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MORE ST. THOMAS COMMUNITIES UNDER QUARANTINE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Warm Christian greetings!

The Ministry of Health (MOH) in a Press Release informed that more communities in St. Thomas are under quarantine for 14 days, beginning August 20 to September 2, 2020. This is due to the rising COVID cases which now stands at 107 positive cases. Forty-five (45) of that number are within quarantine areas.

The release stated that "The communities are Albion and Seaforth that have seen 13 cases over the last three weeks. Many of the cases are symptomatic, which is a cause for concern and suggests that there may be ongoing transmission in the communities. Community surveillance will be carried out over the next two weeks to detect early any new cases and to implement appropriate measures to contain spread within the parish. The other communities in the parish now under quarantine, namely Bamboo River, Church Corner and Lower Summit, will remain under quarantine, also until September 2."

As an Administration, we sympathize with all who are affected. Nonetheless, we are in strong support of the COVID Protocols and appeal to the membership to strictly adhere to prescribed prevention and control measures, including the frequent washing of hands, maintaining a six-feet physical distance from others and wearing a mask while out in public.

These protocols are even more critical while churches are opened at this time for Sabbath services across the Conference.

As responsible children of the King, let us work to stop the spread of this dangerous virus, and please do continue to keep your country and the world in prayer.

Yours in the Master's Service,

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