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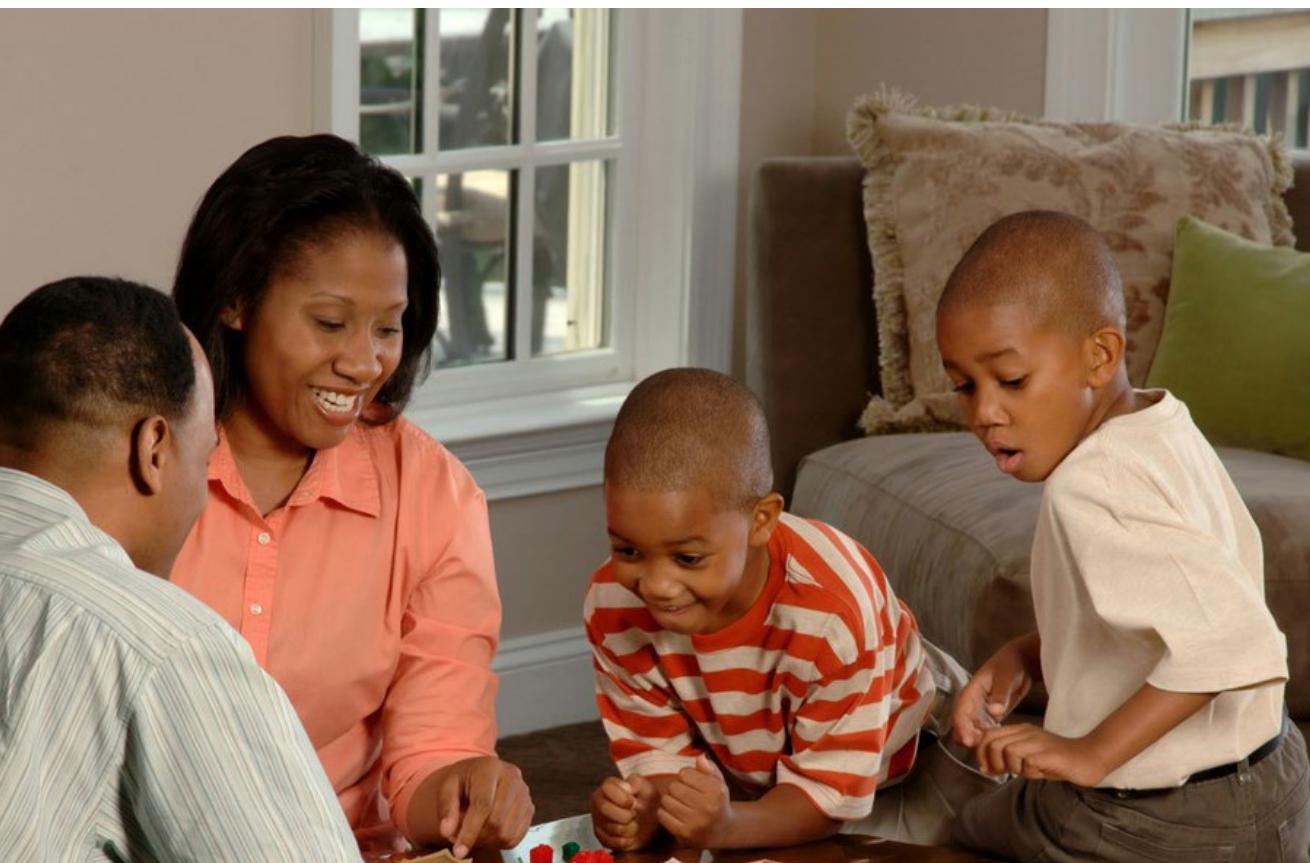
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MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA — The West Jamaica Conference has launched Operation Family First, a strategic evangelism initiative designed to move beyond traditional Tent and Church Campaigns and focus on personal, family-centered witnessing. Originally launched in September 2025, the program is set to intensify throughout the first quarter of 2026.

