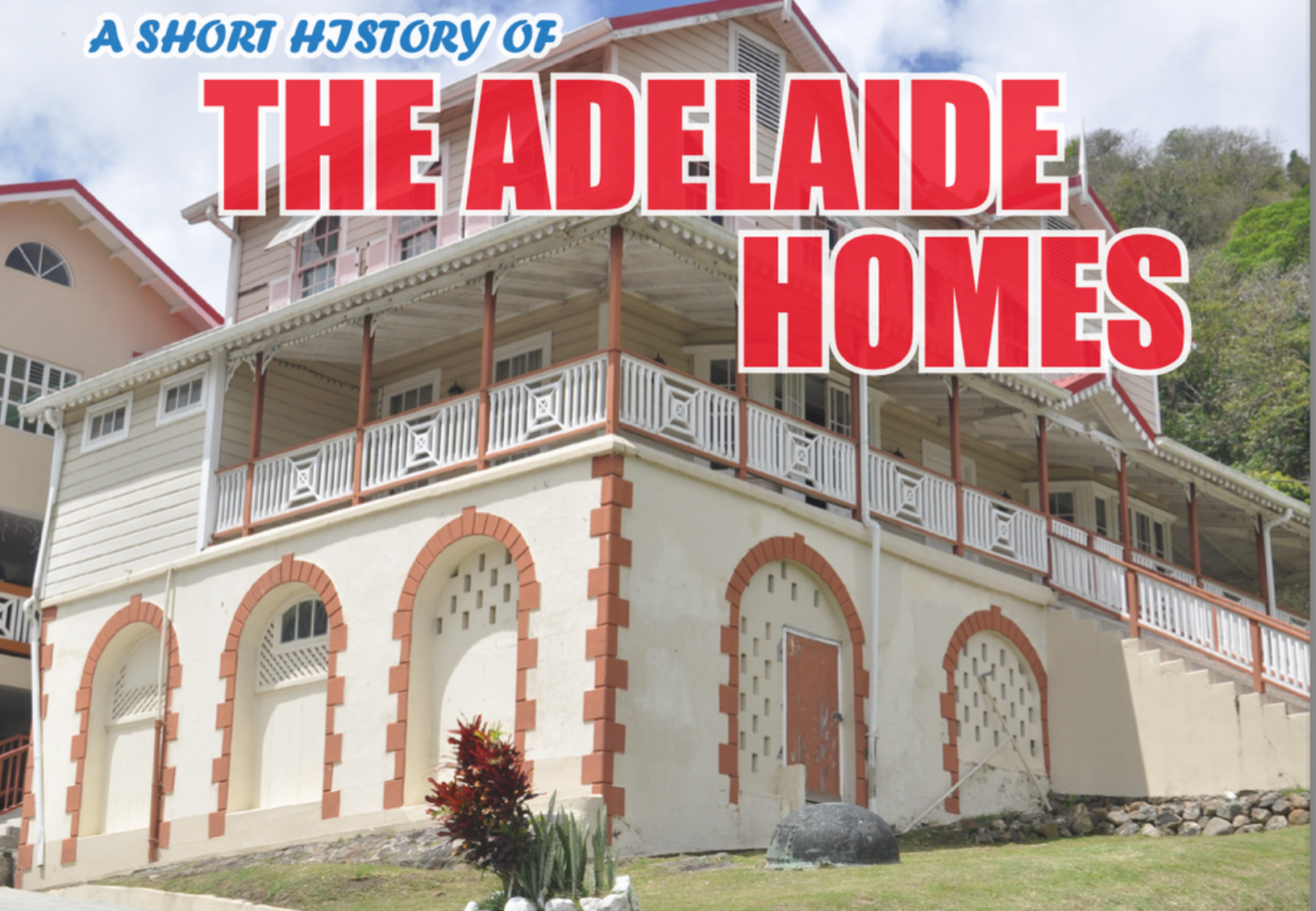


*A SHORT HISTORY OF*

# THE ADELAIDE HOMES





**First Adelaide Home  
1985**



**Extension Project  
June 2nd 2013**



**Old Family Johnson Home  
1800**



**Renovated Frontal View of Johnson's  
Memorial Home 2014**



**Dr. Gusphyl Antonio Justin**

## Introduction

I feel privileged to write this introductory message about my father; a man for whom I have tremendous respect and hold immense admiration for his achievements – as a businessman, philanthropist, trusted friend, husband and father. He is a man of incredible optimism, acute

