

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

Greetings from the Southern Caribbean! As most of you know, we experienced our first hurricane on September 7, 2004. Category three 'Hurricane Ivan' devastated the mainland of Grenada leaving ~39 dead and ninety percent of all structures (residential and business) severely damaged or destroyed. Our island home, Carriacou and its sister parish, Petit Martinique, were also hit with hurricane force winds that caused much damage and destruction, but thankfully there were no deaths or serious injuries. We praise and thank the Lord for His protection! ***Please pray for the survivors that are not only dealing with the hard times in the aftermath of the storm, but also grieving the lost of relatives and friends.***

There are many relief efforts underway to help the people of Carriacou and those on the mainland as well. On my websites, [www.LastChanceMinistries.com](http://www.LastChanceMinistries.com) and [.org](http://www.LastChanceMinistries.org), I have posted photos of damage and an audio interview that I conducted with the Foreign Minister of Grenada. I also shared highlights of my interview with the Permanent Secretary of Carriacou and Petit Martinique. I set up this section to show the plight of those here that are struggling in the aftermath of Ivan. It was my hope and prayer that it would be used to help bring in much needed aid.

By God's marvelous grace, the permanent secretary has phoned me a few times to thank me for aid that has come in as a result. After two tropical storms and the hurricane, this is one rainy season (also the *hurricane* season) that the people of Grenada are truly glad is passed. ***Please pray for much urgently needed aid to come in to help the people that are still suffering immensely from the effects of the storm.***

The pastor of North Gautier Baptist Church (Independent) in Mississippi, Brother Coy Rice, contacted me after finding our website back in October. He expressed his desire to help Grenadians by bringing a team of about twenty-five skilled workers and enough materials to erect twenty-five 12' X 16' houses. He hopes to put twenty on the mainland and five on Carriacou. They would be simple, pre-cut, and partially assembled. However, for many that lost everything these buildings would be much better than living in shelters or in tents that are sitting on the ground.

Brother Rice visited the mainland on a survey trip in November. On December 13, 2004, he phoned to provide me with an update. He still needs more funds to purchase the materials. He is tentatively planning to return to Grenada with the team and the materials the last Monday in March. He also plans to hold special meetings in the evenings to share the gospel with those to whom they minister. ***Please pray much for Pastor Coy Rice as he continues to seek the Lord for provision to perform this much-needed ministry.*** If you wish to help, you may contact him using the following information. Please tell him that you got your contact information from Walter Robinson II on Carriacou:

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Our home in Meldrum got a lot of water inside after the storm blew off some six sheets of our corrugated roofing material. A day after the storm I took some material off our veranda (porch) to replace the ones missing from the roof. That stopped most of the leaks, but it took a few weeks to get much of the house cleaned up.

Jeshua's room is still not safe for him to move back into because of the bat droppings that mixed with the rain that ran down his walls. It will need to be painted before we use it again, which we plan to do just as soon as we have the funds. The rest of the house is in good shape. I have gotten several estimates for the landlord who desires to have a new roof installed. From what some climatologists and meteorologists are saying, I suspect that next year could possibly be much like this one because of the trend that has been taking place for the last five years or so. Thus, we are very eager to get a strong roof installed before hurricane season returns next June. ***Please pray for the repairs of our home to be completed quickly.***

I am happy to report that we were able to resume services in our rented meeting place in the Village of Windward at Windward Bible Church on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. The hurricane had blown many of the shingles off the building's roof and dumped a lot of water inside, and added more to it every time it rained afterward. After several weeks, our landlord was finally able to procure steel roofing and have it installed. The new roof is functioning perfectly with no leaks. This is a tremendous relief! The roof had actually began leaking about six weeks before the hurricane hit, and after each service it was necessary to move pews and chairs and cover other pieces to keep them dry in case it rained.

After the storm, and up until the roof on our building was repaired, we took our congregation to Open Door Independent Baptist Church in Beausejour, Brother John McPherson, pastor. The fellowship was sweet and encouraging, the teaching was good, and the singing was uplifting. However, and as always, it is good to be 'home' back at Windward Bible Church.

The storm destroyed most of our hymnbooks and much of the furniture had rust or mildew on them. Thankfully, all is now clean and services have resumed as usual.

