life. We are also focused on building positive relationships with members of the community in order to see them thrive and flourish.

### **History and Past Programs**

*Community Impact* was formed by Kristian Bonadie, Leo Chung, Michael Kim, and Glenroy Williams in January 2016. It became a registered charity in January 2017. Our charitable number is 73766 9721 RR0001.

Before its charitable inception, our organization was known as *Hoops Redefined*. It operated between 2012 and 2016 in the Wexford community in Toronto, Ontario as a free basketball program for youth aged 11 to 20. The focus of *Hoops Redefined* was to provide structured and drop-in basketball programs during the school year; mentorship in life skills; and employment assistance.

In 2017, *Community Impact* began to focus on assisting low-income families and individuals in Toronto, Ontario. Our organization identified needs within a Toronto Community Housing neighbourhood called Roywood and sought to meet those needs by providing free tutoring programs; grocery distribution; and employment assistance. *Community Impact* also organized and implemented community events such as Lunch and Learns, community dinners, and a Free Market.

In March 2020, at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, our organization safely distributed care packages containing hand sanitizer, face masks, soap, and other basic necessities to the residents of Roywood.

In addition to local outreach, *Community Impact* has been making an impact globally as well. Since 2018, we have been sending volunteer teams to communities in Guyana and Jamaica. These teams have partnered with local churches to organize free children's programs; teach Bible studies; and distribute donations of food, clothing, school supplies, and other basic necessities. In July 2020, one of our teams travelled to Jamaica to distribute care packages of hand sanitizer and face masks in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Current Building Project and Fundraising Campaign**

After several trips to the Cave Mountain community in Westmoreland, Jamaica, our organization has recognized a need which we need your help to meet. *Community Impact* is currently raising funds to complete the following building projects:

1. The renovation of an old church building.
2. The construction of a second floor above the church building to be used as a Community Space.

Our goal is to raise CAD \$40,000.00 in partnership with *Cave Mountain Protestant Reformed Church* to help with the above projects. We hope to raise this amount through a GoFundMe campaign, online and social media campaigns, and individual sponsorships.

Specific details about the Cave Mountain community and each building project can be found in the following paragraphs.

### **Cave Mountain**

Since November 2018, *Community Impact* has had the amazing privilege of partnering with various organizations, individual sponsors, and churches in serving the community of Cave Mountain. Cave Mountain is a warm, friendly, and welcoming community situated in the mountainous area of Westmoreland, Jamaica. The community's demographic is comprised of families, seniors, young children, and youth.

The majority of homes in Cave Mountain do not have running water and electricity. Cave Mountain gets most of its water supply from rainwater and a natural freshwater spring located at the bottom of the mountain. A piping system delivers the water up to two different locations on the mountain where people can retrieve the water for drinking, cooking, bathing, and other essential needs. Electricity is available on the mountain, but due to unpredictable weather conditions, it is not always operational. In addition, many families cannot afford electricity, so a large portion of the community relies on lamps, flashlights, and fire to see at night. Cave Mountain has natural agriculture and livestock including fruits, vegetables, goats, and chickens. The grocery stores and markets in the neighbouring town, Savannah La-Mar, also provide a source of food and supplies for those who can afford it.

In the Jamaican school system, where you go to school depends on how well you score on a written evaluation test. Thus, many children and youth need to travel outside of the Cave Mountain community for schooling. Sadly, many young people are unable to attend school altogether due to the fact that they are not able to afford the costs for travel, school fees, uniforms, and school supplies. For the families who can afford to send their children to school, students must take a taxi unaccompanied to other districts each day. Furthermore, for some children aged 6 to 12, they must walk for over an hour to the main primary school in a neighbouring community called Kentucky.

Currently, there are not many amenities on Cave Mountain. The community is made up of houses; a few small shops selling medicine, snacks, and drinks; a barber shop; and several small churches. As previously mentioned, members of this community must travel by taxi or by foot to other communities to find hospitals, grocery stores, clothing stores, schools, and playgrounds.