Pastor Donovan Williams, Vice President of the West Jamaica Conference, expressed that, “The initiative operates under the theological foundation of Joshua 2:13, echoing Rahab’s plea to spare the lives of her father, mother, brothers, and sisters. Leadership has emphasized that this is not a program for a select few but a mandate for every

level of the organization. Involvement is required from administrators, directors, pastors, conference workers, elders, every department and church member.”

He continued sharing that, “The primary goal is for each participant, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to lead at least one non-Adventist family member to Christ in baptism each quarter. Shifting away from large-scale public meetings.”

Operation Family First prioritizes four key pillars to reach family members and the community:

- 1. Prayer: Constant intercession for the lost**
- 2. Bible Study: Direct engagement with the Word of God**
- 3. Social Intervention: Meeting the practical needs of the community**
- 4. The Use of Technology: Leveraging digital tools to share the gospel**
- 5. Health Evangelism**
- 6. Literature Distribution**

Drawing heavily from the biblical narrative of Jonah,



the conference emphasizes that God's mission is urgent because souls are at stake. The initiative reminds members that while they may try to avoid the call, they cannot escape the responsibility of the mission.

The initiative calls for each pastoral district having at least one hundred (100) members working with seven (7) non-Adventist family members each.

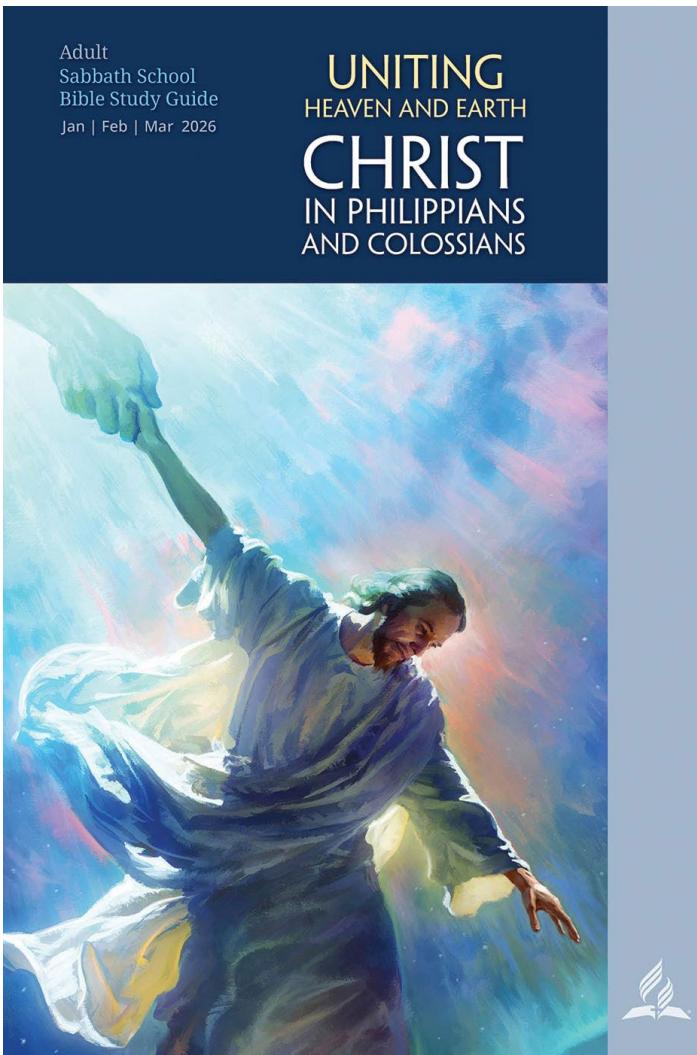
Each congregation through sincere prayer, bible studies, social interventions, and a week of reaping series prepare at least five (5) candidates for baptism on February 21, 2026.

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work." (Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 9)

The conference highlights that delayed obedience often affects others, just as Jonah's flight endangered those on his ship. Operation Family First serves as a call to immediate action, fueled by the same compassion Christ felt for those who were like "sheep without a shepherd."