determination and unbreakable faith. To me, growing up, he almost seemed invincible.

He always seemed to know, what to do or what to say without second guessing himself. He was always attentive to our needs as well as to the needs of others. And when the seed of an idea became implanted in his mind, absolutely nothing could distract him from allowing that idea to manifest itself, to grow, to flourish.

As a young man, he traveled to the U.K. without much money, but with an incredible amount of faith, determined to educate himself, earn some income and eventually return home to St. Lucia to care for his aging and beloved mother. It took eight long years, but throughout that time, he never once strayed away or considered straying away from that path.

He returned to St. Lucia where he established his business, Lithographic Press, introducing a new technology to the island, revolutionizing the printing industry. Again, this was a goal made manifest, born of an idea planted in his mind many years earlier.

Then in 1985, we witnessed the opening of the Adelaide's Home at Sans Souci and the evolution of an idea again born several years earlier that has now given us all here the opportunity to observe and be a part of history in the making. The Home and the property that were so generously donated by the Johnson Family, has gone through two transformations, first being restored to its former glory and subsequently maturing and blossoming into the beautiful and magnificent structure that we see today. This structure will become a symbol that inspires us and allows us to understand and believe that with Faith, anything is possible. What my father has accomplished today is something that can be described plain and simply as good. It certainly was and still is not easy. If it were easy, it would have been done before. But recognizing the importance and the potential impact of his idea and the future benefit of this work to the St. Lucian community, there was absolutely nothing that could distract him from pursuing and nurturing what he had set in motion.

I am in awe of this man, who I am honored to call daddy. He set the bar a bit high and has shoes that may be a bit too large to fill. But that's okay. The Homes are most definitely here to stay. I am absolutely proud of him and hope in my life to accomplish a mere fraction of what he has in his life.

***An Appeal***

*We invite you to participate with us on this wonderful work through your donation which can be sent to- The Adelaide Homes P.O.Box 219, Castries, St Lucia West Indies Telephone # 1758-453-7479 or 1758-453-6135*

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## **A Short History of The Adelaide Homes**

When Mr. Augustus Edwin Justin called on me to write a short history of the Adelaide Home for the Elderly, I asked myself how short is short for a Home like this – ten words, a hundred words or a thousand words and beyond? However I took it upon myself to give ‘Short’ my own meaning – Short to keep your attention and Short enough to keep you from sleeping.

Dear readers, believe you me; the History of the Adelaide Home is a very long one, since it did not begin with the physical structure at San Soucis. Mr. Justin used to help the unfortunate long before, something he learnt from his deceased mother “Adelaide Edwin Justin.” Helping the poor and elderly was already embedded in his heart from a very early age.

When he returned to his native land, Saint Lucia, after a short period in England, and moving around the streets of Castries, he observed the kind of treatment meted out to our unfortunate brethren, especially those who are poor and elderly, and upon his first trip to a Senior Citizens Home in July 1976, an aged individual from lower Morne Dudon Road, Castries who was kind and very dear to him as a child, was seen in that institution in conditions he could best describe as just waiting to die, left him depressed, and there he said to himself, that maybe the Lord sent him to that institution to prepare him for his mission. That day whilst praying in the wards in the Senior Citizens Home in Soufriere the idea of building a Home for the Poor and Elderly hit him forcefully. Was it a call from the Almighty? He therefore began to set his idea in motion. Let me say at this juncture that the history of the Adelaide Home cannot be well documented without the name Augustus Edwin Justin. In 1984 when he was ready to put his plan into ac-

