

The Robinsons' Herald

Email version for August Thru Mid October 2005

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

Greetings once again from 'Hurricane Alley!' I hope we are now over the hump of this record-breaking hurricane season. Carriacou is green and lush all over from the rains we have had over the last few months, and our tank is overflowing.

Praise! As you may recall from the previous "Robinson's Herald" from back in August, our rented home had been in severe need of its roofing materials being replaced. I am happy to report that it was replaced about five weeks back with much sturdier steel. Each sheet was put down with many screws and looks very strong. I also think the contractor has eliminated our bat problem. We have had no leaks even though we have had some heavy rain since then. There is only one small corner of our veranda that still needs to be covered. The contractor ran out of roofing materials right before he finished, but is hoping to get another piece to finish this overhanging eaves section soon. In any case, we are able to face the remaining six weeks of this hurricane with more confidence, by God's grace. **Please praise God with us for this answered prayer!**

You may recall from earlier this year that Pastor Coy Rice, from Mississippi, learned of specific Hurricane Ivan damage and needs on Carriacou and Grenada through our website. In March of this year, he brought materials and laborers to Grenada to build some homes for those suffering in the wake of last year's hurricane. Pastor Coy lived in an area that was devastated by Hurricane Katrina a couple of months back. This past Saturday (October 15), I finally managed to get through to him on a cell phone to learn that he and his flock all survived, though some have suffered some real hardship from damage and destruction. Their church still had three and one half feet of water standing in it as I spoke with him. Even though his home was only one mile from shore, it was fine. (PTL) I was happy to inform him that all the houses and the church meeting place they had built earlier this year here survived hurricane Emily back in July. I was amazed to hear him inform me that he is already planning to bring more materials and another team to Grenada again as soon as possible! This time he is planning to focus on ministering to Carriacou. There is obviously much that needs to be accomplished before they can come again.

Carriacou looks good these days, though there are still a number of houses that remain in ruins or shows signs of damage. If you look closely, you can still see some remnants of damage from Hurricane Ivan last year too. Nevertheless, all phone and power lines, including cable, are reconnected. Yet, some are now living with relatives or friends since their homes were damaged or destroyed. **Please pray for Pastor Rice as he and the congregation of Gautier Baptist Church recover from Hurricane Katrina's damage. Also, pray for them as they make plans to come to Carriacou sometime in the future.**

News about Windward Bible Church

As mentioned in the previous prayer letter, our meeting place in the Village of Windward suffered much damage from Hurricane Emily this year. It lost all of its new galvanized roofing material that was installed last year. Over half of our sanctuary had several inches of water standing in it. The first of this month (October) the landlord finally phoned to tell me the roof has been repaired. We have inspected it and found that much work needs to be done before we can hold services there again. Linda, Jeshua, and I got the small lake out our sanctuary last week, and many from our congregation worked with us on last Saturday (October 15) to begin the clean up. It looks better, but we have much painting to do and we need to replace several sheets of plywood on the walls. We are still holding services in the basement of our home since the first Sunday after the hurricane.

Right after Hurricane Emily, we had good attendance, but it has dropped off some over the last two months. We still have at least one bus full most services, with attendance in the high teens or low twenties. We periodically run both buses when twenty to thirty attend. This past Wednesday (October 19) 31 were present! We usually see a drop in attendance around this time anyway for various reasons, but it is more noticeable this time. We have a few faithful that are remaining so. However, no one from the Village of Windward has attended since the storm even though we have visited some and told them that we would be happy to pick them up for services. Before this last storm hit, a few from this village would attend one of the night services each week. Many that have promised to come from this village would never admit it. Yet, there is still a spirit of fear at work in this community to keep people enslaved in the traditional religion that has dominated it for over four hundred years. It has been discouraging for us. **Please pray that those who are attending will not get discouraged by the sometimes-small numbers (15 – 20). Pray for us as well. Pray also for others to become faithful once again.**

Some of our formally faithful older saints have physical problems that are only worsening over time, and it hinders them from attending services regularly. Two of them have severe arthritis that seems to be getting worse. A gentleman (in his mid 50s) is still in New York where he has been working for over a year. He had been one of the most faithful and helpful in our congregation. He is working and saving to purchase tools and getting more experience so that he can reopen his auto repair business when he returns to Carriacou sometime in the future. We also have a teenager now attending a college in Texas. **Please remember to pray for the health of Sisters Scott, Stafford, and Williams, and also Brothers Clement and Alexander.**

