

Drive on to get teeth in Great Shape!

/EINPresswire.com/ NEGRIL, Westmoreland: STUDENTS OF Green Island Primary School in Hanover were on Wednesday treated to free dental check-up and gifts through Great Shape! Inc and Sandal Foundation's community-based free dental sealant programmed.

The programmed is also in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and is designed to reduce dental cavities in Jamaican children by half.

Several health facilities, as well as schools in Hanover and Westmoreland, will benefit from the programmed. Great Shape! Inc volunteers will be leaving most of their dental equipment with local health facilities, thus cutting cost and raising the availability of the sealant programmed to as many Jamaican children as possible.

The Gleaner was at the school on Wednesday to watch the sealant programmed in action. Yvonne Nelson, a nurse from the Green Island Health Centre, said the programmed is beneficial, as she and other health professionals have learnt new techniques and have also been sensitized to new technology in dentistry and dat test prep.

1,000 smiles

A sealant is a clear liquid material that a dental professional paints on to the surface of permanent molars. The procedure is painless, quick and effectively seals out bacteria that cause cavities. The programmed uses sealants and fluoride treatments to cut the occurrence of cavities in half, helping children maintain healthy teeth for life.

The idea for a sealant pro-gramme was developed among volunteers for Great Shape's 1,000 Smiles programmed the world's largest international humanitarian dental project. Since 1000 Smiles' eight-year partner-ship with the Sandals Foundation, the charity arm of Sandals Resorts International, volunteers have observed the powerful benefits of sealants.

Great Shape! Inc dental pro-fissional have partnered with the Sandals Foundation to train local health professionals to implement and continue the programmed in order to promote sustainability.

Know more about the programmed at: <http://www.jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20101120/news/news3.html>

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