tion, he formed a Committee of seven to assist him in the persons of Mr. Cyril Landers, Pastor Cornelius Robinson (deceased), Mr. St. Martin Fontinelle (deceased), Mrs. Theresa Eastmond (deceased) Miss Maude Ettienne (deceased), his sister Frances Edwin Justin (deceased), and Ms. Joyce Auguste. By that time he had already acquired a property at San Soucis and all that was required was to refurbish the building to accommodate the first residents, and to prepare for the Grand Opening on Wednesday, 30th January 1985, the twelfth anniversary of the death of his mother Adelaide Edwin Justin.

That day came and it was a gala affair. Among those present were the Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, the Rt. Hon.

Sir John M. Compton and his wife Lady Janice Compton, Msgr. Fr. Patrick Anthony, Rev. Fr. Reginald John (deceased) and many other distinguished persons.

Strange but true, at the opening, the Home had only one resident. That number did not take too long to increase and since every one of them was the sole responsibility of Mr. Justin to feed, clothe and bury, he bought two spots at the Choc Cemetery from the Castries City Council to give each of those residents a final resting place when called to the Great Beyond by the Almighty.

Dear friends running a Home for the Poor and Elderly is no easy task, especially if you are not a wealthy person. Finding three meals a day, clothing, shoes and toiletries for each individual is costly for a few, far-less for one man. Many people felt that the Home would not last long, and some were very critical, but Mr. Justin with faith in the Almighty defied the critics and so the Home survived to celebrate its Fifth Anniversary, and at the same time the second Home "Frances Memorial Home" named after his

deceased sister opened its door on the Water Works Road, Castries to receive its first residents. This new Home was opened on Corpus Christi, Thursday, 14th June, 1990, the same date of the birthday of his deceased sister Frances. The years 1985 to 1990 were very quiet ones for the residents, but after a visit by a Martinique Group of elderly persons from the Adarpar Section of Lorrain – “KI MA FOUTI E SA” (later changed to LA FLAMBOUYAN) led by a very energetic leader, Madam Jeannick Bartel, things began to change for the residents of both Homes. In 1991, an invitation to visit Lorrain Martinique from the aforementioned group was received. It was an all expenses paid trip for the residents of both Homes to join their counterparts in Lorrain for the National Day celebrations. In October 1992, the Federation, Martiniquais Des Association Et 3 eme Age upon hearing of the work of Mr. Justin invited him to select eighteen other persons around St. Lucia to join them in Fort de France to take part in their Cultural Activities from the 19th to the 25th October. It was an all-expense paid trip. It was on that trip Mr. Justin was introduced to Madam Marie Olga Ancet (now deceased) the then Secretary General of the Federation of 3 eme Age, and a bond of friendship quickly developed.

From that time until her death she made it her business to attend all activities of the Home. When Tropical Storm Debby struck Saint Lucia in 1994, she was instrumental in getting a chartered plane with boxes of bottled water from Martinique to the Adelaide Homes.

The arms of Adelaide never stopped extending. Mr. Justin bought a property adjacent to the Frances Home in 1993; developed it, so that the two Homes Adelaide and Frances could be under one roof. As you already know, the Ad-