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SHANTEL NEAL | JANUARY 16, 2026

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Adult
Sabbath School
Bible Study Guide
Jan | Feb | Mar 2026

UNITING
HEAVEN AND EARTH
CHRIST
IN PHILIPPIANS
AND COLOSSIANS

WEST WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Do you want to keep up with what is happening in our church? If you want to receive our weekly newsletter that features news, inspirational stories, videos, and more, sign up today.



PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

The West Jamaica Conference will provide hurricane relief donated by the South Florida Conference, with a focus on rebuilding efforts following the devastation caused by Hurricane Melissa.



PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

The West Jamaica Conference Children's Ministries Department and Harrison Preparatory impacted the Jamaica Fire Brigade's (JFB) Area 4 Headquarters in Montego Bay, located at #1 Barnett Street, St. James.



NEWS FROM THE INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

Communion With God: A Strategic Priority For The Church.

The first of four major priorities shaping the Inter-American Division's mission for the next five years.

It is no coincidence that the number one priority—of the four that shape the strategic plan of the Inter-American Division—is entitled “Communion with God.” This is intentionally significant and leads us to ask several questions: What does this mean for our church? What are the implications of embracing communion with God as a priority? And how does this strategic priority relate to each individual church member?

Let us first talk about what lies behind the concept. Communion with God is an idea that carries various meanings, but in every case, these meanings are spiritual and connected to our identity as Adventist Christians. The primary goal is to guide, motivate, and support each church member in their journey toward a personal and deep relationship with

God, characterized by love, faith, obedience, and selfless service. From this perspective, communion with God envisions a church in which all members recognize God as the center of their existence and the only One they are called to worship and serve. This means that communion with God is primarily personal and spiritual in nature.

Another meaning of this concept for the church has to do with the fact that when each person enjoys communion with God individually, it naturally produces deep and participatory interaction with other believers who also practice communion with God. In other words, communion with God produces communion among us. Put differently, Christ is not only the center of each life, but also the One who gives meaning and permanence

to the relationships among all who are part of the church.

That is why we say that communion with God is central to Adventist identity, because it not only portrays us as a community of people who love and serve God, but also as people who love one another, since our faith in God is the bond that unites us in a lasting way.

Secondly, when we speak of what communion with God entails, we need to note that this strategic priority has implications that affect several aspects of church life.

One of these aspects has to do with the devotional life of believers and the overall spiritual atmosphere of the church. By saying that communion with God is number one for us, we mean that the Word of God, the discipline of prayer, and public and private worship are central and essential. One cannot speak of communion with God while neglecting the study of the Bible or failing to keep the altar of prayer burning. Nor can there be communion with God when the church fails to give God the worship He deserves. This leads us to the next point in this reflection.

Communion with God must move from being a strategic priority to becoming a lived experience and daily practice. In this sense, there is a direct relationship between the concept of communion with God and each individual church member.

What is expected of each of us, first of all, is that we take our personal relationship with God seriously. Studying the Bible, being consistent in prayer, and regularly attending meetings promoted by the church should be seen as both a responsibility and a privilege for every church member. Communion with God is a matter that concerns all of us in the church, because it benefits every one of us. Therefore, we can say without exaggeration that *koinonia*, or communion with God, should undoubtedly be the natural environment in which the church functions.

Perhaps one example of the importance of giving communion with God first place, can be found in the words Jesus spoke to a woman named Martha, who welcomed Him into her home, as recorded in Luke 10:38-42. The Bible says that Martha had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus' feet and listened to His words. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she came to Him and said, "Lord, do You not

care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me."

And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is necessary, and Mary has chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from her."

From the day Jesus spoke those words to Martha, not only she but all of us have been enlightened by His teaching about the importance of always giving God first place. Jesus made it clear that there are many things—some urgent, some important, and others just our preferences. But when it comes to what truly matters, only one thing is necessary: to do what Mary did—to sit at the feet of Jesus and listen to His word.

