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March 30

Our president, Mr. Don Dean represented the RTCA National at the RTCA New York council. This meeting was held at the RTCA facilities in Belmont Park. The purpose of this meeting was to establish the parameters for the appointment of a new chaplain for this ministry. The council president, Mr. Phyllis Adams and the vice president, Mr. Nick Caras, both provide exceptional leadership to this ministry during this time of transition.



*Members of the
Executive Committee*

April 25-27

The executive committee met in Lexington, KY, for their regular scheduled meeting. Throughout the gathering, they were able to evaluate the progress of our ministry. More information is available in the minutes

taken by our emergency secretary, Rev. Ed Donnally. Our secretary, Chaplain Sam Ed. Spence, was in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, attending his daughter's wedding on May 1. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Brian & Dondi Kingsbury!



*President Don Dean (left) and
Racing Industry Representative,
Pat A. Day (right)*

April 26

The executive committee participated with the RTCA KY council in a very special gala event at the facilities of Churchill Down. We would like to congratulate the council for the superb banquet, as well as, for the outcome that resulted. The attendance reached approximately three hundred. The silent and live auction produced close to \$100,000 for this ministry. A greater part of these resources will be designated for the construction of a new chapel here.

April 27

The RTCA Blue Grass Farms council of Central KY met this day for a working session. Members of the executive committee were invited to this strategic planning session under the leadership of Mr. Dan Fick. We are grateful to the Lord for the accomplishments that this council has achieved in such a brief time. Our sincere gratitude is for all the council members, especially to the president of this council, Mr. Lonny Powell, and to the chaplain, Rev. Bobby Aldridge.



*Chaplain Patrick Colladay (left),
President Don Dean (middle),
Chaplain Mike Smith (right)
At Ashford Farms*

April 28

The Executive Committee held a special luncheon for the supporters and friends of our organization in Lexington, KY. The attendance was close to fifty. The Executive Director was

able to give the attendees an account of the progress of the ministry. The RTCA is very privileged to have so many horse industry leaders as part of this fellowship.



(From Left to Right) Rev. Edward Donnally, Chaplain Leroy Sommers, Chaplain Bob Miller, Mr. Ed Smith, Mr. Rick Smith, Chaplain Patrick Colladay, Chaplain Mike Smith, Dr. Enrique Torres

April 28-29

The first meeting of the National Evangelism Task Force was held in Lexington, KY. The meeting was held at the facilities of the Jockey Club. Chaplain Patrick Colladay, from Pocono Downs, was appointed chair of this vital Task Force. Mr. Edward Smith, from Lone Star, was appointed secretary. Other Task Force responsibilities were designated to the following participants: Bob Miller, chaplain at Ocala Farms Ministry, FL; chaplain Leroy Sommers, Remington Park, OK; chaplain Mike Smith, Emerald Downs, WA; Rev. Rick Smith, Ruidoso Downs, NM; chaplain Luis Peralta, Arlington, IL. This was a historic event to be celebrated in the life of our RTCA family. The Task Force is determined to reach, with the Lord's help and guidance, the RTCA goal of 25,000 plus new believers by the year 2010.

April 30

Dr. Torres and Rev. Donnally were invited to meet with Mr. Kenny Troutt at his suite at Churchill Downs in Louisville, KY. The RTCA is very privileged to have Mr. Troutt as part of our ministry. Mr. Troutt is a faith-

ful major supporter for the RTCA. We are always grateful for his financial, moral, and prayer support. During this event, Mr. Troutt presented a check for \$100,000 to our Executive Director for the RTCA Ministries. Praise the Lord!

Later in the evening, the Executive Director and Rev. Donnally were invited to a special Gala prior to the Derby at WinStar Farms. The funds raised from this event will benefit the RTCA KY and other charitable organizations. During this Gala, in the company of more than 500 guests who are from the horse industry in Lexington, Rev. Donnally gave a presentation summarizing the RTCA Ministries. Afterwards, Dr. Torres brought an invocation. We are grateful to God for giving the RTCA the opportunity to be recognized at this level.



Mrs Roark (left), Mr. John Roark (middle), Rev. Ed Donnally (right)

May 3

Chaplain Les Riggs started a new RTCA chaplaincy in Woodbine, Canada. We are grateful to God for the privilege to proclaim His good news in Words and Deeds here. Our sincere gratitude goes to the HBPA of Ontario Province, Canada, and to the Executive Director, Mr. Nick Coukos, for providing a major portion of the financial resources for this new endeavor. Appreciative comments from the leaders of the horse industry in Canada have already arrived at our National office in response for send-

ing an outstanding Chaplain; in addition, for the excellent work that is being accomplished. The praise and glory belongs to our Lord!

May 3

The Executive Director met with the Los Alamitos RTCA council in order to discuss plans for the 2005 Chaplain School and Annual Meeting. The Council is very enthusiastic and is looking forward to providing the necessary ingredients for a very successful event. Los Alamitos has designated a large, beautiful room for our Sunday events. Here, we will be celebrating morning worship service and afterwards enjoy a scrumptious luncheon. The area will also be available in the evening for entertainment. Our sincere gratitude goes to Dr. Edward Alred, owner of the Los Alamitos racetrack, and to the council president, Mrs. Melody Knuchell, and Chaplain Aurio Bermeo.



