

# Reaching the Islands!



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*Dear friends,*

*Six weeks ago we embarked on our 10<sup>th</sup> round-the-world mission trip, dedicated to charity & missionary work, primarily in Fiji but also in Malaysia & the Caribbean. As is normally the case, we started off in the Caribbean with the aim of spending 6 weeks in the Cayman islands & 6 weeks in Jamaica.*

*It's great when we arrive in a new country & already have people to contact, but in this case it was a complete leap of faith as we didn't know anybody & didn't even have a phone number to ring.....While looking at various hotels & guest houses online though, we had a good feeling about one in particular: Eldemire's Tropical Island Inn. We went straight there from the airport & met with the very helpful owner, (luckily she was there as she left for an overseas trip a few days later!). We explained our work & told her we were praying for donated accommodation for one month—we're very grateful that she agreed to help us.*

*With our accommodation arranged, we went to the Ministry of Education to ask permission to conduct our drug awareness programs in government schools. As it was 'election time', followed by a change of government, this process took more than 3 weeks; however in the meantime we did programs in private schools, as well as in the prison.*

*Here is an article from the Cayman islands Compass newspaper, dated June 10<sup>th</sup> & entitled 'Drugs education for local schools'*

*A couple with nearly 40 years of experience of charity work has been on island educating local youngsters about drugs. Peter & Susan Kingston are originally from England & France & are now based in Fiji in the Pacific. For the past 37 years, they have been working as non-denominational missionaries in India, Nepal, Bosnia & southern Africa. Their Pacific Outreach charity, said Mr Kingston, involves providing books, clothes & wheelchairs to the undeveloped areas of Fiji but because that island is so far away from their work in Europe & Africa, they spend 2 to 3 months each year in the Caribbean, delivering drug awareness programmes to local schools.*



*Above left: the tiny Cayman islands are located south of Cuba & to the west of Jamaica. Right: one of three programs that we did at Triple C School, Grand Cayman.*



**Above: program at Truth for Youth Christian School, Grand Cayman: lots of good questions at the end of this one!**

*'The Cayman Islands is the 15<sup>th</sup> country we have worked in', Mr Kingston said. 'We talk to kids of ages 10 to 15 about the dangers of drugs. Because we both used to take drugs as teenagers, we have more experience'.*

*'Often kids get into drugs at parties for fun, but do not have an understanding of the consequences. Our job is to present the facts & to give real life examples of misuse & serious health problems that can occur.' The Kingstons show a video called 'The A—Z of drugs', which has a substance for each letter of the alphabet.*

*'We talk about alcohol, marijuana & cigarettes which is often where people start, and in my own experience as a teenager it was cigarettes then marijuana which led onto other drugs', Mr Kingston said.*

*Whilst in Cayman, the couple has visited Truth for Youth School and Triple C, which said it wanted the Kingstons to deliver more classes.*

*In order to facilitate the programmes, the Kingstons say they buy the cheapest round-the-world ticket they can & rely on the good will of the countries they visit for accommodation & meals.*

*'We never take a salary. I have not received a salary since 1975 and that was part-time work', Mr Kingston said. 'When we arrived here in Cayman we literally had nobody to contact & nowhere to stay. When we told Mrs Eldemire at the guest house she offered us accommodation, and lots of places are very helpful with lunch, such as Thai Orchid for example. This is how we manage to keep delivering the programme.'*

*The Kingstons are on island until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June before visiting Little Cayman & Cayman Brac for another 10 days, and subsequently Jamaica where more programmes will take place.*



**Above: John Gray (Public) High School**



**Above: blue iguanas are an endangered species, (this is not a real one though!)**

**Below: students at John Gray High School watching our program.**



**For more news, please see our website [www.pacificoutreach.com](http://www.pacificoutreach.com) that normally gets updated every 1-2 weeks,  
Yours, Peter & Susan Kingston**

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