Over the next five years, we envision a church in Inter-America that seeks, loves, serves, and worships God above all else. We will work toward this vision in every union, every local field, every congregation, and with every member of our beloved church. The call is extended to all of us, but it must be accepted personally.

This is the moment when, with God's help, you can redirect your life and put into practice the divine counsel:

"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:33).

January 29, 2026 | Miami, Florida, United States |
Roberto Herrera, Inter-American Division

JOB VACANCIES



**West Jamaica Conference
of Seventh-day Adventists**

Savanna-la-mar Preparatory School
is now accepting
applications for the post of

Accountant

Qualifications:

Bachelor's Degree in Accounting,
Business Administration or related field

Experience:

At least three (3) years professional experience in the area

Skills:

Skills: Advance proficiency in microsoft excel and
database management

Apply to: hr@westjamaica.org
Deadline for applications: February 6, 2026

CALENDAR OF MISSION 2026

FEBRUARY

1-28	CELEBRATIONS - Emphasis on Exercise	15-21	Christian Home and Marriage Week
1-28	Stewardship - Emphasis on Man as Manager	17-18	Jamaica Union Conference Session
1	Parish Connect - St. Elizabeth	18	Public Holiday - Ash Wednesday
1	Launch of Parish-based EYEs Mentorship Training Series	21	Operation Family First, Living the Mission Baptism Day
1	Communion with God - Hour of Prayer	21	Elders' Appreciation Day/ Elders' Certification
7	Community Services Day	22	Clerks, Auditors, Treasurers, Elders & Pastors' Workshop - St. James
7	Lay Preachers & Bible Workers' Federation Rally - St. Elizabeth	22	Prayer Breakfast - Security Forces
8	Online Trust Services Workshop	28	Convention - Westmoreland
8	Parish Connect - Westmoreland	28	UNASSIGNED (other parishes)
10	Executive Committee Meeting		
14	Church Clerk 7th Sabbath Attendance Count		
14	UNASSIGNED		
15	Clerks, Auditors, Treasurers, Elders & Pastors' Workshop - Hanover		
15	Online Child Preacher's Training		
15	Parish Connect - Hanover		
15	Pastors & Elders Mission Seminar - Westmoreland		

CONFERENCE EVENTS

FEBRUARY



West Jamaica Conference of
Seventh-day Adventist®

WEST CONFERENCE PARISH CONNECT

Theme: “GROUNDED IN THE BIBLE,
FOCUSED ON THE MISSION, RESTORING HOPE ”



WESTMORELAND
Seventh-day Adventist
Church, Footprints
Westmoreland

February
8

We are coming to



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CONFERENCE EVENTS

FEBRUARY



WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE OF
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

OPERATION FAMILY FIRST
Church Officers Reaping Initiative(CORI)/CELP

40 DAYS OF PRAYER & Witnessing

JANUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 21, 2026



Each church member should choose seven (7) non-Seventhday Adventist family members to fervently pray for each day.



Each department should be assigned a special day to give leadership.



Each church member should earnestly work to lead at least one family member to Christ in baptism and nurture.



Recommended prayer times: **6 a.m. | 12 P.M. | 6 p.m.**
(Participants may choose other convenient prayer times.)



The grand baptism day for every family to celebrate at least one from each family is **February 21, 2026**.

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CONFERENCE EVENTS

FEBRUARY



West Jamaica Conference
invites you to

Latter Rain Mission Convention 2026

Theme:

GROUNDED IN THE BIBLE, FOCUSED ON
THE MISSION, RESTORING HOPE

Starting @: 9:15 a.m.

