

## **PM Congratulates NWC**

Prime Minister PJ Patterson recently congratulated the National Water Commission for its assistance and involvement in efforts to accommodate Haitian refugees who came to the island recently.

In a letter to the NWC President, E. G. Hunter, the Prime Minister said:

*" I write to applaud and thank you for your support to the national effort to deal with the plight of the Haitian nationals recently arriving on our shores.*

*In your actions, you demonstrated that Jamaica understood the plight of our Haitian neighbours, not as foreigners, but as part of our own Caribbean family.*

*In true Jamaican spirit, you assisted the nation to host them in a fit and proper manner. So much so, that the United Nations has expressed "thanks" for the manner in which Jamaica is dealing with the situation.*

*Your action is a clear symbol of your patriotism and a clear representation of the best of Jamaica. In so doing, you have shown once again, that as a people, we can come together to demonstrate genuine compassion.*

*Our next task is to share this spirit of compassion with all whom we encounter, thereby making Jamaica, the kinder, gentler place we all wish it to be.*

*In closing I wish to again express thanks on behalf of all Jamaica, and to express the confident expectation that you will continue in helping to hold the flag of Jamaica high."*

Mr. Hunter has since conveyed the congratulations of the Most Honourable Prime Minister to the management and staff most directly connected with the efforts.

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