## My Profile

My name is Maisie Evadnie Dixon and I was born on June 27<sup>th</sup> in the sunny, Caribbean island of Jamaica. I am the first of eight children for my mom and dad. My dad is deceased and my mom still resides in Jamaica, along with two of my sisters and two of my brothers. My other siblings reside in New York. I attended elementary and high school in Jamaica. Then I went on to "Mico Teachers' College" to get a Teaching Diploma in Elementary Education. My favorite subjects are Math and Science and I taught Math and Science at the Secondary and High School levels (Grades 7, 9, 10 &11) for a total of ten years in Jamaica.

My quest for traveling and meeting new people took me to the islands of the Bahamas. I taught at a Christian School in Freeport for two years. Later, I moved to Nassau and taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at an Anglican School for three years.

It was in New York that I met and married my husband, Earl. While there, I worked with Developmentally Disabled patients and with emotionally disturbed, teenage boys. I also worked as a paraprofessional and a substitute teacher. I obtained my Bachelor of Science in Elementary education at the State University of New York in New Paltz. My hobbies are: reading, traveling and gardening.

In 2002, I relocated to Georgia and started working at Bob Mathis Elementary School as a Kindergarten Teacher. The Bob Mathis family has made me feel very welcome here. Thank you teachers, for your vote of confidence in selecting me as "Teacher of the Year."