

2020 AID TO JAMAICA DRIVE!

Last year you brought joy to the poor fishing village of Alligator Pond, Jamaica. You may remember that I threw a party for 50 children, and 100 showed up. Every child received a gift because of you!!! Without our efforts those children would have received nothing at all for Christmas. They were also overjoyed to receive a great hot meal! Before the party, my elves and I delivered gifts to the sick and elderly and it was my most joyful, uplifting, and gratifying Christmas ever!

This year things are even more dire with the effects of the Coronavirus. I will once again send a shipment to Alligator Pond on November 28th, 2020. If you would like to help you can drop off your contributions at the studio. I am generally there Monday - Thursday all day. If I am teaching please leave donations on the table and chair outside and I will pick them up between lessons. If you would like to contribute to the shipping etc, please call me to set up a time to meet, or drop it in the mail slot in the second door. I (who was one of those poor kids fortunate to leave Jamaica at age 7), as well as everyone in Alligator Pond thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



(Marcia at age 5 in Alligator Pond, Jamaica)

List of things needed in Jamaica

- **Food, Food, Food** – It is very expensive in Jamaica. Cooking Oil, Rice, Flour, Sugar, Salt, Peanut Butter, Jam(strawberry or grape), Sweetened Condensed Milk, Carnation Milk, Corn Flakes, Hot Chocolate, Seasoning Salt, Corned Beef, Tuna, Sardine, Cake mix and Icing, Ketchup, any canned food! Dried kidney beans, oatmeal/cornmeal, Jello/pudding
- Toilet Paper
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Mouthwash
- Bar Soap, Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Wash Cloth
- Shampoo/Conditioner

- **Toys, Toys, Toys**
- Sinus Medication
- Pain Medication
- Candy!!!
- School Supplies
- Socks
- Gift/ Shopping Bags
- Slippers, Flip Flops (all sizes)
- Adult Diapers/wipes
- Powdered Detergent
- Water Boots
- Rain Coats
- Masks

Alligator Pond is a fishing village, so if anyone has a **Fish Finder or Life Jackets** lying around they would be greatly appreciated

Last but not least, **Old Phones, and Tablets.** Many children are not attending online school, because they have no devices to use to learn. Both Parents and children hide when the school sends people out to check on why the children are not participating in school. They are embarrassed. My heart breaks for them and would love to offer our help in any way possible.

Thank you for always making this drive a success! Please reach out if you have any questions or would like to help in any other way.



Happy Holidays

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