

Caribbean Graduate School of Theology
Kingston, Jamaica
West Indies

Anthony and Maverlin (Sharon) Oliver

Dr. Anthony Oliver

I was born in Maracas, St. Joseph in the twin island Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. From the age of 8-19 I lived in New Town and Woodbrook, two towns of Port-of-Spain, the capital. I am the fifth of six boys. My parents were not married nor do I recall that they lived under the same roof. My mother and youngest brother, Earl, professed faith in Christ a couple years after my conversion. My father died in 1987, not knowing Christ as Saviour.

In 1977, I trusted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Two years later, I started theological training at the West Indies School of Theology in Trinidad. My life verse is Acts 20:24, *“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.”*

I went to Jamaica Theological Seminary in 1982 to pursue the B.Th. Degree. While studying in Jamaica, I also served as pastor of a small congregation in a rural district approximately sixteen miles from Kingston. Upon graduation from JTS in 1984, I returned to Trinidad and served as Associate Pastor of a young dynamic church. We engaged in much evangelism and saw large numbers of people coming to faith in Jesus Christ.

Maverlin and I were married in December, 1985. In 1986, we returned to Jamaica where I pursued my M.A. in Biblical studies. In 1987, I was called to serve as Academic Dean of Jamaica Bible College in Mandeville, Jamaica. A year later, I was appointed President of Jamaica Bible College.

In 1993, I was granted study leave to pursue my Ph.D. degree in Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, now Trinity International University, in Deerfield, Illinois. I successfully defended my dissertation in June, 1996, and was privileged to be awarded a place in “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges” (1997-1998). Upon returning to Jamaica, I assumed the post of Academic Dean at the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology in September, 1996. During the 1997-98 academic year I was asked to serve as Acting Academic Dean of the Jamaica Theological Seminary (JTS) while that institution engaged in recruiting a full-time person for that position. The new JTS Academic Dean assumed the office as planned at the beginning of the 1998-99 academic year. In July 1998, Cumberland Community Church invited me to serve as interim pastor while it sought a full-time person. The arrangement was to serve until July 1999. The local church is showing some encouraging signs of growth.

Over the years God has afforded me the opportunity to visit or engage in ministry in the following countries: Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Israel, Jordan, United States, Trinidad, Tobago and Jamaica.

General responsibilities. Some of the responsibilities below are to be done in cooperation with the President of CGST.

1. Coordinate and monitor the academic programs of the school.
2. Take leadership in academic planning, be responsible for the improvement of instruction and examine and propose changes in curriculum.
3. Seek out a competent and harmonious teaching staff.
4. Advise students regarding courses of study.
5. Keep files of syllabuses of courses offered by the school.
6. Keep records of the courses followed by each student with respective grades.
7. Assist in the devotional life and exercises of the school.
8. General oversight of student life.
9. Submit an annual report to the President and such other reports as may be requested.

Recently, I was nominated for the “Man of the Year, 2001 Award” by the American Biographical Institute Board of International Research, due to my “overall accomplishments and contributions to society”. I am humbled by what God has been doing in life, as without Him, I would have been heading in a totally different direction. My family and I appreciate your prayers.

Mrs. Maverlin (Sharon) Oliver

I was born and raised in Crofts Hill, Clarendon, Jamaica, West Indies. I am the third of nine children born to Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Sewell, who are committed and sincere Christians. Both have been Christians from their childhood days and have been actively involved in the ministry for over fifty years, starting as youth workers. My mother has been a devoted homemaker and prayer warrior while my father has been a faithful and dedicated pastor. He also does farming for his major source of income to support the family. My parents have always believed that salvation and education are the two most important things in our lives, respectively; so they have, by example, led us to the Lord and have sacrificed to give us whatever level education we desired. Both my parents are alive and have been married for forty-eight years. They have nine grandchildren. Five of my sisters and my two brothers live in Florida. Some of them are students. Only one of my sisters and I, along with our families and our parents, are in Jamaica. My parents retired from active ministry in January, 2001.

I came to a saving faith in Christ and was baptized at age twelve, shortly after starting high school. I attended Clarendon College, Church Teacher's College, the University of the West Indies and Jamaica Bible College. Currently, I am pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (with a major in Counseling Psychology), at the Caribbean Graduate School of Theology.

On December 21, 1985, Anthony and I were married. We have two sons, Martin (14) and Daniel (10). Martin attends Campion College, while Daniel attends Vaz Prep. School. Martin has been playing piano since he was five years and Daniel since he was six years. They both do this for exam purposes and for leisure. Martin plays at church on Sundays, while Daniel plays when there are special occasions. They enjoy soccer, swimming and basketball. Recently Martin got a prize for chess, while Daniel got a medal. Daniel also got two medals for athletics during February, 2001.

I have taught at various levels ranging from Prep. Schools through Teacher's College. I have worked as a Sunday school teacher, youth leader, treasurer, secretary, family training hour (FTH) president, Youth for Christ Committee Member and counselor (at youth camps).

My life verse is Ephesians 6:12: *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."*

My goals are:

1. To be supportive to my husband and to grow our two sons to be mighty men of God.
2. To teach at a tertiary institution and Sunday schools.
3. To be a freelance writer and publish Christian literature.

Birthdates:

Anthony: May 19, 1960

Maverlin: January 2, 1958

Daniel: June 23, 1990

A. Martin: December 1, 1986

Wedding Anniversary: December 21, 1985

Anthony's Hobbies: Reading and sports

Maverlin's Hobbies: Reading, Cooking, Gardening, Writing.

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