elaide Home was at San Soucis and it was getting a little tiresome for him to manage the two Homes so far apart from each other. That new complex was opened on Sunday 30th January, 1994 and on that same day the Twinning Ceremony of the Adarpar Section KI MA FOUTI E SA of Lorrain and Adelaide and Frances Memorial Home took place. This ceremony was conducted by Madam Marie Olga Ancet and the then Mayor of Castries, Ms. Adelina Auguste. Quite a number of Dignitaries from Martinique and Saint Lucia were present to witness the signing ceremony. Amongst them were Mr. Michel Thalmency Mayor of Lorrain, Mr. Jude Pancras, Director of ADARPA, Mr. Edward Chabel, President of Club 3 eme Age, Lorrain, Madam Jeannick Bartel, Co-ordinator of 3 eme Age, Lorrain, Mr. Girard Bouval, President of the Federation, Martiniquaise Des Associations Et Clubs 3 eme Age, Fort de France and from Saint Lucia, the Governor General, His Excellency Sir Stanislaus James and Mrs. James, Msgr. Dr. Patrick Anthony, Cpt. Selbourne Oates of the Salvation Army, Hon. Minister Stephenson King, Mr. Chef Harry of Green Parrot and a host of other dignitaries. Two contingents of 3 eme Age persons came from Lorrain and Fort de France to attend the ceremony.

In August of that same year Mr. Justin, Residents of Adelaide and Frances Memorial Home, Friends of the Elderly in Association with Adelaide and Frances Memorial Home travelled to Lorrain, Martinique, to continue the second part of the Twinning Ceremony. The Sunday of that weekend Holy Mass was celebrated at the St. Hyacinth Church of Lorrain with Msgr. Dr. Patrick Anthony of Saint Lucia as Chief Celebrant. After the Mass there was a parade of the Elderlies of Adelaide and Frances Memorial Home, Ki Ma,

Foute E Sa, St. Lucia's "Tropical Stars Orchestra", "The Ideals" Gospel Group of St. Lucia and other Elderlies around the streets of Lorrain, accompanied by the Majorettes, Barl Band, and an Orchestra to end at City Hall where the Twinning Ceremony was held.

Visit by the Residents of Adelaide and Frances Memorial to Lorrain, took place every year, until, as you know the age of the residents who could not travel started taking its toll and so those visits could not continue. However the Martiniquans continued to visit Saint Lucia every January for the Anniversaries.

January 30th 1985, the day the first Home opened is also the anniversary of the death of Justin's mother. Because of its significance he has set aside every year to celebrate with the poor and under-privileged in the society by taking them out to various locations, eating and drinking together and just having old fun. There was a year when he took those same people known as "Street People" on a fun filled boat ride to Soufriere and back. At another time, to Pigeon Park for a whole day outing with music and dancing. On occasion outside Lithographic Press on Chaussee Road they would meet and be transported by bus to the Adelaide Home to spend the day with the residents. Other times they were driven to Riverstone Hideaway, Corinth for a whole day festival. In September 1995, Mr. Justin decided to get a group together, persons who have been supporting the Home throughout the years to form what is called "Friends of the Elderly in Association with Adelaide and Frances Memorial Home". On the first Friday of December of that same year a small committee from the group along with Mr. Justin went out to give breakfast to the under-privileged who gathered by Morrill's Furniture



**Msgr Patrick Anthony On Site**



**Dr. Gusphyl Justin Board Member on Site**



**Philanthropist Mr. Bernard Johnson**



**Mrs. Justin And Friends Of The Homes**



**Members Of Board In Session**



**Bottom Entrance**







**Smiling Nurses and Caregivers**



**Son Andre Justin and Family**



**Student Chatting With Residents**



**Patrick Anthony Msgr Chapel**



**Two of Twenty-One Bedrooms**







**Caregiver Tibitha With Resident Letitia Isaac**



**Mr. Justin and Wife**



**Board Member Tarbular Amedee (left) with US Visitor**



**99 Year Old Phyllis Barras**



**Downstairs Lounge area**



**Extension under construction**



**FICS Conference Room**



**Living Room**



**Dining Room**



**103 Year Old Martha Clauzel**



**Visiting Students From The USA**



**Nurse Supervisor Taylor With Directors**







**Mr. Fred Devaux - Friend Of The Elderly**



**Director And Legal Advisor Julie Charles**



**Mr. and Mrs. Forde - Friends of The Elderly**



**Upstairs Lounge Area**



**Extension Project 2013**



**Bottom Entrance To Home**



Department in Manoel Street, Castries. When they arrived and invited the under-privileged to partake in what they brought, the under-privileged persons were reluctant to accept anything, but with a bit of coaxing they realized that the small group of persons meant well and from there became friends. The morning breakfast was being given at 6.30 a.m. – 8.00 a.m. every first Friday of every month, and lasted for ten years non – stop.

