

How You Can Help

Labour Day 2009: Vol-
unteers of Every Age

Give of Yourself and Time

- ▽ Join the *"Friends of Moreton Park Cottages"*
- ▽ Volunteer your professional and personal skills
- ▽ Visit and organise social occasions with the residents
- ▽ Organise spiritual activities with the residents
- ▽ Help to beautify the MPC premises

Give of Your Material Resources

- ▽ Pledge and make a monthly or other regular monetary contribution to the homes at MPC
- ▽ Support the fundraising activities of MPC
- ▽ Sponsor residents to various church and other activities
- ▽ Include a bequest in your will for MPC
- ▽ Fundraise on behalf of MPC
- ▽ Contribute materials for repair and maintenance work.

To offer your support of any nature please contact:

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MORETON PARK COTTAGES

A Social Outreach Project of the St Andrew Parish Church

Providing Homes for 'Women of Slender Means'



MORETON PARK COTTAGES, 22 MORETON PARK TERRACE
KINGSTON 10, JAMAICA

Moreton Park Cottages

Purpose

The idea for the Moreton Park Cottages came about after heavy rains in 1950 and 1951 brought to light that there were many members of the congregation who could not afford adequate housing, and it was felt that the Church should do something for its aging poor. The project was designed to benefit such persons as well as other Anglicans. The facilities comprise six units with accommodation for twelve occupants in total, who are able to live



'The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head'. (Matthew 8:20)

Such is the case with many of our aging citizens.



independently. Occupants are required to make a pepper-corn contribution.

Nearly sixty years later social conditions are still such that demand remains high for places. Each resident tells a unique story as to how and why she has come to Moreton Park Cottages, a Christian refuge.

The Committee and tenants organise activities to strengthen community and develop personal attributes of the residents. These include:

- ◇ Personal development talks
- ◇ Access to social services sessions
- ◇ Bible study and prayer meetings
- ◇ Computer instruction
- ◇ Outings to places of interest
- ◇ Social evenings

and more. Help in these activities is always welcome.



Development Goals

The needs of Moreton Park Cottages are many. The priority goals for the short to medium term are:

- ▽ Establishment of a support group—"Friends of Moreton Park Cottages"
- ▽ Repairs to the roofs of three cottages, now leaking badly.
- ▽ Improvement of the southern boundary fence to enhance security.
- ▽ Construction of a common room/meeting facilities for social interaction and developmental activities.
- ▽ Introduction of skills training - home skills, income enhancing skills, life skills.

Very critically, there is the need for much greater involvement and interaction between church members and the homes.

Residents with Caretaker (r) at a social evening. Resident.



Management

A team of church members manages the MPC. This Committee meets every two months to consider business issues, and quarterly with the residents for feedback and fellowship. The cost of operations is met primarily from contributions to the homes from church members, special collections and fund-raising activities. Mobilising and organizing volunteers to assist with activities is a particular challenge to the Committee. Some welcome help is received from the Red Cross, Kiwanis and the Lions Club from time to time.

The MPC needs material, financial and human resource support. See over-page for how you can help.