Jeshua and I spent many hours installing all the new parts and reassembled our old 1987 Dodge Colt Vista. However, I have a stubborn oil pan leak. I have had it off and on about three times and it still leaks! I also have what I believe is a small problem with

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the transmission. I believe a switch that controls a pneumatic solenoids that changes gear range is either worn out or of adjustment that cause the transmission not to go into reverse correctly at times. I still intend to sell it as soon as I can. In the mean time, I have been giving Jeshua driving lessons. He has been doing pretty good, and I believe he will make a good driver with a little more time and experience. *Please pray for me to have the wisdom, stamina, and strength to fix the oil pan leak and correct the transmission problem. Also, pray that we will get a good price for it when we sell it. Please praise the Lord with us for getting the engine and transmission reassembled and put back into the car.*

Changes for Jeshua



Jeshua on the Osprey Leaving for the Mainland of Grenada
October 20, 2005

One of the most difficult aspects of serving the Lord overseas is knowing that one day we would need to say good bye to our beloved children. We said goodbye to Tabitha in 1996. We have also known that there would be a time when Jeshua would begin to search for the Lord's will for him self. Linda and I have shed tears over the past few weeks as he finalized his plans to return to the states for this purpose. He going with our blessings, but the tears have been coming because we began to really miss him once his plans were made.

A couple of years ago, Jeshua had planned to take some course here for a couple of years. After much prayer and discussion, he decided that returning to the states to further his education would be best. This past Tuesday, October 18, many of his friends gathered here at our home to express their friendship and good wishes for him. There were over 20 present and they all carried themselves well and respectfully. He has some good friends that love and respect him very much. We also celebrated his nineteenth birthday ahead of time (November 13 is his BD) with a cake and various games geared toward middle teens on up in age. I was a real good time that we all will cherish for many years.

Yesterday at 3:30 PM, Linda and I hugged Jeshua and watched him live on the Osprey Sea Ferry for the Mainland. As I hugged him goodbye, I could not speak a word and could not hold back the tears, but simply held him tight and trembled in silence until I finally let him board the boat. I constantly struggle with a stinging lump in my throat and the need to wipe away tears. Every time I think of him, the pain starts all over and I miss him terribly. Linda has the same struggles.

He stayed overnight on the mainland last night (October 20) and is flying onto the states today. He is traveling through Puerto Rico, Boston, Cincinnati, then scheduled to arrive at Charleston's Yeager Airport (on Delta flight 494) at 11:52 PM tonight (Friday October 21). His sister, Tabitha, and her family are planning to meet him and stay overnight in Charleston.

Jeshua is planning to live with his sister in the Beckley, West Virginia area, and get a job and work until he can get into college, hopefully in January. Eventually he hopes to get into a university and study to become a dentist. Our blessings and prayers are with him. He is very gifted, intelligent, and talented. Linda has done a very good job in home-schooling him and he completed his last four years with a 3.0 average. He is now seeking to discover the Lord's perfect will so that he can prepare and serve the Lord accordingly. Yet, with all the good mentioned, I must admit that it feels as though part of our hearts left with him on the boat yesterday, and it hurts very much to be separated from him.

Jeshua's email address is JeshuaRobinson@gmail.com. Lord willing, his mailing address will be: P. O. Box 2, Crab Orchard, West Virginia 25827. His physical Address is to be: 148 Sutphin Street, Crab Orchard, West Virginia. (Tabitha's addresses) The phone number there is (304) 253-0395. He has a cell phone that should work from now, but it will work better in Charleston because he will be roaming while he is in the Beckley area due to his carrier. His number is 304-541-5773.

Please pray for the Lord to protect, lead, and provide for Jeshua and give him ongoing good health. I wish we could do more to help now, but we simply are not able to do so at this time. Please pray that the Lord will give Jeshua wisdom as he gets re-acclimated to the cooler temperatures and the US culture. Also pray for his mom and dad to get through this period of adjustment as we still look for him around the next corner, in his bedroom, at the table, here at the house chatting or playing games with his friends, or in our services.

Robinsons Furlough Plans

As mentioned in our last three prayer letters, we had hope to take furlough in 2006 or 2007 if someone could take over for us. Our need for increased support is even more so now due to a recent, tremendous, and sudden surge in the cost of living here.

