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MORAVIAN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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MOTTO:

**"GOD STEERS
OUR COURSE"**

Hearts and Hands in Service

Under the banner of the Board of World Mission (BWM) of the North American Moravian Provinces, we have been receiving help in restoring and preparing the bottom floor of the primary Moravian School building at Memorial. Four Moravian Mission Teams were set to arrive on St Thomas from July 25 to August 22, 2018. Each team arrived on Wednesday of one week and departed on the Wednesday one week later. Each team worked for six days and rested on Sundays. Sunday's allowed for fellowship in the congregations and then team members spent the rest of the day on St John. Rev Vankys Isaac and Sis Myrtle received the team and provided joyful, memorable moments on St John.

MISSION STATEMENT:

Educate and develop students spiritually, academically, socially, and emotionally so that they can become successful citizens, able to function according to the will of God.

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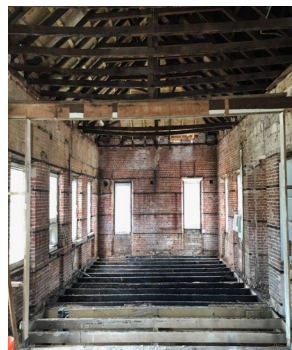
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Work days for the teams involved a lot of demolition work. Several dumpsters were filled and debris hauled away to the dump. Some pieces of timber from the interior of the building were saved for possible repurposing in the reconstruction phase. While the aim has been to restore to active use the classrooms on the bottom floor, the whole building had to be worked on. The work in this regard has been progressing as the pictures will revealed.

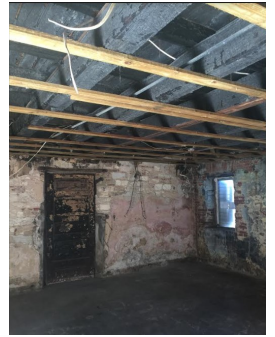


WE NEED YOU!



Never A Bad Wind Blow

Because blessings are may often be disguised by misfortune, I have heard old people in the Caribbean say this: “Mi son, don’t worry, cause never a bad wind blow.” Hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated the islands and inflicted significant damage to the roof of the main building at the Memorial Campus. In doing so, we were forced out of the building and forced into a costly reconstruction (near \$750,000.00 projected). In preparing the building for reconstruction we had to remove what was structurally weak or deficient. What we discovered has indicated that over many decades, termites have been weakening the wood members: rafters and ceiling boards. The drop ceiling concealed this develop and the danger that it represented. Therefore, in my humble opinion, we have been made to act through the pain of the storm, and to avoid a greater catastrophe. In this way God has been sharing with us his blessings.



The Count Down Has Begun



The first day of the new academic year at the Moravian School is September 4th. At the time of writing, Mission Team 4 is on the ground in St Thomas. This is the last scheduled team for the this summer’s restoration work. The Team has joined Contractor John Hypolite of Do Right Construction in seeking to complete the four classrooms on the bottom floor. The work to be done includes among other things: pouring concrete beams, electrical rewiring, cleaning the construction site, installing “durock” cement boards, painting the walls, installation of new windows, and tiling of the floors. Will we make it? We have come this far by faith. We shall yet trust our God to do much more than our ability, our thinking and our asking suggest. To be sure, God Still steers our course.