Attendance has been good, all things considered. Typically, we see a drop off until the festivals observed this time of the year are passed. We also have one older woman that is in England for an undetermined amount of time. Two other older women have health problems that hinder them from attending

services regularly. One of our older and faithful men is now in New York and working to help put his son through college. Thus, our adult attendance is down more than normal right now. Nevertheless, there is a young lady back with us on Carriacou because her home was destroyed and her place of work on the mainland is closed due to damage incurred by the storm. In all, the numbers in our services remain in the high twenties and low thirties with intermittent peaks into the forties from time to time.

About a week before the storm, on August 29, 2004, we had the privilege to baptize one of our older believers. She is seventy years old and has a very difficult time walking due to arthritis in her legs. However, with the help of her daughter who was visiting from the mainland at the time, she persevered. Though she was obviously very frightened and afraid that she was going to drown, she allowed me to immerse her and she publicly demonstrated her death and burial to her former life and spiritual resurrection to walk in the newness of life. (Romans 6:3-4)

The folks of Windward Bible Church are once more preparing to remember the often forgotten folks in the two nursing homes and hospital on Carriacou. We hope to present some of our Christmas program, share a gospel message about the true theme of Christmas, and as the Lord provides, leave gift baskets stuffed with fruits, special treats, and a Bible tract.

*Please pray for us and the folks to whom we plan to minister on Friday, Christmas Eve, December 24<sup>th</sup>. Pray for the salvation of the lost and comfort of the suffering and lonely.*

The dangerous hurricane we experienced in September helped to remind us that life is precious and fragile. That is why it is all the more vital that we get the gospel to as many as possible while there is still yet time. *Please pray especially for the Lord to open the hearts of those enslaved in tradition in the Village of Windward.* Though many have repeatedly promised to visit our services, not many from this community have done so to date.

We spent much of our time making what repairs we could to our home and helping others with their roofs after the hurricane. When we got much of that done I have often and repeatedly found myself up to my neck in vehicle repairs. The clutch went out in our 1991 bus about six weeks back. It took me about a week of hard labor. It also took most of what money our church had in its dwindling treasury to purchase the clutch disk, pressure plate, throw-out bearing, pilot bearing, and rebuild kits for the clutch master and slave cylinders. I actually had to remove the transmission and install it twice due to it needing more parts than I had hoped. Recently, I have spent another week working on electrical quirks and some suspension squeaks. It still needs new ball joints, upper and lower, for the front suspension. The upholstery is also looking pretty bad and the body has a lot of rust, but we are thankful to have it and to be able to use it -- especially since our 1987, 4WD Dodge Colt Vista Station stopped running about five weeks back.

The Vista had been running fairly well, but stopped suddenly on the way back from a Wednesday night service.

About five minutes after it stopped, the Lord brought along a neighbor who was driving his 4WD pickup and just *happened to have purchased a towing rope that day.* He gracefully towed me home. I got into the engine the next day and soon realized that I needed to pull it out to better facilitate repairs, and also to do some needed maintenance on the transmission and clutch. After several hours of unhooking this and removing that, I used my engine hoist to remove the engine and transaxle. The next day my back and the incision site where the hernia was repaired back in April lodged their protests. I have not done anything more to it for about three weeks to allow my back to recover. The site of the incision is much better as well.

I have spent much time and money recently patching both vehicles. If you recall from my prayer letter back in early August, one of our supporting churches sent us a special \$1,000.00 gift to start a vehicle fund. The balance in that fund is still at \$1,000.00. We will likely need \$10,000.00 (US\$) to get a used bus that should be reliable and safe that would give us trouble free service for a few years. When the Lord provides for the replacement of the bus, I plan to sell one of the ones we have (probably the car) to get as much as possible out of it. *Please pray for the tremendous need of our vehicles to be replaced.*

We had the privilege to celebrate Jeshua's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday this past November 13! We had a 'surprise' party for him and many of his friends attended. Jeshua is still working hard in school. His grades are good and he is becoming more responsible as time goes by. He is thinking of attending a new college here on Carriacou for a while. It is the **T.A. Marryshow Community College (TAMCC @ <http://www.tamcc.edu.gd/>)** We are praying about it and thinking that it may be good preparation for him to further his education in the States later on. *Please pray for Jeshua often. As adults know, the transition from child to adult requires daily grace and divine guidance. That is what we want for Jeshua as we pray for the Lord to make His will known to him.*