CONVENTION SITES:

February
28

WESTMORELAND

📍 Seventh-day Adventist
Church, Footprints
Westmoreland

March
7

ST. ELIZABETH

📍 Seventh-day Adventist
Church, Santa-Cruz
Main Street, Santa Cruz
St. Elizabeth

March
14

HANOVER

📍 Seventh-day Adventist, Lucea
Lucea, Hanover

March
28

ST. JAMES

📍 West Jamaica
Conference Auditorium
St. James

Special invitation to all Church officers!
PACK A MEAL AND JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP

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westjamaica.org

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

MARCH

Communion In Action

Global Youth
T-SHIRT 2026



**CONNECT WITH YOUR LOCAL
YOUTH DIRECTOR TO ORDER**

GYD 2026

**Shirt orders are placed with the Parish Federation
Cost : \$2000**

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

MARCH



communion in action

GLOBAL YOUTH DAY 2026

MARCH 21ST, 2026



EVENTS

FEBRUARY

THIS IS YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION TO THE

FOOTPRINTS OF HOPE
Evangelistic Series

With Pastor
GLEN O. Samuels
 President of West Jamaica Conference
 & Speaker of Footprints of Hope
 telecast on TVJ Sundays at 8:30am

UNDER THE BIG TENT

WINDSOR COMMUNITY
 (ON WINSTON PROPERTY)

Starting:
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7
 6:45 P.M. WEEKNIGHTS 7:00 P.M. *EXCEPT MONDAYS & FRIDAYS
SATURDAYS @ 9:00 A.M. 5:00 P.M.

Special Features

- Power-Packed, Life-Changing Prophetic-Preaching
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EVENTS

FEBRUARY



WEST JAMAICA CONFERENCE

Personal Ministries Department

invites you to

ST.ELIZABETH LAY' WORKERS FEDERATION RALLY & INSTALLATION SERVICE

Advancing "His Mission,
Empowered by His Spirit"



FEB 7, 2026 | 9:15am

Seventh-day Adventist Church,
Southfield

PRESENTERS



DIVINE SERVICE SPEAKER

Pastor
Joseph Smith

VICE PRESIDENT & MINISTERIAL SECRETARY,
JAMU



Pastor,
Orlando Powell
District Pastor of Lacovia,
WJC



EXPECTED ATTENDEES:

Personal Ministries Leaders and Secretaries, Lay Preachers, Bible Workers
Interest Coordinators and all other Personal Ministries Personnel.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

JANUARY

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West Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists **ONLINE LIVE WORSHIP**

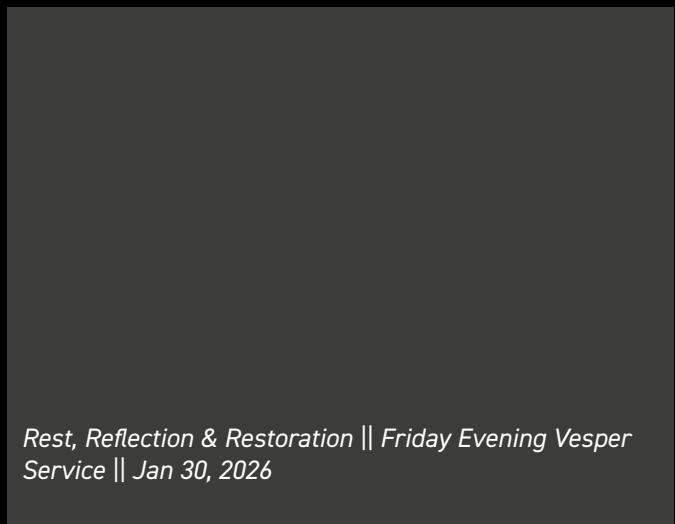
“This Storm, This Ship”

