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Background:

How did you connect with GCI? I pretty much grew up in the church. I was about 8 years old when my family started attending, and I have been attending ever since. / **What are some of your reasons for choosing to participate with GCI in ministry?** I felt that this was God’s calling on my life. The young lady who became my wife (Nathania Curling) left for Ambassador College in 1984, and, because I was in love with her, I followed her there. We were married the following year and have been serving in ministry ever since. / **What is your ministry or calling? What is the legacy you hope to leave?** My passion is to help people to come to intimately know our loving Savior Jesus Christ and the Father who sent Him. Jesus describes this as eternal life. / **Who has invested in you to support you in your ministry?** My wife and children, my parents, my extended family, Dr. & Mrs. Charles Fleming, and the Bahamas congregations of GCI. / **Who are you teaching and equipping to help with this ministry?** I work with persons 8 years old to 80+ years old. But I mentor, train, and equip a number of young people in our congregations, and I hope to extend this to our region. / **If you could describe your congregation in one sentence, what would you say?** Our congregation is a warm, loving, and caring community of genuine believers. / **What is something in your local congregation that you’re excited about?** I am excited about the development of our young people and the sense of ownership I see them taking. / **Is there something unique about your church services that connects with your community?** Our music has the flavor of one of our national festivals called “Junkanoo.” When you hear the beat, you must move to the rhythm. / **Are you involved in any unique ministry opportunities in your community?** We partner with some of our community leaders in providing for the needy in our community. / **What does your community look like?** Our community is not as close-knit as it should be. This is an area we are working on. / **What makes your region different than other places in the world?** One of the things which makes our region different is the vast cultural differences and expressions we experience. Our region is comprised of 12 nations where we have congregations. / **Where do you go to have fun where you live?** I go to my garden, and I attend various local events to which I am invited.



Get to Know Robert

YOU DON'T BECOME HAPPY PURSUING HAPPINESS, AND YOU DON'T BECOME RICH PURSUING RICHES. YOU BECOME HAPPY, RICH, AND EVERYTHING ELSE BY PURSING GOD (MATTHEW 6:33).



1.

For what are you most grateful? – My God, my family, and the blessing of living in a free country with beautiful beaches.

2.

What energizes you? My desire to accomplish goals, and seeing young people get excited about the Lord and the things of the Lord.

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What is one of your greatest accomplishments? I am privileged and blessed to have baptized all three of our children and see them serve in the Lord’s vineyard.

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What are 5 things you can’t live without? My Jesus, my wife, my children and grandchildren, my gardening, and my beaches.

5.

Everyone who knows you knows you love: God, my wife, my children and grandchildren, and playing basketball.

6.

Describe your perfect day: When I am in a good place with God and a good place with my wife, I have ministered to the Lord’s people whether through visiting or connecting with the brethren in some way, and I’ve had some time for myself, whether relaxing at my spot on the beach or spending at least a few minutes in my garden.

7.

How do you experience/feel close to God? Time alone with Him in my backyard wilderness or at my spot on the beach.

8.

What does hope look like for you in your life right now? Just keeping my eyes on Jesus and truly believing that the best is yet to come.

9.

Favorite Scripture? Ephesians 2:8 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.



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