There is not only a new college here on Carriacou, but the Lord is answering a prayer that I shared with Him quite sometime back. There is a new medical facility, **Carriacou Health Services (CHS)**, coming to Carriacou that may be the most advanced in the nation of Grenada. It will not only provide much needed medical expertise and equipment, as I understand it, CHS will also serve as a resident training facility for many preparing to enter various fields of medicine. Their goal is also to serve as a training facility for students from the US, UK, and Canada. The building's construction is well underway and mostly erected. You may learn more by visiting their website at: [www.chs.datasolutions.d2g.com](http://www.chs.datasolutions.d2g.com). Please pray as this institution will need doctors, technicians of all sorts, and also critical equipment such as Cat scan, MRI, etc. From what I read so far, an X-ray machine has already been donated and been designated to be placed in this facility by the government of Grenada. Carriacou has been in urgent need of this for decades. *Praise the Lord with us for this answer to pray. Pray also for the*

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*provision of the stilled needed personnel and equipment so that this facility can be up and running soon.*

Due to feeling poorly, I had mostly neglected my websites from March right up until when the storm hit us. I spent some time getting the photos of the damage on Carriacou posted to show the urgent need for aid and relief. However, I had not done much more to it. I recently added several more language versions of the Bible Tract, *God's Simple Plan of Salvation*, by Robert Ford Porter. To date, the tract succinctly presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ is available in thirty languages – including of course – English. I tracked the visitors to those pages for a few months after I initially posted them in eighteen languages earlier this year. I am happy to see that hundreds of people in countries around the world visit pages for each language each month. Most remarkable to me is the number of visitors from Muslim and Communist countries. I have also seen visitors from Israel that come to read the gospel – mostly the Arabic version. However, there are also times the Hebrew version is viewed from Israel and other countries.

My server stats now show that my primary domain, [www.LastChanceMinistries.com](http://www.LastChanceMinistries.com), had over two million hits over the last year! Independent stats show that of those two million plus hits for the last year, each *month*:

- 5000+ remained long enough (30+ seconds) to register as **visitors**
- 10,000+ pages were viewed by the **visitors**
- Each **visitor** remained on average for 1½ to 2 minutes
- Each **visitor** on average viewed two pages
- 350+ return to read or listen to more

The above means that *each month* more than 5000 people see the *God's Simple Plan of Salvation* tracts available in thirty languages. How would *you* like to pass out that many tracts to that many people around the world each month?

Equally encouraging, my server stats also show that 3,000 audio messages in MP3 format were either listened to directly while streamed from Last Chance Ministries, or they were downloaded to be listened to later by one or more individuals! That is equivalent to holding Bible studies in at least 350 homes – with at least one, but only God knows how many present – around the world each month. In each visit we are able to share

the gospel or teach them from the Bible for forty-five minutes to an hour. *Moreover*, these are people that *found us and invited us in* instead of us finding them and convincing them to let us come in. I only wish I had the resources and equipment to do more in this area. *In any case, please pray for the power and effectiveness of the Word of God being broadcasted through LastChanceMinistries .com and .org, and also WindwardBibleChurch.org.*

Lastly, we still hope to take furlough in 2006 or so. We really do need more support to bring us up to our set support level. Perhaps you know of a church or pastor that is looking for or open to taking on the support of new missionaries – even if it is only temporary until we take our next furlough. If so, please send me their contact information. Even better, you could put in a good word and recommend us to them. They can find all the information about us they would need at [www.windwardbiblechurch.org](http://www.windwardbiblechurch.org). *In the mean time, please pray for new churches and individuals to be led to support us to meet our current needs.*

The Robinsons on Carriacou extend out deep thanks to each of you that are constantly touching our lives with yours through your prayers and support. We also appreciate the special gifts this year that is helping to pay off the expenses we incurred when I traveled to the US for two surgeries, and also the cost of preparing for and recovering from Hurricane Ivan. We realize these special gifts are sacrificial by those who gave them, and we appreciate it very much. We thank God for each of you.

Still looking up for Him,  
(Signature Omitted)  
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Mrs. Stafford slowly making her way to the sea to be baptized



“Praise the Lord!” she says. She is truly glad to have that behind her.



A few of our folks look on and sing as Mrs. Stafford moves further out with fear and trembling



Jeshua joined by friends to celebrate his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Her daughter, Mavis, joins us to help and reassure her.



Umm, this is the good part!

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Jeshua anticipating the cake and adulthood.



Dedication of Deliah (Dee lee ah) Alexander with the Thomas Alexander family on March 12, 2004



Celebrating Grenada's Thanksgiving with a few of our young friends on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004



Walter and Jeshua observing the Vista's engine and transaxle after removing it from the chassis