Speaker: Evg. Steve King, Evangelist, WJC

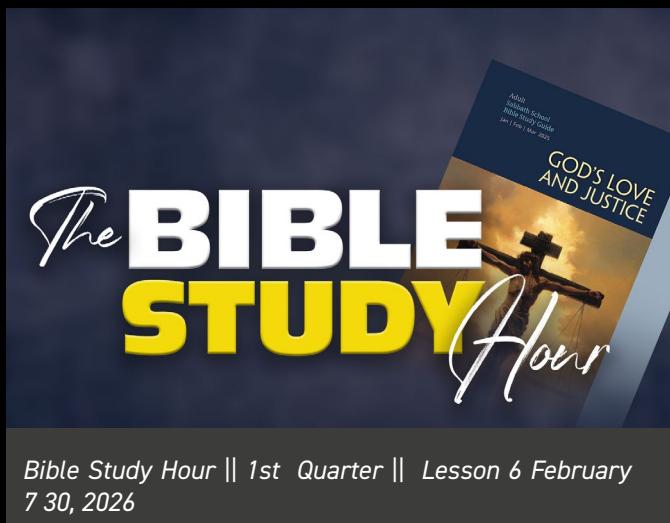
Sabbath **Jan 31, 2026** Starting: 9:30p.m.

LIVE ON: **WCCN** **BLESTV**

Online Worship Experience || Morning Session || Sabbath, January 31, 2026



Rest, Reflection & Restoration || Friday Evening Vesper Service || Jan 30, 2026



The BIBLE STUDY Hour

GOD'S LOVE AND JUSTICE

Bible Study Hour || 1st Quarter || Lesson 6 February 7 30, 2026



GOD FIRST
WJC STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

Stewardship 360 || Playlist || 2026

KEEPING LOVE ALIVE"

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them" (Col. 3:18, 19).

How much trouble and what a tide of woe and unhappiness would be saved if men, and women also, would continue to cultivate the regard, attention, and kind words of appreciation and little courtesies of life which kept love alive and which they felt were necessary in gaining the companions of their choice. If the husband and wife would only continue to cultivate these attentions which nourish love, they would be happy in each other's society and would have a sanctifying influence upon their families. They would have in themselves a little world of happiness and would not desire to go outside this world for new attractions and new objects of love. . . .

Many women pine for words of love and kindness and the common attentions and courtesies due them from their husbands who have selected them as their life companions. . . . It is these little attentions and courtesies which make up the sum of life's happiness. . . .

Every couple who unite their life interest should seek to make the life of each as happy as possible. That which we prize we seek to preserve and make more valuable if we can. In the marriage contract men and women have made a trade, an investment for life, and they

the love so eagerly sought for and prized before marriage.

The Widening Circle of Love

"Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband" (1 Cor. 7:3).

Husbands and wives should feel it their privilege and their duty to reserve for the privacy of each other's society the interchange of love tokens between themselves. For while the manifestation of love for each other is right in its place, it may be made productive of harm to both the married and the unmarried. There are persons of an entirely different cast of mind and character, and of different education and training, White who love each other just as devotedly and healthfully as do those who have educated themselves to manifest their affection freely; and there is danger that by contrast these persons who are more reserved will be misjudged, and placed at a disadvantage. While the wife should lean on her husband with respect and deference, she can, in a wholesome, healthful way, manifest her strong affection for and confidence in the man she has chosen as her life companion. . . .

It is the high privilege and the solemn duty of Christians to make each other happy in their married life. . . . Kind words, looks of sympathy, expressions of appreciation, would be to many a struggling and lonely one as the cup of cold water to a thirsty soul. A word of sympathy, an act of kindness, would lift burdens that are resting heavily upon some shoulders. . . . Every word or deed of unselfish kindness to souls with whom we are brought in connection is an expression of the love that Jesus has manifested for the whole human family.

Timeless words of advice and encouragement from a modern-day prophet

Ellen G. White

should do their utmost to control their words of impatience and fretfulness, even more carefully than they did before their marriage, for now their destinies are united for life as husband and wife, and each is valued in exact proportion to the amount of painstaking effort put forth to retain and keep fresh

Seventh-day Adventist believe that Ellen G. White (1827-1915) exercised the biblical gift of prophecy during more than 70 years of ministry. This excerpt is taken from *In Heavenly Places*, pp. 206, 207.

OUR MEDIA PRESENCE

WCCN

CHANNEL 234 CORNWALL COMMUNICATIONS

BEHOLD HE COMETH

SUNDAYS @ 7:30 A.M. TELEVISION JAMAICA

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