## **Building Projects**

The following paragraphs will provide a brief overview of each building project, an explanation of their purpose, and a breakdown of the costs and timelines associated with each project.

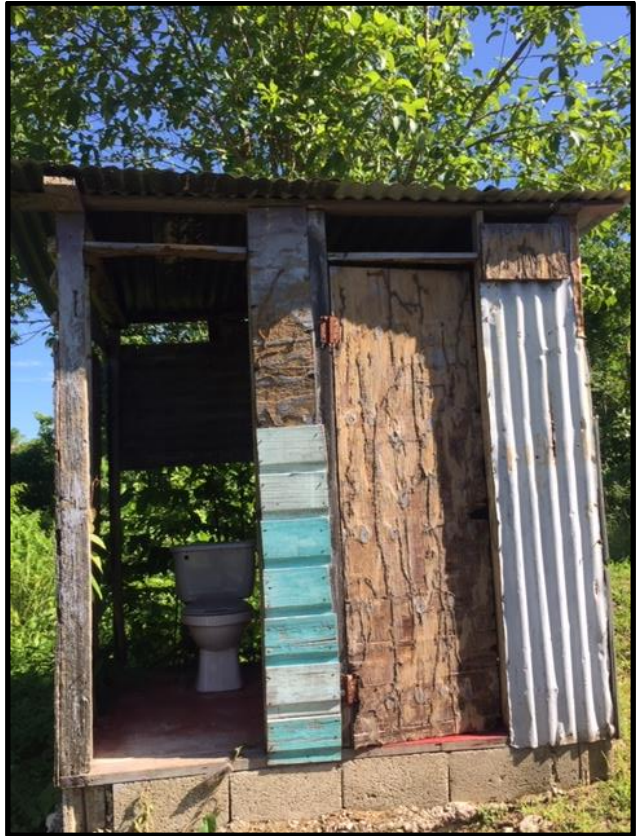
### **1. Church Renovation**

#### **Overview**

Our goal is to help with completing the construction of the church building while making some renovations that will help enhance the service to the community. Below are some pictures that provide a current look at the building structure and some of the repairs that need to be done.



The original wooden church building has begun to deteriorate and break down (see picture above and pictures on the following page). It will be torn down and a new, sustainable structure will be built in its place with concrete. In addition, new windows and doors will be installed and a washroom and a small kitchen will be built that can be used by the community.



## Purpose

The church building is currently being used for Sunday services, weekly Bible studies, and various programs for the local community. In addition, *Community Impact* intends to continue its mission of serving the community in the upcoming years. When volunteer trips are planned, the church building and the surrounding space is used by our teams as the venue for our free children's programs, sports programs, and Bible studies. Moreover, the building is used as a distribution centre when we give out food, clothing, school supplies, and care packages to the local community.

## Proposed Timeline

The renovation of the church building will take approximately 3-6 months.

## Costs

The estimated cost of this project is CAD \$15,000.00, based on a quote from *K-Ban Limited Hardware*. Please see a breakdown of the costs for the supplies in the table below.

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Cost (JMD)</u>
345	Corrugated Steel (1/2")	\$274,016.25
30 Bags	Sand River	\$70,434.90
31 Yard	White Stones	\$65,064.35
2300	Concrete Blocks (5")	\$178,250.00
10 Each	Lumber (2x4x12)	\$44,100.00
57 Each	Lumber (1x3x12)	\$29,251.53
20 Each	Ply (Form)	\$57,820.00
30 lb	Wire Binding	\$3,707.40
150 lb	Wire	\$15,280.50
990 Foot	Wire (2.5mm – Single Black)	\$17,541.51
990 Foot	Wire (2.5mm – Single Red)	\$17,541.51
5 Each	Lumber (2x8x14)	\$15,330.00
270 Bag	Cement (Grey)	\$277,811.10
60 Each	Conduit (20mm)	\$13,280.00
10 lbs	Nail Head (2")	\$1,230.70
17.5 lbs	Nail Head (2.5")	\$2,153.73
7.5 lbs	Nail Concrete (2.5")	\$1,603.35
10 lbs	Nail Concrete (2")	\$2,137.50
575	Tiles (45cm x 45cm)	\$128,897.28
100 Bag	Thin Set Dirt	\$54,383.57
5	Grout Platinum Sanded	\$8,090.30
20 Each	Marble	\$20,859.57
<b>SUBTOTAL = JMD \$1,298,785.05</b>		
<b>TAX = JMD \$194,817.75</b>		
<b>TOTAL COST = JMD \$1,493,602.80 (approx. CAD \$15,000.00)</b>		

