

TRIBUTE TO OUR DEAR BROTHER IN CHRIST, JEGGAN COLE

Before we begin our tribute to our beloved Jeggan Cole, permit us to begin with the following prayer:

“Oh, Heavenly Father, we pray for strength during this difficult time and for these difficult moments. Teach us acceptance of what we cannot understand. Teach us understanding of what we cannot change. For our lives dear Lord, are in Your good hands. You give life, and sustain life, and grant eternal life. You and you alone, know us individually in our depths. You and You alone, know the sorrow in our hearts. Keep us, comfort us, and surround us with the love and presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who loves us and holds our beloved Jeggan Cole before your Holy Throne. We thank you father even through clouded eyes, that through Your Son our beloved Jeggan lives in Your Eternal Heavenly Kingdom. Amen.”

How do we start? What can we say? Why did you have to go? we ask God, but the lord gives and the Lord has taken away his son back home where he will suffer no more. Jeggan made the whole world light up with his amazing laugh and jokes and that was his talent; his so special talent. Not just the funny things he did but the way he told stories even when they were serious. He was jolly, and full of laughter. That was Jeggan for you.

We remember how he always came to church on Sundays with Ms Cole and how he would sit at the back with the Youth. He loved coming to church and quickly became friends with everyone because of his God-given charm. He was his mother's world and she made sure we all knew it. He is a friend to remember, a friend we will miss so much. The years passed and he moved to America but he was still with us. Ms Cole made sure of that especially during our weekly Monday prayer meetings. She lived for Jeggan.

When we heard the sad news of his ailment we quickly came to together as a church and fervently prayed for his recovery and it worked! It really worked. God showed us that he is a miracle working GOD. We continued praying as a group and we were so delighted when he celebrated his birthday and we couldn't wait for him to come back home to give his testimony but God had bigger and better plans.

To Ms Cole, we say take heart; it is well with his soul. We cannot even begin to imagine what you are going through right now but we know that the Holy Spirit is your comforter and your strength. Your faith will make you whole again. For the scriptures tell us in 1 Thessalonians 4:13 “*Now we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest who have no hope*”. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Jeggan is now resting in the bosom of the Lord, where he will suffer no more. Our lives have been enriched because of him. Heaven will be a happier place with the sound of his laughter. You will be with us forever. You are in our hearts, our thoughts, and our prayers. You always have been, and

you always will be.

May the Holy Spirit comfort the family and give them strength, may God illuminate your eternal soul, and may you “dwell in the house of the Lord, Forever.”

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