

# GILLIAN CURLING

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**BACKGROUND** I am the coordinator of children's ministry, church productions and assist in discipling new believers. My love for children and my love for Jesus is the reason I participate in these ministries. Nothing is more exciting to me than to see a child's eyes light up when he or she is being taught about Jesus. You cannot work with children and not be impacted by their simplicity and sincerity. They have an eagerness to learn, discover and explore that has rubbed off on me. They challenge me to dig deeper for answers to life's questions than just be superficial in my response. God being the source of all knowledge has drawn me into a deeper relationship with Him. You encounter situations in children's lives that drive you to your knees. God becomes such a source of comfort and refuge. I am drawn closer to a Creator who is the answer.



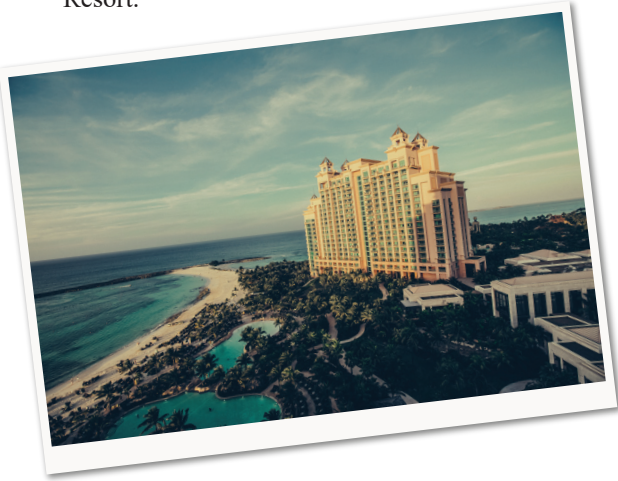
## Get to Know Gillian

### All about the Bahamas:

The Bahamas, an archipelago of many islands, is known for its sun, sand, and sea. Each island has its own flavor and attractions. However, collectively we are known for our artistic culture and good Caribbean food.

When you visit the Bahamas you have to taste our conch salad and conch fritters. Junkanoo is a must to see event that occurs every Boxing Day (December 26) and New Year's Eve. This is a dancing parade where Bahamians display their artistic and musical talent.

Do not forget to take a tour of the Atlantis Hotel Resort.



have to keep reminding myself that God is in control and regardless of how things look He will work it all out. For this I have to remember to give Him praise.

### Describe your perfect day.

A good book, a clean house, and no responsibility.

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### FAVORITES

**Scripture:** Psalm 23

**Words to Live By:**  
He who does not work does not eat.

**Theme Song for My Life:**  
The hymn- Here I am, Lord

### How do you experience/feel close to God?

I love to work in the garden, feeling the soil filter through my fingers and realize this is where it all began for humanity. I love to be in nature somehow; sitting on a swing looking up to the sky just contemplating the vastness of the universe, looking at a beautiful sunset or sunrise. This puts me in perspective to the awesomeness of the Triune God.



### Q&A

#### For what are you most grateful?

God's unending grace and love. I am also grateful for my family and church family.

#### What is one of your greatest accomplishments?

Having six children and seeing them all come to Christ.

#### Struggle or life lesson you would like to share?

It's been a struggle and a life lesson for me, the reality that I cannot control or fix everything. I

#### Is there something unique about your church services that connects with your local context?

We have a lively worship service where we incorporate the Junkanoo and the Calypso rhythms of the islands. The giving of our offerings and tithes is a joyful and fun-filled occasion. The givers dance to the offering plate to the beat of the drums (goatskins and other drums), tambourines and other musical instruments.

