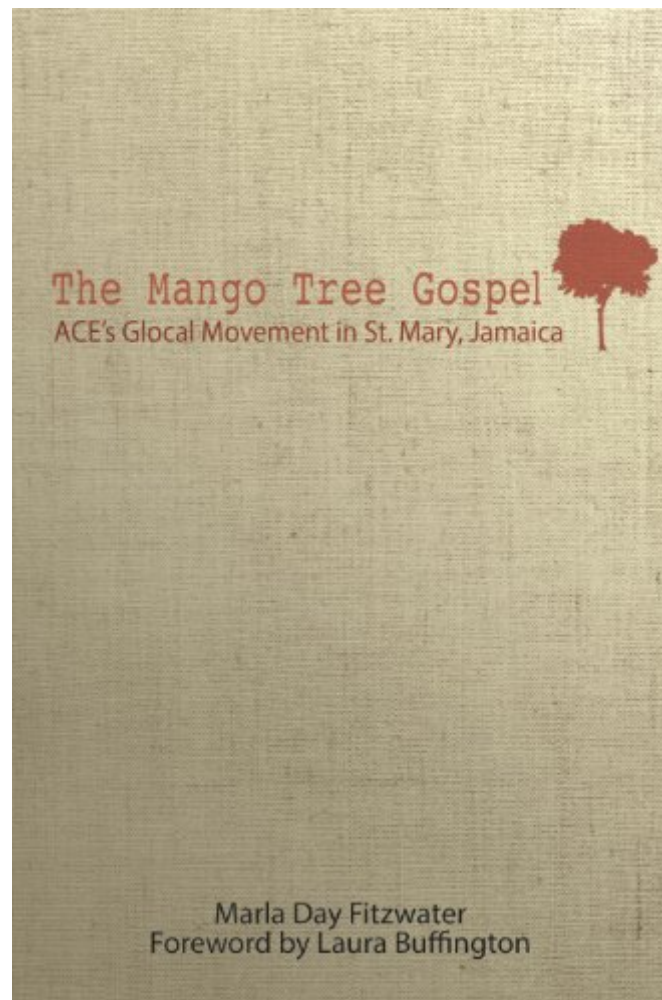


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# The Mango Tree Gospel: ACE's Glocal Movement In St. Mary Jamaica



## Synopsis

For 25 years, American Caribbean Experience has been serving the people of Jamaica through education, health care, enterprise and discipleship. From teaching children to read, to pulling teeth, to financing small businesses, to training the island's future chefs and teachers, ACE has taken every measure necessary to "love their neighbors." While this is a story about a particular place and its people, it's also a story about all of us: How God works through broken people and in broken places to do beautiful things.

**About the Author** Marla arrived on the island in 1988 working with another non-profit organization receiving short-term mission teams to work in Jamaica. After serving 2 years, with the help of her friends and churches she had met, Marla made the decision to form what is now American-Caribbean Experience (referred to herein after as "ACE"). Marla met her husband Allen in 2001 and ever since, they have been working together to change lives and transform communities, one person at a time. Marla is a naturalized citizen of Jamaica and currently lives in St. Mary Jamaica.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a very short book which gives the story of the ACE mission in Jamaica. The book includes an explanation of their planned project to build a living center for abandoned/neglected children in a poor area of the country, and if you are looking for a project to invest in, you may want to consider this one. (Book was very recently published and the project is in current need of funding.) The ACE mission concentrates on living out the gospel through work which strengthens and uplifts the mostly poor rural community where they minister. They therefore concentrate less on gathering a church and on ministries such as evangelism by preaching and Bible teaching. Instead they do things like track down truant kids and get them back in school and visit those who are institutionalized in rather negligent government facilities. I was inspired by their stories which enhanced my understanding of how to uplift poor communities by carrying out the type of work they do. On the other hand, I was a little put off by what seemed like a failure in the ministry to honestly address the link between poverty and immorality (which is strong in Jamaica), such as having children without forming a marriage, excessive drinking and drug use. I also thought the author's explanation of the reasons for two of her three marriages and one of her two divorces lacked Christian insight, and should have been omitted from the book. However, I didn't live through those marriages, we all have sinned, and God still uses us. Overall, I would recommend the book for those thinking about what it means to live out the kingdom life.

I love this book! Marla did a wonderful job writing her story, God's story, and how the ACE organization came to be and has developed over the past 25 years in St. Mary's Parish, Jamaica. Read this book, you won't be disappointed.

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