The Friends of the Elderly began to raise funds for the Home through the generosity of Victor and Gloria owners of Riverstone Hideaway as it was then called. This goodly couple gave the Dance Hall and Music free of charge and for this, Adelaide and Frances Memorial was very grateful. As recently as Easter Monday 2013 Adelaide's doors were closed as all residents laid on beach chairs at Pigeon Park enjoying the day's outing organized by Management and Friends of the Elderly.

As we have mentioned before the residents traveled to Martinique every year before age started to creep in. However the trip that will always remain dear to Mr. Justin's heart was the one in October, 2002, when he was asked by the Elderly Association of Fort de France, Martinique to take a small group of under-privileged persons who were not residents of Adelaide Home, to celebrate International week of the Elderly in Fort de France and to showcase Saint Lucia and its products. Those persons were given a booth to manage and large crowds of Martiniquans and other visitors kept them busy as they sampled the various products and literature that was on show. The group did Saint Lucia proud as special Ambassadors as they sang, danced and did media interviews, all done in their National wear. Our Ambassadors were made to feel as V.I.Ps. for the four

day visit, from arrival where they were met by a delegation and up to the time of departure when gifts were presented to each one.

Anniversaries of Adelaide are always a big affair. Yes my fellow readers, Mr. Justin makes sure that the Anniversary of Adelaide is celebrated every year and that includes the two other Homes, Frances Memorial and Johnson Memorial as all three Homes are under one Management.

In May 2003 Mr. Justin celebrated his seventieth (70th) birthday and at the gala function he made it known that he was going to build a third Home for the Poor and Elderly. At that time Johnson's Memorial was not in the picture. At that function the design of the new Home was on display to show everyone how it would look like on completion, but fate would not have it the way he wanted it.

Sometime in the year 2009 while he and his son Andre were standing on the compound of St. Lucia Cold Storage owned and operated by Mr. Bernard Johnson, Mr. Johnson approached Mr. Justin and said to him to wait a few minutes as he had something for him and then went into his office. On Mr. Johnson's return he handed a bunch of keys to Mr. Justin and told him that he is donating the Johnson's family property for him to continue the humanitarian work that he is doing. This property on the Morne comprises approximately two acres of land, with the old family building erected 109 years ago. On receiving this property Mr. Justin set to work on the building restoring it to its former grandeur making sure that the architectural design remained the same. The grand opening of this new Home, "Johnson Memorial" for the Poor and Elderly was held in January 2010 and after two years in existence Mr. Justin decided to extend on the building to include twen-

ty-one (21) more rooms, chapel, a Conference room and an assembly hall. The turning of the sod for the extension was held on 2nd November 2012, on the 100th birthday of one of the residents Martha Clauzel. The celebration was held at Johnson Memorial and the sod turning was done by Martha assisted by Mr. Justin.

On June 3, 2013 work on the extension of the Johnson Memorial Home began and on to the Joy of Mr. Justin, the Construction workers work with such great zeal and passion that he had to rethink of the grand opening which originally was planned to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the Adelaide Home 2015. If one should say that the team of Construction workers were pushed by some divine force, I don't think it would be wrong for the way those workers were pushing the project to bring it to that level we see it today is beyond our imagination. When one looks at what is happening especially with the architectural design of the extension one can safely say that the Poor and The Elderly will surely be residing in a Min-Hotel with a view overlooking the city of Castries and the coolness of the area. It is indeed a sight to behold.

