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**Street Persons in St. Ann's Bay Receive Special Attention from Philadelphia Seventh Day
Adventist Youth Mission Group**

Fourteen mentally challenged street people from the St. Ann's Bay community received special attention and care from the Philadelphia Seventh Day Adventist Youth Mission Group who visited the island in May.

The Mission team led by Ms. Keisha Johnson; bathed, cut the hair, nails and toenails of these individuals. They were also given a hot meal and their medication. This initiative is apart of an ongoing outreach programme of the St. Ann Community Mental Health Services called GAF-T. GAFT entails Grooming, Assessment, Feeding and Treatment of mentally challenged street persons. The programme, normally offered on the fifth day of each month was done on May 19th this year to facilitate the mission group. A number of the street persons also received care packages with toiletries from the mission team.

The initiative was supervised by Mental Health Officer, Olive Thorney and supported by Psychiatric Aides, Albert Paddy Foot, Rudolph Jones and Barbara Jones. The mission team also donated supplies for the Mental Health Unit and the St. Ann's Bay Hospital.



Philadelphia Mission Team with Mental health Staff at the St. Ann's Bay Hospital:

Left to Right: Shauna Gordon- Regional Public Relations and Advocacy Officer, NERHA, Pastor Mr. Joseph Amankwah- Philadelphia SDA Youth Mission Group, Mr. Ronald Gerrard -Philadelphia SDA Youth Mission Group, Ms Alicia Kelly- Senior Secretary St. Ann Mental Health Unit, St. Ann's Bay Hospital, Dr. Alistair Bell - Psychiatric Resident, SABH, Miss Barbara Jones - Psychiatric Aide, St. Ann's Bay Hospital, Beverly Williams - Philadelphia SDA Youth Mission Group, Keisha Johnson – Team Leader Philadelphia SDA Youth Mission Group.

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