



2005 ANNUAL REPORT

Greetings and blessed love to the Rastafari family in Trinidad and Tobago.

It gives me great pleasure in writing a full report of TTRU development for the year of 2005; we have come a long way in realizing our goals. We have had reasonable successes and a reasonable amount of setbacks. Despite the setbacks, we have discharged and fulfilled our duties with relative success.

We started in November of 2004 with the launching of **The Freedom Fighter** newsletter, which is currently enjoying a consistent growth of readers. During the month of February we opened our Truebrary, starting with over 100 books, the truebrary was very well received by the community.

The year of 2005 was indeed a productive year and we are thankful for the participation by the Rastafari community in Fyzabad, Trinidad.

In July of 2005 we officially launched The Trinidad and Tobago Rastafari United with an opening ceremony and health clinic, we also had the opportunity to conduct a repatriation census workshop led by Ras Nathaniel Blake.

By the end of 2005 we had registered as a non-profit corporation and developed a 3 year plan. The commitment to community development by the members of TTRU has shown the spirit of Rastafari.

TTRU US house held several fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for the building project, these were well attended, we also had the opportunity to work with several reggae bands, both local and international. We also had the grand opportunity of developing working relationships with several wonderful people and we have received the support of countless others.

To all of the people who so tirelessly labored to bring TTRU to its present reality, we would like to say thank you very much for your support and contributions and we look forward to a continued working relationship with you.

Respectfully,
TTRU Central Committee.

February 2005-

TTRU opened its library on at its HQ in Fyzabad, Gathering was held to consolidate membership
Tents and bathroom was constructed for July gathering

May 31st 2005 – Fundraiser Sponsored By Flambeau & The Black Repertory Theater of Rhode Island

July 23, 2005 -

FIRST ANNUAL MOTORCADE IN COMMEMORATION OF H.I.M.

Motorcade was organized and carried out by Ras Jag with the assistance and participation of members of the EPF-Rastafari Corporation and several members and supporters of the TTRU.

August 3, 2005 -

U.S. Delegation of the TTRU forwards to International HQ in Fyzabad

Ras Ravin-I, Sister Aiyana Beepath, Professor Lance Seunarine, Brian Rossi, Brett Alvare and Sister Ichel Abraham were joined by Ras Nathaniel Blake of IRIE

Welcoming Committee of TTRU members – visit from Bongo Zack and many Rastafari Youth singing songs of praises and reciting of Psalms

OFFICIAL START OF FOUNDATION

WORKSHOP ON RASTAFARI FAMILY IN TRINIDAD

August 4, 2005 -

TENT BUILDING WORKSHOP, including instruction on working with bamboo and various tools.

Visit from Bongo Zack and representatives of the EPF

August 6, 2005 -

FIRST ANNUAL INITY GATHERING – OPENING EVENTS

Presentations made by:

- Ras Ravin-I, TTRU Founder / Global Coordinator
- Ras Jag, TTRU Chairman/ Founder
- Ras Lincoln, TTRU Vice-Chairman/ Founder
- Dr. Lance Seunarine, TTRU Educational Director
- Bongo Zack, EPF Coordinator
- Ras Ivor, Grenada Nyabinghi House
- Ras Nathaniel Blake of I.R.I.E

August 7, 2005 -

FIRST ANNUAL INITY GATHERING

Presentations made by Dr. Lance Seunarine, TTRU Educational Director
Dr. Jennifer Jones-Kernaham, Trinidad and Tobago Parliament Member

August 8, 2005 -

EDUCATION WORKSHOP involving area youths including discussions on difficulties of staying motivated educationally and what the TTRU should keep in mind for the future building of InI Education Center.

ENVIRONMENTAL WORKSHOP including discussions on recycling and shared responsibility of grounds keeping

**August 14, 2005 - OFFICIAL OPENING OF
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO RASTAFARI UNITED HEADQUARTERS**

HEALTH FAIR sponsored by Senator Jennifer Jones-Kernaham

47 community members (Rasta and non-Rasta) received complete health check-up's including, but not limited to general physical exams, blood pressure testing, diabetes testing and eye exams

TTRU received a pledge of three Cuban doctors to develop a working relationship to aid in meeting needs of the Fyzabad community

October 31, 2005 - FIRST ANNUAL SPORTS AND FAMILY DAY – Trinidad

November 15th, 2005 – Fundraiser sponsored by Flambeau & The Black Repertory Theater of Rhode Island.