

A Charismatic Center on the Island in the sun

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TWELVE YEARS AGO, after three hundred years as a British colony, Queen Elizabeth handed Jamaica her independence. Even so, the struggle on the West Indian island for spiritual freedom continues.

Jamaica still reels under the bondage of *witchcraft* and *Voodoo*. The island's most famous tourist attractions are Witch's Cove, Goblin Hill and the Rose Hall Great House, home of a famous white witch. The throbbing music of the island, which seems to go on forever, is the kind used to call forth evil spirits. Many of the 364 registered denominations on the island combine Christianity with a form of hexing.

Although the island has long been a missionary haven, there has been no openness to the move of the Holy Spirit. Six years ago a wealthy Jamaican built a beautiful Conference Center on an 18-acre mountainside tract overlooking the blue Caribbean. The Americans who managed the Center were not in fellowship with other Spirit-filled leaders and soon returned to the States in defeat. It was then that God directed a young English couple, Trevor and Sue Lancashire



Center overlooks Caribbean

from South Chard to Montego Bay. They took over the floundering Flower Hill Avenue Christian Center and in 1972 were joined by another South Chard couple.

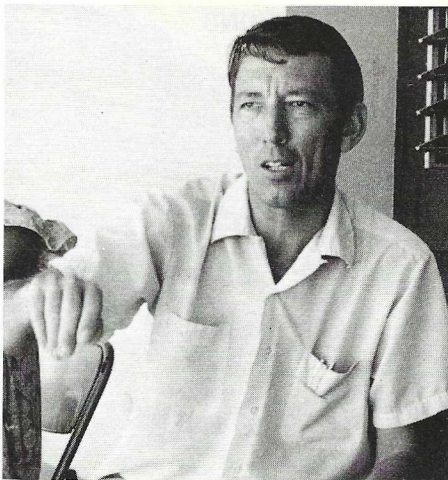
Located only 15 minutes from Montego Bay, the Center consists of a comfortable auditorium with kitchen, a small motel/dormitory and living quarters. It not only provides an ideal retreat for vacationers and the new Spirit-filled people on the island, but the facilities are used by a Christian elementary school, free of charge, for some of the island's many illiterate children. It is also cooperating with a charismatic book store in Montego Bay—the only one on the island—managed by Derek Collitt-White, an Anglican missionary from Canada.

Those who have been to the Center declare it is an ideal place to spend a vacation or build a retirement cottage. Since Jamaica is only an hour's flight from Miami (\$85.00 round trip), a growing ministry to vacationing Americans is expected.

Those interested should contact Trevor Lancashire, Flower Hill Avenue Christian Center, c/o Betty Foster, Box 312, Montego Bay, Jamaica, W.I. Those who visit will find the experience a "Boonoo-noonoos"—a patois word meaning "Something nice."



Sue Lancashire



Trevor Lancashire



18-acre complex is on a mountain