
September 28: *"Lasting Fruit"*

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John 15:16, *"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."*

As a missionary planting a new church in Jamaica where we knew no one in the district, community, nor city to which God had led us, the task to which God had called us seemed enormous. Our call from God was specific, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel. Our direction was specific, Savanna-la-Mar, Jamaica; and our task was to plant an indigenous, autonomous, local independent Baptist Church of like faith as our sending church, Corinth Baptist Church. As the enormity of our task overwhelmed us and the initial place we felt God wanted us to start the church became unavailable, it was then that God used John 15:16 to remind us that He chose our family to be missionaries; He led us to Jamaica and ordained us to bring forth fruit. As we began to pray for the exact location to start the church, we also prayed for souls that we could lead to Christ and disciple in His Word and witness growth in the Lord and become faithful saints of God. God gave us many people over the years that we were able to lead to Christ; some of whom we were able to truly disciple in God's Word and to God's glory remain faithful to this day.

Bobby Brown was a young teenager when he first stood at the back door of the school room we used as a meeting place for the new church plant. We told Bobby that a new church was being started and that we really wanted him to come to one of the services. Bobby told us where he lived, and we began visiting his home and family regularly witnessing to them, leaving them tracts to read, and always inviting them to church. Bobby Brown began attending and was one of several people that were saved at our first Vacation Bible School. Bobby immediately started inviting his family to church. Bobby's brother, Colin slowly started attending and was soon saved. Over time Bobby was able to see four of his brothers, his sister, mother and father all make professions of faith in Jesus Christ. Bobby grew in the Lord and had an insatiable appetite for the things of God. Today, Bobby Brown continues to serve the Lord at Calvary Independent Baptist Church teaching the children's Sunday school and is the man we ordained as a deacon. Bobby led a young lady to the Lord that he "liked," and about a year later they were married. Bobby and Kay Brown are faithful saints of God raising their children in Calvary Independent Baptist Church and faithfully serving God. Years ago, Bro. Bobby told me that he wanted what I

had, a wife and children to serve the Lord together. Today, Bobby's desires have come to fruition. Bobby is a trophy of God's grace. Bobby's life was changed, and his family's life was changed. Bobby has been used of God to see many other lives changed through the gospel of Jesus Christ because churches and individuals like you prayed for laborers to take the gospel into the world and gave to support them as they went.