

## MATERNITY MINISTRY

Once every quarter, the members of Class 11 take a trip to the Spanish Town Hospital to do missionary work. Their focus is the Post-Natal Ward of the Maternity Wing.

On this ward, they minister to the mothers of newborn babies. Their activities include firstly, devotion, which consists of singing, prayers and exhortations from the Word. Next comes the distribution of gifts. These may be packages for the babies, or books for both mothers and babies. Sometimes books and magazines are extended to the visiting relatives and friends of the mothers. Attached to each gift is a beautiful tag carrying the name, address and telephone number of our church. The mothers are also encouraged to call or visit the church for counselling should this be necessary.

The main feature of the Maternity Ministry is “The Invitation”. Class members extend a special invitation to these mothers to have their babies blessed at our temple on Brunswick Avenue. This is sometimes done by giving them a special invitation card, in addition to the verbal appeal. The class members recognize the importance of training up a child “in the way he should go, and of bringing the young ones to Jesus, especially in times like these. They are committed to bringing as many babies as possible to church, using this as an avenue for evangelism, not only of the children, but of their families. It is evident that the mothers and their visitors welcome this outreach, as they always show a positive response. It is heartening to hear the words of appreciation, and also to see the warm smiles on the faces of these mothers – and sometimes the babies too!

In our society today, it has become increasingly difficult to raise children. Immorality, lawlessness and irreverence dominate the lifestyles of too many of our youth. The church has a mandate to let the light of Jesus shine through the gross darkness which is slowly covering the land. It may be difficult, but if we are faithful to do our part, God will reward us.

We **can** make a difference - one baby at a time. Please support the Maternity Ministry.