## 2. Community Space Construction

### Overview

Our goal is to build a community space which will be a basic one-story addition to the newly renovated church building. By building the community space on top of the church instead of building a separate structure, this will help alleviate some of the construction costs. In addition, the space can be used by the church and future volunteer teams to help the local community.

### Purpose

The community space will be used for outreach initiatives on Cave Mountain such as life skills training, employment training, community dinners and food distribution, clothing donation distribution, and educational programs for the children and youth. The space can also be used to accommodate *Community Impact* volunteer teams when they travel to the community. We hope to equip the space with some computers and educational books that will help in accomplishing these outreach initiatives.

### Proposed Timeline

The construction of the community space will take approximately 6 months. Construction will commence once the church building renovation is complete.

### Costs

The estimated cost of this project is CAD \$25,000.00, based on a quote from *K-Ban Limited Hardware*. Please see a breakdown of the approximate costs for the supplies in the table below.

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Cost (JMD)</u>
625 Each	Corrugated Steel (1/2")	\$507,953.65
50 Each	Sand River (Sieved)	\$117,391.31
50 Yard	White Stones	\$108,695.65
500 Bags	Cement (Grey)	\$514,465.00
160 Each	Lumber	\$205,613.80
40 Each	Ply (Form)	\$122,500.00
5 Each	Steel Door Panel (32 x 80)	\$62,708.70
5 Each	Steel Door Panel (36 x 80)	\$62,708.70
500 Each	Floor Tile (18 x 18)	\$101,300.00
100 Bags	Thin Set Dirt	\$54,383.57
N/A	Wire & Wire Binding	\$20,000.00
N/A	PVC Piping	\$30,821.84
N/A	General Supplies (Nails)	\$20,000.00
N/A	Toilet, Fridge, Stove, Kitchen Cabinets, Furniture	\$350,000.00
<b>SUBTOTAL = JMD \$2,278,542.22</b>		
<b>TAX = JMD \$241,341.33</b>		
<b>TOTAL COST = JMD \$2,519,883.55 (approx. CAD \$25,000.00)</b>		

## **Ways to Give**

If you would like to support the Jamaica Building Projects in Cave Mountain, please choose one of the following ways to give.

### **1. Go to our GoFundMe Page.**

Please visit <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/jamaica-building-project>

### **2. Visit us Online.**

Please visit [www.communityimpact.ca/donation/](http://www.communityimpact.ca/donation/) and select 'Jamaica Building Project' from the drop-down menu in the 'Give To' section.

### **3. Send an E-transfer.**

Please send e-transfers to [info@communityimpact.ca](mailto:info@communityimpact.ca) and type 'Jamaica Building Project' in the message line.

### **4. Write a Cheque.**

Please make cheques payable to *Community Impact* and write 'Jamaica Building Project' on the memo line. Cheques can be mailed to: 8 Wigmore Drive, North York, Ontario M4A 2E5.

- Donations of \$10.00 or more will receive a tax receipt.
- Transparency is important to us. If you would like to receive updates on the Jamaica Building Project, please email us at [info@communityimpact.ca](mailto:info@communityimpact.ca) and enter "Please send me updates" in the subject line.

**Thank you in advance for your generosity and consideration!**

**For more information on *Community Impact* or if you have any questions, please visit [www.communityimpact.ca](http://www.communityimpact.ca), email [info@communityimpact.ca](mailto:info@communityimpact.ca), or call (416) 898-8582.**