

The Robinsons' Herald

Email version for June 2003

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

Things We Hope You Will Pray About:

Most of you should have received email updates back in February when I had to deal with a sudden medical problem. I am happy and thankful to report that the problem has not reoccurred since! **Thanks for praying, but please continue to pray for all our health.**

Some of you have been praying that the Lord will make a way for me to undergo the CardioSeal procedure to close the defect in my heart. The 'PFO' (hole in the upper chamber of my heart) is thought to be the cause of the serious stroke that I experienced in 1999, and the more milder experience that took place the beginning of last year. A gracious doctor in Detroit recently contacted me to inform me that the Lord is making a way. The tentative plan is for the procedure to be done the latter part of July or the first part of August. It seems the hospital is willing to settle for the \$5,000.00 the group that helps us with our medical expenses group will likely cover. The hospital has agreed to write off any charges beyond that! **Thanks for praying and continue to pray as the final details are made and we look to the Lord to supply the travel funds we will need. As most of you know, I truly need to undergo the CardioSeal procedure.**

Carriacou is currently very dry, but we are trusting that the rainy season will give us some relief. The level of water in our cistern is very low for this time of the year, but we believe we are still in good shape compared to some. **Please pray for much rain over the next few weeks so that the local ponds and peoples' tanks will be replenished.**

The rainy season runs concurrently with the hurricane season, which formally began on June 1. Last year the tropical season was fairly mild for the United States. However, the southern Caribbean suffered through a tropical storm named Lily. She caused a little damage on Carriacou, but landslides killed a number of people on some of the islands north of us. I have recently read numerous predictions by meteorologist who are predicting many more storms for this year—some 50% more! **Please pray that the Lord will spare us of tropical storms and hurricanes this season.**

Things at Windward Bible Church are going okay, though our attendance has been down somewhat since this past Christmas season. Yet, it seems that the attendance has been improving over the last couple of

weeks. Many of those that are attending are showing consistent growth, especially among some of the teens. Over the years I have seen many children make a profession of faith in Christ, only to remain reasonably faithful until they reach their late teens. At that time too many forsake the Lord and go back into the world.

The peer pressure for the young men is intense. Some have frankly remarked that they have 'outgrown the need for church.' Others often began working jobs and making their own money for the first time, and they wait until Sundays to wash clothes or 'rest.' Other times they claim to get home too late from work to attend Sunday or Wednesday nights. It is also about this time that many begin thinking about girls in a serious way, though they are in no ways ready to get married, settle down, and start a family. Yet, that does not stop some from starting a family out of wedlock. I am afraid that our young teens learn such attitudes by many of the men here, mostly those that are lost, but also from some in other churches who profess faith in Christ and say they love the Lord. **Pray for our men—both young and old—to grow in their love for the Lord and putting Him first.**

Our ladies also have much pressure on them to live contrary to the word of God. Many young ladies here—as is the case with the young men—grow up in homes where their mother is not married. Too often their mother has several children by different men. Frequently 'mum' will either go from man to man or live with a man until they have a child or more. I know of some women here that actually advised their young daughters to give themselves to older men, and perhaps even get pregnant, so they can get 'support' from them. They also believe that when the children grow up, they will help take care of mom when they get old enough to work. Because of the consistently high unemployment rate and no government welfare system here, too many women believe this is the only way they can prepare to be taken care of in their old age. But, no matter how you look at it, this is a type of prostitution, and it is disgusting. Obviously, the same is true for too many who live in the United States.

Consequently, we are not only swimming against the strong current of false doctrine, but also against the ungodly moral customs of the pervading society. Time and time again I have seen young ladies profess to come to know the Lord in their early teens, began to walk in the newness of life, but later fail morally and go back into the world when they reach their late teens or early twenties. To say it is discouraging is an understatement. **Please pray for our women—both young and old—to remain faithful to the Lord, depend upon Him, and seek His will concerning a mate for life.**

Remaining faithful to the Lord here is not only a spiritual need these days. An article in the **New York Times Online Edition** carried a disturbing article recently on May 18, 2003. It was entitled, **Governments in Denial as AIDS Ravages Caribbean**, By DAVID GONZALEZ. It made the following startling claims:

- 500,000 people in the Caribbean are HIV positive.
- The infection rate in the Caribbean is second only to Africa

- “Some 40,000 adults and children in the Caribbean are believed to have died of the disease in 2001 alone.”
- It is already the leading cause of death among young men.
- On average 2.4% of adults are currently infected, with the rate in urban areas at 12%

Pray for our people to be kept pure and protected as Satan seeks to destroy those that serve and follow him as the god of this world. (2 Corinthians 4:4)

Recent Special Activities At WBC:

On this resurrection Sunday past, the children presented us with a nice program. They sang songs and



said recitations. It was a blessing to the congregation. Linda and Caroline Cornelius worked hard to help the children be prepared.



Baby Dedication

On this past mother's day, we had the blessed privilege of dedicating Randy and Sharlene Cornelius' eighth

child. He name is **Isaiah James Charles Cornelius**, who was born April 15, 2002. This family has been a true source of help and blessing to us since they began working with us in 2001.



Isaiah smiled and behaved perfectly for the entire ceremony



This is the entire Cornelius tribe. Count them if you can count that high. Randy is also the manager of the **Harbour Light of the Windwards Radio Station.** ☺

Church outing during the children's spring break from school

Many of our folks got together for a day out. We played games, had good food, and had a good time of fellowship. In the photos, notice the ground. It is not brown dirt, but brown grass due to the dry season.



We arrive, have prayer, and some get ready to Rumble!



Others get involved in more reserved activities.



In this game, those in the middle had to guess who was holding the small stone.



Believe it or not, in the balloon toss game the oldest ones, (Huggins Clement and Walter) won!



A few of us play some B'ball. I broke my glasses, another tore a nail into the quick, and another had a tennis shoe blowout. Man, did we have fun!



Ah, the food. Genuine West Virginia tube steaks—complete with slaw, onions, mustard, catsup, and CHILI! Surely the Lord will have these at the marriage supper of the Lamb!

Current Plans:

We are currently looking into getting the outside of our meeting place painted—which is truly needed. We also need to put in a bathroom, which includes building a septic tank, building a water storage tank or tank support to catch water from the roof, and then building the bathroom. We want to do exterior painting first, then build the septic tank, then the water storage tank, and lastly getting a pump and installing the plumbing. The paint job has been estimated at \$300.00 US. I suspect that putting in the bathroom will cost about \$2,500.00 US. **Please pray for the funds to be supplied soon so that we can get these project finished before the**

year is out. If you are led to help, please earmark your gift accordingly when you send it to Holy Mount.

Lastly, we are daily reminded of how we must rely on the Lord for all things. We are also vividly aware that He supplies through faithful people who love the Lord and often give sacrificially. **Thank you equally for your faithful support and prayer on our behalf.**

Still looking up for Him,

Walter Robinson II for all the Robinsons on Carriacou

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