Our secretary, Roxanna (left), and our office manager (right), packing up laptops to send to our Chaplains

May 7

The RTCA recently purchased 14 state of the art laptop computers and distributed them to Chaplains. They will be used for Chaplains' English as a Second Language and Computer Literacy classes as well as staying in touch with other Chaplains. Praise the Lord for this!

May 14

The Executive Director and Chaplain Vincent Harris, from ThistleDowns,

were invited by the Caymanas Race Track to visit the ministry that is forming in Jamaica. On this day, they had their first meeting with Dr. Paul Wright a medical doctor and founder of this ministry in Jamaica. Dr. Wright recalled his first introduction to the RTCA when he attended a Prayer Breakfast in Tucson, at the University of Arizona Racing Symposium. He clearly remembered the Executive Director introducing our Brother Pat Day, as the speaker on that particular occasion. Afterwards, The Executive Director gave him information concerning our organization, which eventually led him back to the RTCA. Dr. Wright came back to Jamaica and after a long search for a Chaplain among different Christian organizations, he was able to start this ministry with Father Paul O. Collier.



Caymanas Racetrack, Jamaica

May 15

This day was a great day of racing at Caymanas Race Track. The entire facility was filled to capacity. Many important government dignitaries and high society individuals of Jamaica were present that day at the racetrack. Ms. Millicent Lynch, Executive Manager of Marketing and influential leader in Jamaica, was the officer from the racetrack that officially invited the RTCA reps to be there. On this day, she situated Dr. Torres and Rev. Harris in a very special suite where they were able to meet with prominent leaders of this country. Afterwards, they were designated to the

suite of the Racing Commissioners. Here, Hon Fitz A. Jackson who is the Minister of Finance and Planning, visited Dr. Torres and Rev. Harris. Before the Prickness race, a National Radio station that covers all the West Indies interviewed our Executive Director, and inquired about the different services that the RTCA provides at the Racetracks in the USA and Canada.



An interview with our Executive Director

During the major race in Jamaica, the Executive Director and Rev. Vincent Harris were guided, in conjunction with the Prime Minister of Finance of Jamaica, to present the trophy to the winner of the major race of the occasion. Immediately afterwards, the television station that covers the West Indies interviewed the Executive Director and Rev. Vincent Harris. The main subject was about recovery from Chemical Dependency at the racetrack. The highlight of the afternoon



Children's Daycare at the Racetrack

was a visit to a special program for children of the racetrack workforce

and from the community. The racetrack provides this service as part of the care that they have for the families of the people who work at the racetrack and for the benefit of the community at large. Activities for the children included clowns, a children's library, and pony rides.

May 16

On this day, the Executive Director and Rev. Vincent Harris were guests of a very prominent Church, which will be part of the development of the ministry at Caymanas. Here, both Executive Director and Rev. Harris had the privilege to impart our vital ministry to the congregation. Afterwards, Rev. Vincent Harris gave an excellent message. The whole service was broadcasted to a population of about 800,000. During lunch, they met with the potential members of the local council for this one and only Racetrack in Jamaica.

May 17

Dr. Torres and Rev. Harris had the opportunity to visit some beautiful parts of this lovely country. They visited Ocho Rios and to the waterfall outside the city.



Our Executive Director with Jamaica's Racing Commissioners

May 18

The Executive Director and Rev. Vincent Harris started the day with a breakfast meeting with the ministers of the churches near the Caymanas racetrack. Immediately afterwards,

they went back to the racetrack for a meeting with Father Paul Collier, a fine Christian and a committed servant of the Lord. During this time, they were able to invite Father Collier to become an RTCA Chaplain. He indicated his willingness and expressed his honor in becoming part of the RTCA family. After finishing the meeting with Father Collier, they went to a press conference with members of the racetrack, which included people from the backstretch, and from the front office and the News media of Jamaica. The highlight of this event was the presentation of the video of Rev. Vincent Harris done by NBC of Cleveland, Ohio. As a result, the visit to Jamaica was greatly blessed. Lord willing, soon enough, we will have an official RTCA ministry in Jamaica. Praise the Lord!



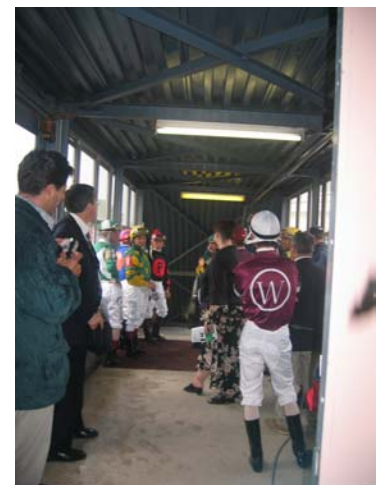
Caymanas Racetrack filled to capacity



(From left to right) Rev. Vincent Harris, Rev. Paul Collier, Dr. Enrique Torres, and the acting CEO of the racetrack, Mr. Walford Brown



Caymanas Racetrack's Executive Manager – Marketing, Ms. Millicent Lynch (left), the Minister of State and Finance, Hon. Fitz A. Jackson (middle), and Rev. Vincent Harris (right)



Our Executive Director in the Jockey Room before the Kentucky Derby



Our Executive Director with Children at the Daycare (top and bottom picture)



Breakfast Meeting with religious leaders of Jamaica



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