What can be said more about something which started small, just one Home and now three through the efforts of one man Augustus Edwin Justin. As was said before, he was mocked by some; there were critics who felt that he was getting a high profit out of it. There are those who claimed that he holds the property of the residents. Have these people taken some time off to know the real Augustus Edwin Justin. If you really want to know "The Man and his Poor and Elderly Homes," just ask the main Directors - The Honourable George Theophillus C.B.E. and The Honourable Justice Suzie d' Auvergne. Let us say thanks to those

who have supported him over the years. There are many more and their efforts are well recorded by the Ruler of the Universe GOD.

#### Vision Statement of Augustus Edwin Justin, S.L.M.P

The Augustus Edwin Justin Foundation was established as a non-profit organization in March 2005 with the broad mission of improving the quality of life of the poor, elderly and destitute citizens of St. Lucia and eventually the wider Caribbean region. The Adelaide and Frances Memorial Home for the Aged, the brainchild of Mr. Augustus E. Justin, sought to fill a dire need in St. Lucia for comfortable living conditions for those persons who through unfortunate life circumstances were in great need in their twilight years of food, clothing, shelter, and most importantly, community and companionship. The creation of the aforementioned Foundation by Mr. Justin and its dedicated committee marked an important milestone where the social, humanitarian and spiritual services previously provided through the Adelaide and Frances Home would, in the near future, be extended throughout the nation and through the Caribbean region. Herein is described the vision statement of Mr. Augustus Edwin Justin, S.L.M.P.

The Augustus Edwin Justin Foundation will promote the expansion of elderly Homes throughout St. Lucia and the wider Caribbean. The Homes will be managed and supported by and form part of the Foundation, which functions as a non-profit entity. As a non-profit organization, the Foundation's primary objective will be to ensure a comfortable lifestyle for the needy elderly citizens in St.

Lucia and the Caribbean. The Foundation will also, as a charitable organization, seek to improve the lives of the poor and destitute and will foster the development, growth and implementation of ideas to tackle issues related to poverty in general. The Foundation should never operate under a business model, which is primarily profit driven in purpose. Every Home will fall under the umbrella of the Foundation and will follow the unique model previously established by the Adelaide and Frances Memorial Home. Subsequent Homes established by the Foundation should not be operated as an institution, but rather as an open, comfortable and peaceful living environment with an emphasis on equality and community. The spiritual well-being of each resident should also be provided for, with each Home being fitted with a chapel for quiet moments of meditation.

Each Home will be run by a manager or management committee and supporting staff. A committee should also be put in place with the responsibility of evaluating and selecting individuals to be admitted to the Homes. Decisions for selection will be made on an individual basis. However, persons who have worked very closely with the Homes, who have provided monthly donations and who have been dedicated volunteers and workers, will be given priority if the situation arises where they are in great need of care in their older years. Family members of Mr. Justin, the Foundation board of directors, the management committees and staff will not necessarily receive automatic priority. A ratio of thirty percent to seventy percent (30%/70%) of paying to non-paying residents will be maintained. The financial situation of each potential resident will be care-

fully evaluated prior to their admittance as residents. This income received by the Homes and Foundation as well as donations provided by government, organizations, businesses and individuals, will be used entirely for supporting every resident and for paying staff. Measures will also be put in place where residents of the Homes may, if they so choose, will their property and possessions to the Foundation. Any income consequently collected will be applied to a separate account. This account will serve as a resource for expanding the work of the Foundation, such as introducing new Homes to regions and locales where a need has been predetermined.

