

The Robinsons' Herald

Email version for November to December 2003

Greetings from 'Next to Heaven' in Carriacou, Grenada, West Indies!

Greetings from the beautiful and very comfortable Caribbean. It is now in the low to mid eighties during the day with a nice breeze. We have also had some uncharacteristically nice rain for December. Even though the 'dry season' officially began in December, we have had some abundant rain. Our tank is overflowing and all ponds are nearly full, if not running over. ***Praise the Lord with us for the abundant rain we have received.***

Back in that latter part of October I came down with a very bad case of tonsillitis. It had apparently been developing for a couple of weeks before I finally realized what was going on. I had felt feverish off and on and rather listless, and had been getting worse until I began taking antibiotics. I was doing much better after I completed the drugs, but it seems it is trying to hang on or return. ***Please remember to pray for me to be completely healed from this.***

For the last month or so our attendance has been down. This happens every year about this time. There are many ungodly and raunchy activities that go on here with special festivals, etc. I suspect that some of our marginal folks prefer to stop attending for a while rather than have to deal with the guilt and conviction they will experience during services after they have been out carousing and dancing with the devil. In years past the attendance usually increases after the holidays and festivals are over. Yet, the services have been good with those that do attend. ***Please pray for those marginal to realize that the world has nothing to offer, but temporary pleasure that often places them in debt that can take a life time to repay.***

Another reason our attendance has been down is likely due to much sickness that has plagued our island since we returned from the states in August. No, I don't think I brought the flu here -- er, at least I hope I didn't. In any case there have been many that have missed several services because of fevers, diarrhea (here they call it 'walking belly'), headaches, etc. We also have a few older ladies that are having more and more trouble getting out because of pain in the joints and sundry other

problems. ***Please pray for the health of the Robinsons and all the dear folk that attend Windward Bible Church.***

We have had about three teens that have made professions of faith in Christ the last couple of months -- for which we praise the Lord! We had been praying for revival of our folks and the salvation of the lost here for a long time. Thanks to you that have been praying with us. But please do not let up.

Please pray with us for the salvation of many here, specifically those that have lived in the village of Windward all of their lives. At times it seems that most hearts are as hard as stone, with only a few showing a desire to grow and walk with the Lord each day. They are very much bound by fear and tradition of the local church that has been here for nearly five hundred years. It is often like trying to *gently* break through stone to get through to their hearts with the gospel. ***Our effort is difficult at best.***

Over and over we have seen individuals and even families began to attend and get excited with hearing the teaching of God's word. Yet, too often the priest and leaders of the local traditional church hear about these that have 'wandered' and they confront and even threaten them, resulting in the folks suddenly shutting us out of their lives. It is sickening and very, very sad. ***Please pray specifically that the Lord will pierce the darkness built around this village, and that we will have wisdom, health, and godly determination to reach them as the Lord leads and provides.***

We had been planning for our annual Christmas program, which we have scheduled to take place on Sunday, December 21. However, we have had so much sickness that we have not been able to practice as we needed. Thus we are likely going to have a time of singing and a special message tomorrow. We may still have our program the following Sunday if enough people recover from the illnesses and we can get in some practices. I guess this would be alright since it is not written anywhere that the Christmas program must be held *before* Christmas.

We are also planning to visit the two nursing homes and hospital on Wednesday the 24th, Christmas Eve. ***Please pray that each special service and special work will glorify God and be used in the lives of all.***

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News Flash! You may now sit in our services and HEAR some of our messages via the World Wide Web!

I am now posting some messages from many of our services at [Windward Bible Church](http://www.windwardbiblechurch.com) on our website, [Last Chance Ministries.com](http://www.lastchanceministries.com)! I also have posted a sample of our Sunday morning worship and fellowship time -- including our song service. All audio files are in the world recognized MP3 standard. Thus, you should not need to install anything or make any changes to your computer to listen.

So, as it gets colder and colder in other parts of the world, connect to the Net, get a glass of warm tea or hot chocolate (or any other favorite *sanctified* beverage), and join us at your convenience. The link to that page on our site is:

[http://www.lastchanceministries.com/
LCM_Audio_Messages.htm](http://www.lastchanceministries.com/LCM_Audio_Messages.htm)

There should be no spaces in the link.

The tracking stats provided by my web server, and those provided by others I use, gives me the following information (among other):

- A pretty good idea of how many people visit the site
- For what they are looking when they come
- From what part of the *WORLD* they come
- What they view
- How long they stay
- How often they return at latter dates

The stats from the middle of December, 2003, indicate the following:

- Nearly 2000 people (increasing each month) 'visit' *each month*. A 'visit' is a person that remains longer than 30 seconds.
- Nearly 30,000 visitors 'hit' our site, but some 28,000 leave in less than 30 seconds. (NOTE: This is a conservative estimate. Some stat services show that these figures are three time larger!)
- On average those that 'visit' longer than 30 seconds view 2.5 pages.

- On average each true 'visit' lasts a little more than two minutes, while some remain an hour and even longer.
- Nearly 6,000 pages are viewed *each month*. (Again, this is a conservative estimate. Other stats show this figure could be three times larger!)
- Since October 15, 2001, people from nearly 150 different countries, including many Muslim ones and Israel, have stopped by!

Can you image how many people and how much time and how much money it would cost to get tracts to this many people?

Up until when I began posting these audio files the beginning of December, most visitors came to my website looking for information on Rastafarianism. (I have an article on this subject that I posted a couple of years back.) Now -- and in just three weeks -- more visitors come to LCM looking for 'MP3 Sermons,' 'MP3 Audio Messages,' 'MP3 Bible Teaching,' etc. I have been thrilled that many of these requests come from overseas and particularly from those that are Muslim. Many messages have already been accessed (previewed, listened to, or downloaded) well over 100 times. Praise God who promised that His world would not return to Him void. (Isaiah 55:11) Please pray for the salvation of souls through this aspect of our ministry.

- "And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.** (Mark 16:15)

I cannot think of a better Christmas present, than bringing the clear teaching of God's word to people all over the world. *Just think of the number of people that could be saved through the power of the Gospel as well as believers needing encouragement or instruction from the Scripture!*

Thanks again for your prayers, your support, your birthday and Christmas cards, and your special gifts. We truly do appreciate you touching our lives with yours.

Merry Christmas to all as we continue to look up to Him,



Walter Robinson II