

# The Word Is Love: Jamaica's Michael Manley

**New documentary on the life of internationally renowned fourth Prime Minister of Jamaica Michael Manley to be released online January 10, 2012. Official website to launch Friday December 30, 2011 .**

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**Oakland, CA – December 28, 2011** – First time filmmaker Richard Audley Vaughan is proud to announce **“The Word Is Love: Jamaica's Michael Manley”** (TWIL); A new documentary on the life of Jamaica's fourth Prime Minister Michael Manley will be released on January 10, 2012, ahead of the fortieth anniversary of Michael Manley's election victory to be Jamaica's fourth Prime Minister which is on February 29, 2012. “I decided to release the film early because so many people on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/manleydoc](http://www.facebook.com/manleydoc)) have viewed the first 10 minutes and have been calling out for more” Vaughan said. The film will be available online and sold through a createspace.com store as well as amazon.com. Also launching December 30, 2011 is the official website located at [www.manleydoc.com](http://www.manleydoc.com) there users can see the First 10 Minutes, and receive more information about the film and director as well as links to online stores.

## **About the Film**

The film is a cradle to the grave documentary taking the viewer on a journey through Michael's life, from a young boy in Jamaica, to enlisting in the Canadian Air Force, to life in England and eventual return to Jamaica. The film highlights key events from Michael's time with the National Workers Union and covers a large spectrum of his time as leader of the People's National Party and Prime Minister. The film also captures Michael's interests and life outside of the Political arena. Director Richard Audley Vaughan hopes “That the film will serve as a good introduction to who Michael was.” The documentary is filled with interviews from those who knew him best, his daughter Rachel, son Joseph, wives Glynne and Beverley and many more. Also contained is rare archival footage and audio as well as musical hits from Jamaica's top artists who went along on bandwagons as Michael campaigned across Jamaica. Director Richard Audley Vaughan filmed, edited, wrote and produced the film employing a key belief of Michael's “Self Reliance” he says “I didn't / couldn't wait around for anyone to give me the green light so I just basically starved myself for months in order to save money for equipment and plane fare. And this being my first ever project I set out to contact people who had no clue who I was asking them if they would like to be interviewed. I was extremely surprised when mostly everyone agreed and so I set off teaching myself all I could about conducting interviews, lighting a scene, editing, and filming”. He continues “Being of Jamaican parentage, I am always asked the usual questions about Bob Marley, Rasta and Reggae, I just want people to know there is more to Jamaica than that. I have always drawn strength from my heritage and sought ways (like taking a full page ad out in the *Jamaica Gleaner* on September 19 2007 as *An Open Letter to the People of Jamaica*) to show my love for Jamaica and that is why the film is dedicated to the People of Jamaica.”

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