

The Kirkland Kronical December, 2015

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Greetings, and Merry Christmas!

This season is filled with opportunities to share Christ with many who desperately need Him. As Christmas music and decorations are everywhere around us, it seems people are more "tuned in" to the Gospel, and to discussions about the Lord. The Radio Lighthouse just began airing our Christmas content, focusing on the birth and redemptive ministry of Jesus Christ. Listeners are always appreciative of the music and programming.

As the radio station celebrates its 40 years of service we are producing two new programs to air throughout the remainder of the year. "Keepers of the Lighthouse" consists of interviews with the former and present missionaries and staff, highlighting the faithfulness of God throughout our 40 year history. The second program, "Safe Harbor Stories," is a compilation of testimonies of regular listeners from throughout the Caribbean, as well as from our broadcasters, presented both through interviews and the sharing of the many letters written to us for this occasion. This program has been encouraging and enlightening, as listeners make known how much the Lighthouse means to them. Though mostly produced by our manager and co-worker, Nathan Owens, it has definitely increased the workload for all of us for a time. Yet this series has proven to be a real blessing to staff and listeners alike. **Thank you for your continuous prayer for this ministry.**

Coinciding with the founding of the Lighthouse, BIML missionaries were also establishing 5 or 6 small local churches around the island of Antigua. A few more have been planted in past years, and these churches now all have national pastors. In November Nancy hosted a Tea along with the Lighthouse Ladies (2 missionaries and 3 staff) for the wives of the pastors of this group of "sister" churches. We had 17 ladies in attendance.



The Lighthouse ministry seeks always to assist the local church through our broadcasting. Each of us as staff is a consistently-serving member in one of these sister churches in our communities, so it was a real blessing to honor the wives of our faithful Pastors and let them know how much we appreciate them.

Our own local church, Maranatha Baptist, celebrated 37 years of ministry this week. It is an integral part of our personal ministry. Because of its close proximity we are able to direct or personally bring our neighbors to this church. Recently Ken invited 2 boys, cousins, who each live in houses behind us, to the boys' Sunday School class he teaches. After church those same boys, along with another cousin, came to our house asking if they could come to Sunday night church. Imagine our joy at having three 12 and 14 year boys come to our door asking to go to church! Bringing another cousin with them, they have been coming with us now for a few weeks. All 4 of these boys have accepted the Lord through our VBS or Bible Club in the past few years. **Please pray that they will continue to grow.**

Nancy has been having a Bible Study in our home with a young woman who had recently begun attending the Ladies Sunday School class that she teaches. Two weeks ago, with many tears and great joy, she gave her heart to the Lord. **Please pray that she will allow the Lord to "untangle" her life and allow Him to make her paths straight.**



In Bible Club we've spent the last months studying the Armor of God, piece by piece. The children did a great job memorizing verses from Ephesians chapter 6. We had 40 children listening intently to the Christmas story last week. We're always a little tempted to make the Christmas Club a little more elaborate or different in some way. Yet it's the sweet simplicity of the birth of Christ which captivates them completely, and so we retell the story year after year, with clarity and truth, making it known that "the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world". Pray for these dear children.

In a few days Nancy will be traveling to Pennsylvania for 2 weeks, as Rachel is expecting her first baby (hence the early Christmas Club!).

Please pray that all goes well. This will be our 10th grandchild!

Thank you for partnering with us and may you have a joyous Christmas,

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