

Service Trip to Jamaica in January 2010 Offered to Alumni

Alumni are invited on a service trip to Jamaica January 23-30, 2010 to help abandoned and physically disabled children at the Mustard Seed Communities founded by Fr. Gregory Ramkissoon, MA '81, '82. For over 25 years, Mustard Seed has served these children and those with HIV/AIDS and expanded its outreach to children in the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, and Zimbabwe.

During the week's stay in Jamaica's mountains, participants will live dormitory style as a community focused on caring and learning from interaction with the children, the workers, and one another. Activities will include painting and maintenance at a variety of sites. No special skills are needed. Liturgies and daily reflection will be part of the evening program to help participants share and deepen their awareness and gratitude for the experiences of the day and God's presence among us.

Leading the group is an alumna from the School of Nursing, Elizabeth McCarthy '74, who has gone a number of times to the Mustard Seed Communities in Jamaica. "Since my first encounter with the children of Mustard Seed their beauty of spirit shining through their diminished bodies has remained with me," said McCarthy. "Their gift has called me to change and to return again and again to be graced by the sacrament of their lives."

The cost of a week's stay is approximately \$1,000 for lodging and meals. Airfare is additional and last year was approximately \$490 for a round trip ticket from Boston to Kingston. Trip coordinators will arrange group tickets from Boston. For more information, contact Elizabeth McCarthy at emccarthy1028@hotmail.com.