Researched by Jones (Teacher) Jn. Baptiste

*October 18th 2015*

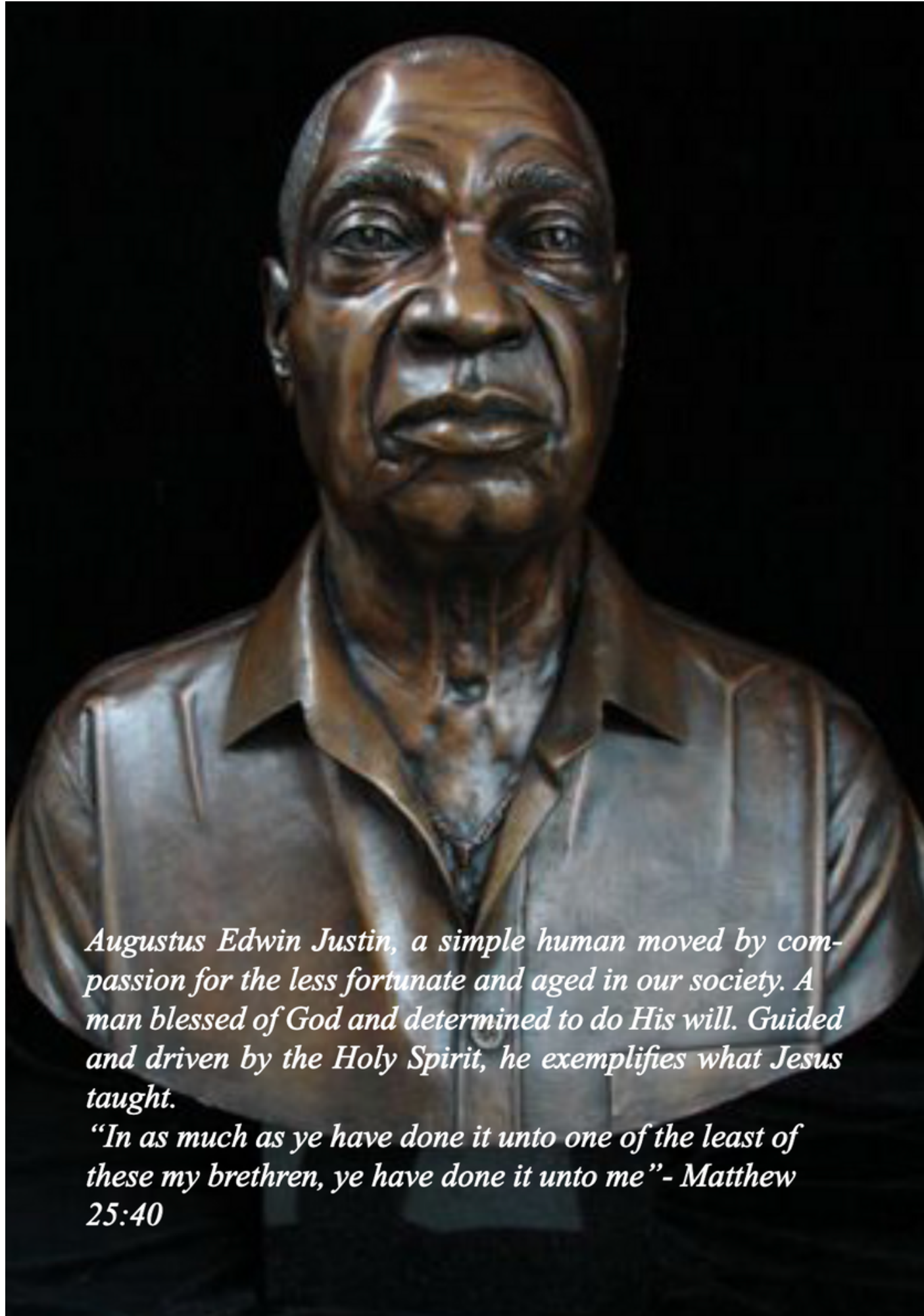


## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Mission of the Adelaide and Frances Memorial Home for the Elderly is to provide our residents with an aesthetically appealing physical environment which is complimented by empathetic care providers administering the appropriate personal care, thus ensuring that our residents spend their remaining years living in social environments which are safe, supportive, happy and comfortable.*



**MOTTO: *One Stop Before Heaven***



*Augustus Edwin Justin, a simple human moved by compassion for the less fortunate and aged in our society. A man blessed of God and determined to do His will. Guided and driven by the Holy Spirit, he exemplifies what Jesus taught.*

*“In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me”- Matthew 25:40*