For nearly ten years fuel had been about \$2.40 (US \$ for US Gallons) About three weeks back it suddenly jumped to \$3.45,

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and the gas station owner told me recently that it is going to go up again probably this weekend, though he did not tell me how much. This is affecting prices nearly across the board from groceries to power, which was already two to three times what it had been in the US. Because of this, we may need to take furlough very soon, even if there is no one here to take over for us while we are away for about a year.

Perhaps some of you know of someone that is considering overseas mission work as a church planter or helper. Please put them in contact with us right away. We need someone not only while we are furlough, but also on a permanent basis. Perhaps some of you also know of a church or pastor that is looking for, or is 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 through our website at: www.windwardbiblechurch.org. *In the mean time, please pray for the Lord's chosen to have their hearts open to come to Carriacou and work here at Windward Bible Church. We need one individual or couple to work twelve months, or for two to work six months each. The immediate need is to cover for us during the time for our needed furlough, and later for someone to work with us permanently. Also, pray for the Lord to lead new churches, individuals, and groups of like faith to support us to help meet our current needs.*

Last Chance Ministries Website

I still have not done much to my website this year, except for a little maintenance. Yet, we still get many visitors each day and notes from them from time to time. Some (mostly from Africa) have asked me to send them the MP3 Bible teaching messages in MP3 format on CDs. For many, internet connections are still slow and expensive, thus the CDs make it possible for them to listen to Bible teaching that have been given in over 90 services over the last couple of years. Many have promised to copy them and pass them around to others in their locations. We recently sent audio Bible teaching CDs to South Africa, Serbia and Montenegro, Mauritius - Indian Ocean, and Kigali Rwanda. I have also received requests for the teaching in Spanish in Chili.

There is so much more that could be done with the internet ministry if I had the resources, time, and help. *Please remember to pray for the power and effectiveness of the Word of God being broadcasted through LastChanceMinistries.com and LastChanceMinistries.org, and WindwardBibleChurch.org.*

Prayer Requests and Praise for Answered Prayer

1. (Praise.) As mentioned already, the roofing material on our home has been replaced!

2. (Revised.) Car is running again, but I still need to correct an oil pan leak and a transmission problem. *I hope to complete repairs and offer it for sell ASAP, Lord willing.*
3. (Ongoing) We need to sell our old bus or recondition it. We must constantly watch the temperature gauge and add water to it because it needs a radiator. It must be replaced soon or we could lose the engine. *(I now plan to fully restore this bus or sell it and replace it with the money I hope to get for its sell and the sell of our car after I have gotten it back in good shape. We need to get \$6500.00 to \$7,000.00 (US\$) from selling them both. This past May, we received a gracious gift of \$9,000.00 to meet our targeted goal of 10,000.00 to purchase another bus! We found and purchased another bus in June! This is a big praise and answer to prayer. Please pray for us to find the exact one the Lord has for us.)*
4. (Ongoing.) The purchase of welding tanks so that I can make repairs to our vehicles and the security bars on our church building.
5. (Ongoing.) We need to have a sign made for our meeting place in Windward for *Windward Bible Church*.
6. (Ongoing.) Purchase of several sheets of decorative plywood to replace paneling on the walls that was damaged in our meeting place during the storms and subsequent rains.
7. (Ongoing.) Completion of electrical wiring for our meeting place so that we can get our own power meter.
8. (Ongoing.) A small desk and chair for my office in our meeting place.
9. (Ongoing.) Paint to repaint the concrete floor of our meeting place.
10. (Revised) Funds to pay for the purchase of two small window air conditioners and a closet-shelving organizer arrived in April. We must keep one room in our house with controlled humidity to protect precious books, electronic equipment, and recorded media from the salt air and constantly high humidity. We are currently using my office in our home for this. I estimate the total cost at \$250.00 (US\$). *(We received these items in April. So far, the church that purchased these items and shipped them to us have not told us how much we need to pay, though I have phoned the pastor and asked twice. I am currently waiting for his response.)*
11. (Ongoing.) Funds to build a restroom attached to our meeting place. We need a toilet, sink, pump, and other plumbing necessities, construction of a septic tank, and a small cistern (or tank) to store water caught from the roof.
12. (Urgent and Revised.) For a few additional churches or individuals to begin to support us until we take furlough next year or in 2007. We would rather take furlough in 2007, but may have to do it soon because of the pressing need of additional support as explained above.
13. (Ongoing and Urgent.) As explained above, we desperately need another family to come and work permanently with us in the work here. We need a man to work as both an assistant pastor and youth pastor. A woman is needed to help in the ministry to young children and help Linda with ministering to the ladies. They would also help in our transportation ministry.
14. (Ongoing and Urgent.) We desperately need one or two families to take over for us when we take a much-needed furlough soon. We will likely be on furlough for six to twelve months. As explained above, we may need to take furlough soon even if no one is

