



# From the desk of the General Bishop of PAWI



**W**hile the year 2013 is soon to close its door, we may never be able to erase the influences of its etched memories. It is fitting therefore, for us to dissect the etchings of this past year to reflect on, what we experienced, how we could have responded better and how best we can grow to appreciate both good and challenging experiences towards the fulfilment of the Father's will. After all, the All Sufficient One has been in the midst of everything we have encountered and has kept us. To Him Be Glory and Honour.

First, a few of our brethren who started the year with us were promoted to glory. They ran their course well and we must continue to do likewise. While, we do not sorrow as those who have no hope, we still mourn for them as families, churches and an organization. We must also comfort one another with the fact that God is in control and He does ALL things well; remembering, that their passing is precious in God's sight. Do remember to reach out prayerfully and otherwise, to their families, especially at this Christmas season.

Second, from the International Office, we noted that we have had a very busy year and much has been accomplished. We give praise to God and thanks to the organizers of the Lady Ministers and Pastors Wives Conference, the PAWI World Missions Agency Conference, Youth Fest, PAWI World Missions Agency Youth Camp, Church Ministries Conference and the Women Ministries Conference. Participants to all these conferences have experienced the richness of God's presence and have reported improved attendance. My prayer is that their impact will be extended to every member of our organization and the Body of Christ. I also give thanks for the General Executive meetings, where we met and planned how we will expand the influence of the Kingdom of God on the earth and the Pentecostal Assemblies of the West Indies as an organization. Much thanks to all who gave of their time and talent to make this a reality, let us now look ahead.

The New Year 2014 is opening its door for us! We proceed with faith in God, and the expectation that blessings will flow despite accompanying challenges. We can be assured, amidst economic hurdles, declining societal values, failing political systems, and social and familial tragedies that God has provided an avenue for peace and goodwill to all nations, through His Son Jesus Christ. Like the wise men who asked "Where is He who is born king of the Jews?" We must ask ourselves, where is Jesus in relation to our lives and churches? Then we must consider whether others are seeing Him in us and will they want to also come to worship Him because of our life's testimony. The wise men worshipped, are we still worshipping Him with sincerity and passion? And finally, having seen, embraced and experienced Him are we going out with excitement to spread the Good News? Let us do our part wherever we go, to share the message of peace and goodwill.

The year 2014 will also see us meeting for General Conference in the Jolly Beach Resort, Antigua from 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> May under the theme "Presenting a changeless God to a changing world." The conference speaker is Bishop John Francis from Ruach City Church, England. We encourage all our credential workers to plan to attend and to pray that God's presence will guide every aspect of the conference.

Brothers and Sisters let us continue to run this race with patience during this season and the upcoming year. On behalf of the International Office and my family, I pray that each one will have an enjoyable Christmas season and May the Eternal God grant wisdom and strength as we face the New Year.

Remember: Think Fellowship! PAWI is Alive and Well!

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