



CARIBBEAN RADIO LIGHTHOUSE

Send out thy Light and thy Truth Psalm 43:3

September 2019

I'm sure some of you have thought that it's been a while since you heard from Caribbean Radio Lighthouse, and you'd be right! In May, we told you about an extraordinary gift of \$25,000 that was designated specifically to upgrade our broadcast equipment. We were especially excited about the timing of the gift, as it allowed us to upgrade and install much of the equipment before the Kirklands retired from Antigua in July.

The Kirklands are now State-side, and after spending time with family, they are travelling around the States visiting their supporting churches and collecting personal belongings from visitors who graciously returned to the States with suitcases for them. Please continue to pray for the Kirklands' travelling and transition, and please pray for CRL as no one is on the horizon to take their place. Our Caribbean staff are very understanding and have helped where they are able. We're praying that the Lord will lead someone with an aptitude for computer and technical equipment repairs to help us full-time!

In July, we had a VBS team from Michigan pair up with one of our Antiguan churches. The team had a true compassion for the children and helped the church start off their summer day camp with fun lessons on how God always wins. We had more visitors in July and August, but this time to tour the radio station from a local day camp (30 children) and a local VBS (130 children)! With our now smaller-staff and someone often on vacation during the summer months, we had a big job showing the children the radio station and making sure no one pushed any buttons on the equipment! We also explained why we are called "The Lighthouse," presented the Gospel message, told them about our children's programs and correspondence courses, and helped them to understand and learn Matthew 5:16, "Let your light[h]ouse so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Those who receive this letter by email would have heard that we are raising money to purchase a new truck for my wife and I to use for ministry. I was constantly repairing our only vehicle, and it reached the point where the four-wheel-drive was no longer working (even after many attempts to repair), and we were putting more money into the old truck than it was worth. We began to raise money, purchased a new truck, and sold the old truck. We're so relieved to be free from the burden of repairs! Recently, our FM transmitter on top of the highest mountain on Antigua (1,300 feet) needed repairs late in the evening, and we were able to drive to the site in the dark with working four-wheel-drive to quickly make the repairs and get back on the air! To date, we only have \$4,300 more to raise to pay for the new truck! Please continue to pray for these funds. Donations can be designated to Account #1400 at BIM!.

In September, CRL celebrated 44 years of broadcasting the Gospel to the Eastern Caribbean islands! We recently heard from a listener who grew up listening to CRL with his mother. She told him that the only reason she is a Christian is because of what she heard on the radio when she was a child. Although this man was not saved as a child, he wanted us to know that he is now a second-generation Christian because of the radio station and the testimony and teaching from his mother. He shared how thankful he is for CRL, and he is convinced that if his mother had not heard CRL as a child, that neither he or his mother would have gotten saved. All praise to the Lord for continuing to use Caribbean Radio Lighthouse through the years! And thank you for supporting CRL through your prayers and gifts!

For the Lighthouse Staff,
Nathan P. Owens

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Addition for Nathan & Renee Owens' Personal Prayer Letter:

Thank you so much for your continued prayers for Renee and me! Since the Kirklands left Antigua in July, our work load has increased and multiplied to many more areas. Already, both our AM and FM transmitters and both our generators needed some very time-consuming repairs, and afterwards we'd have to clean ourselves up and finish some office work at the studios. The new truck has been such a relief though, as it is one less thing to maintain, for the time being. As you can see from the CRL prayer letter, we have raised all but \$4,300!



In June, Renee and I celebrated 10 years of marriage! Anticipating this busy time of year, we made our anniversary travels earlier in the spring. Looking back on 10 years, we are so grateful and never could have imagined where the Lord has directed us and used us since then!

We continue to be active in our local Antigua church and its primary school. With the beginning of a new school year, we planned for the new year and held interviews for new teachers. Renee is still helping with some secretarial work at the church and school, as well as, maintaining the financial books for both. In August, while our pastor was on vacation, Nathan was able to bring one of the Sunday evening messages. In the middle of the message, the power went out, leaving us in complete darkness. A few people turned on the lights of their phones, and we kept right on going.

Our Antigua church also supports the radio station and decided to take a Saturday morning mission trip to CRL! This was very encouraging to have help with some of the maintenance around the buildings! Renee's parents were able to come with the VBS mission team from Michigan and spend an extra week with us! It's always fun to have people that we're close to help with the ministry!

Please continue to pray for us with the transition of staff at the radio station. Not only does this put a lot of additional responsibility on both of us, it also complicates our furlough, which is due to be Spring 2020. We're working on preparing ahead the division of duties-- even among some of our Christian brethren in Antigua-- while we're to be away from the station. We are trusting that God will provide personnel for the Lighthouse in His timing. Please pray for strength and endurance as we work and wait.

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