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Dear Friends and prayer partners,

We apologize and covet your understanding concerning our overdue prayer letter, THE ROBINSON'S HERALD, which is overdue as of this past December. We normally send out a letter once every three months, but this past November our working copy machine suffered a breakdown and I have not been able to get all the parts needed to repair it as of yet--even though I have been trying since the latter part of November. I kept waiting to put out a letter because I thought I would have received the parts a couple of weeks to a week ago, but that did not happen. I am now hoping to have the problem mostly corrected before this month (January) is out, thus, we should be able to get a prayer letter out to all sometime in February. In the meantime I am sending this shortened email version of our prayer letter to as many as possible via the world wide web. If you are an individual who attends one of our supporting churches that does not have email I am asking you to past this letter on to the pastor or missionary committee. Thanks.

I am still far from being well as far as my health goes. After being on medication every day for over seven months, I still have not found the medication to serve as the "magic bullet" to cure my ills. So, not much has changed since the last time I told you about my condition. If anything, a few of my urinary tract symptoms may be a little less severe than they were—or I could merely be getting use to it so it does not seem as bad. From my perspective it is really hard to tell. I also could be on another temporary upswing as it has often been the case for nearly two years. On Saturday, January 17, 1999, I sent out a detailed report on my health situation and current planned course of action, thus I will not go into anymore detail about it here. If you did not get it, and you desire to know more so you can pray accordingly, just drop me an email note and I will fire it off to you right away.

Now, on to more positive things.

During the month of November I got into some big time repairs for our 1987 Dodge Colt Vista. I had been accumulating the parts for the last few years and it finally got to the place where I had to do it--feeling like it or not. I replaced two motor mounts; a timing belt; intake, exhaust, and jet valve seals; an oil pressure line; and I sealed up some oil leaks. I have also received about \$1,000.00 worth of additional needed parts this January for the Vista that I hope to replace in the next month or so. We are also praying for the funds to pay for them. Thankfully, the Vista is running pretty good as of right now. Replacing the seals and oil line, and checking the leaks seems to be saving us three to four quarts of oil per month! PTL!

Vehicles are a constant source of need for us. Our regular and faithful bus driver for the last year or so put his bus in the shop for repairs this past November. Since then we have tried and dismissed two or three other drivers who simply were not faithful and prompt enough to do the job. For awhile our attendance was severely hampered because our people did not know if a bus was coming or not--or if he was coming up to twenty minutes early or up to forty-five minutes late! It was a royal mess. Right now I am riding the bike to church to save room in the Vista, and Linda is transporting all people to and from our services most of the time. She makes two or three trips and it takes her one to one and half hours to run the routes on Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday nights.

Our old bus needs several thousand dollars in repairs, parts, and body work, so I am now hoping to get a few hundred dollars out of it in a sale. We are currently looking at another bus that seems to be in pretty good shape. The body has some superficial surface rust, but mechanically

it is basically sound. It is in much better shape than our old 1985 Mitsubishi, 12 passenger bus was when we bought it back in 1993. The bus currently under consideration is a 1990, 18 passenger Nissan, and the driver wants 4,500.00 to 5,300.00, which is very reasonable here. (All values are in US\$) We are looking into the possibility of getting it. We would appreciate your prayers for us in this regard.

We had a very good holiday season! This was largely due to having Tabitha here with us for about three weeks. It was the first time Linda and Jeshua had seen her in over two years! Even our dog, Roscoe, seemed to perk up when he saw her! Our people were also blessed by her presence and ministry while she was here. She played the piano and helped Linda with children's Sunday School. She also helped Linda and I around the house quite a bit. We bid goodbye to her this past Sunday, January 10, and she arrived back in West Virginia that following Monday night a little after 9:00 PM. She resumed classes at ABC on Tuesday morning! Boy was she bushed when she finally got to her room! Now we are praying for the Lord to supply the funds to replace that which we used to bring her to Carriacou and we would appreciate your praying with us.

The weekend before Christmas we had a Christmas program put on by the children. Linda and another lady in our church, Kathleen Alexander, had worked very hard for many hours with the children for four or five weeks before Christmas. Over fifty people attended that morning and the children were perfect in doing each of their parts! We even video-taped it so the children could watch it later in our home. It was the best Christmas program yet since we began Windward Bible Church in the Fall of 1992!

In addition our church visited the two nursing homes and one hospital on Carriacou on Christmas day as we have done for the past four or five years. This time we had our largest number yet--with some twenty-seven folks showing up to help! At each place we sang about four Christmas Carols. Our young children also did recitations that they had learned for our Christmas program. We also gave an Evangelical Christian message from the Bible, and later passed out Christmas baskets to each patient and patron. This year I was even blessed to have a young man from our church, John McFarlane, to preach at two of the places! This really helped me physically and I believe it encouraged all to see one of their own so involved in the work.

New Year's day the ladies of our church held a banquet and the men participated in an "outing"--both of which was held at our home. Most of the adults (both men and women) prepared a covered dish and brought it with them. We began with a common service of songs and prayer, then broke up into separate groups of men and boys, and women and girls as we continued our individual programs.

The men and boys then sang about three more songs. Most of them read or quoted passages from the Bible that had special meaning for them during the year of 1998. We also had a brief message and concluded by taking prayer requests for our goals and hopes of 1999, and praying accordingly.

The ladies and girls had produced poems that was put on a specially prepared bulletin board. They also sang additional songs and a few ladies read a passage from the Bible and testified how it had especially helped and encouraged them through the year. The ladies' service ended with a biblical challenge by Linda.

Afterwards, we all reassembled into the kitchen where we dished out the food and enjoyed a bountiful and tasty meal. It was really a good time of worship and fellowship! I could not think of better way to start the New Year, and it was really impromptu and came together in the last week by the Lord's direction! The Lord truly is marvelous!

Thanks again for your prayers, support, and encouraging notes of encouragement. We could not be here without you being there for us. ☺

Still looking up,  
Walter