

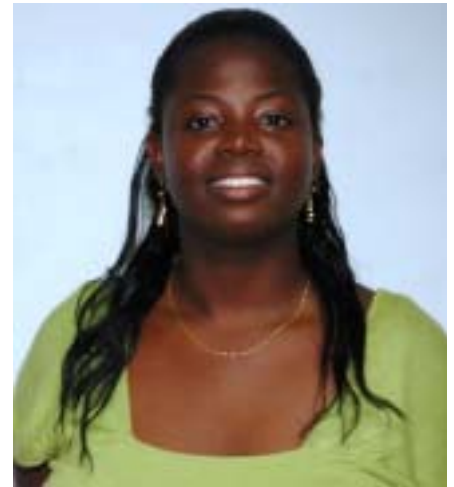
The Arts

The Glorifiers

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It was in the late 1990's when the Ruimveldt Life Improvement Centre, then known as the East Ruimveldt Assembly became extremely popular among the churches for its outstanding ministry in dance.

Between 1995 and 1996, a group of girls from the Youth Department were called together to the ministry of dance. This group called themselves 'The Gailsters', since it was Sis. Gail Haynes' initiative to start



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the group. Sister Charleen Hazel (now Grimmond) later assumed the leadership of this group and changed the name to 'Glorifiers'. She was assisted by Sister Roxanne Pollard.

In April of 1997, the Glorifiers participated in their first Assemblies of God Christ Ambassador Convention, now called Youth Ministries Conference, and placed second, thanks to Sisters Charleen, Enkeshi Parris (of South Ruimveldt Nazarene) and Roxanne.

This served as an encouragement for the group to continue. Mr. Raymond Barrow, a renowned dance instructor from the East Ruimveldt Community, witnessed the group perform at the Old Year's night



Church service in the East ruimveldt Secondary School



molding. He still offers his advice and assistance whenever he visits Guyana.

times, their primary focus is still to exalt God and to minister. They train two (2) times per week and emphasize the theory of dance so that they could minister with knowledge.

service and made a commitment to help. From 1998 until he migrated to the United States of America in 2001, Bro. Barrow dedicated his time and expertise to the group. His presence also encouraged male dancers to join the glorifiers and at one point the group comprised as many males as there were females. Inevitably the group became the pace setters for male dancers in the church. It is also known in the church circle that the Glorifiers are characterised for their exceptional risky lifts, pirouettes, and enchanting dance routines; the Glorifiers became the group to emulate.

The present group of Glorifiers is sprinkled with old and new members. Albeit the group has seen many trying

They continue to minister in dance at concerts, gospel shows among other special venues.

Although Bro. Barrow has migrated, he has not neglected the group he played an essential role in