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- provided to take over in our absence. This would not be good for the church. One couple for twelve months or two couples for six months each are needed as soon as possible.
15. **(Revised.)** Ongoing health and continued improvement for me (Walter). I have been doing much, much better concerning the health issues that were treated last year. Linda and Jeshua have also been doing well. Myback has been doing much better the last month. There was a time a couple of weeks back when I had to take it easy and not do much for about a week, but it better now. When it acts up it ranges from being just a nagging nuisance to being severe enough that I need to lie down and try to lay flat until it gets better. **(Please remember to continue praying for this need, and especially for the Lord to strengthen my back and heal it.)**
 16. **(Revised - Ongoing and urgent)** For guidance and provision as Jeshua seeks to learn the Lord's will for his life as he plans to further his education. He finished his twelfth year and is now looking forward to attending college. He is interested in medicine – specifically dentistry. He is considering a couple of schools at this point, one located in Huntington, West Virginia, and the other in South Carolina. His mind is not yet made up and he is still seeking the Lord leading and provision. As related above, he is scheduled to arrive in West Virginia tonight, Friday, October 21. He then hopes to get a job to work and save, then begin to further his education in January, Lord willing and providing.
 17. **(Ongoing.)** As was predicted, this hurricane season has broken many records. Some on the mainland and on Carriacou still had not yet recovered from damage and destruction from last year, and now they are contending with damage and destruction cause by Hurricane Emily. Please pray that all of Grenada will be spared from another direct hit from hurricanes and tropical storms this year.
 18. **(Revised - Praise and ongoing needs)** Proper repair of our meeting place for Windward Bible Church in the Village of Windward. Roof is covered once again, but looks iffy with at least small leak. We have much work to do yet by way of painting and some wall repairs.
 19. **(Ongoing)** We need to replace our old standby generator (made in the 1960s). I prefer another Onan RV twin-cylinder type rated at five or six KW, with remote start and shutdown capabilities. Either LPG or gasoline will work. This type is built to run for long periods and they are rather quiet and less likely to disturb our neighbors. Our old one is worn out and burning one quart of oil every one to two hours of operation. A used one in good condition would be great and cost much less in duties to get it into the country. This is *not* a luxury for us when the current goes out for long periods after a hurricane or for other reasons. We need it to keep our refrigerator cold and to supply water to our house by the electric pump.

Reach Out and Touch Us By Phone!

As mentioned in our last prayer letter, for those that may prefer to talk rather than write, we have an internet phone

system that makes it possible for us to make and receive calls very economically. All incoming calls are FREE to us! They are also free for any one that is in the Charleston, West Virginia calling area (304 area code) or anyone that has unlimited long distance phoning in the US! If you phone us from an exchange outside the Charleston calling area, you will pay whatever you usually pay for long distance within the United States. If you already have unlimited long distance, it will be FREE to you as well. It only cost us two cents (US) per minute to phone anywhere in the United States. Therefore, you could also send us an email or phone us to let us know that you would like to talk, and we would be glad to phone you back.

It is usually best to phone between 10:00 AM to about 11:00 PM. If my network is off or not working for any reason, you will have an opportunity to leave a free voice mail for us, and we will in turn be notified by email – or when we turn on our network. The number is 304-513-4184. Call as often as you like. We would love to hear from you!

Thanks Very Much!

We do appreciate each of you that stand with us by your prayers, support, and words of encouragement. Thanks for touching our lives by your sacrifices and prayers. We thank God for each of you.

Still looking up for Him,



Walter Robinson II

Note: If you would like to have a shorter bimonthly or even a monthly prayer letter (instead of the current quarterly ones), write and let me know. I will consider it in the months ahead.

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