



CARIBBEAN RADIO LIGHTHOUSE

Send out thy Light and thy Truth Psalm 43:3

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Hello from everyone at the Caribbean Radio Lighthouse on Antigua! Praise the Lord, the COVID-19 situation in Antigua seems to have subsided! Most of our COVID-19 related protocols have been removed, and churches are not hindered in their services or number of attendees! For two years, CRL participated in the almost weekly post-Cabinet press conferences to keep our listeners up-to-date on the COVID-19 situation and protocols in Antigua and to ask questions as a journalist, especially related to the churches and schools. Now that the press conferences are no longer focused on COVID-19 and are getting more political with elections around the corner, we have stopped participating in the press conferences. We're grateful for the time to voice the concerns of the churches and private schools and for the nation-wide attention that reminded the people of Antigua that CRL is still here and presenting the Gospel to the Eastern Caribbean every day via radio!

When I last wrote in January, we had two staff members recovering from health concerns – one with a broken wrist and another from surgery to remove a growth and portion of the thyroid. Everyone has returned to work, but they still have some lingering side-effects. Please continue to pray for the complete recovery of these two staff members.

Before COVID-19, Bible Tracts, Inc. (BTI) would send CRL and a few other ministries in Antigua quarterly packages of free Bible tracts. Since COVID-19, the postal mail system has been quite unreliable, and BTI had to stop those regular packages. So instead, in February, BTI sent a pallet of 100,000 Bible tracts to CRL, and now we are the hub for passing out these Bible tracts to the ministries in Antigua! We're grateful for Bible Tracts, Inc's ability to send these tracts and excited to assist the local churches in this way!

At the beginning of each year, we look at CRL's financials to determine what our regular expenses are and make any adjustments to our financial support level. Each year, we're able to add regular items, which should be in a budget but had not been included in previous years due to lack of financial support. Usually, when the need for these items arose, we would have to raise those funds as a special project. Recently, we were able to add to our budget the regular need to upgrade computers, and at the beginning of this year, we were able to replace several of our oldest computers! We've calculated the monthly need of CRL to be \$13,100, and we're currently receiving 86% of this from regular monthly donors.

On the other hand, there are still needs that we can't foresee. Several nights this year, we were asked by the government telecommunications department to take part in tests with several other radio, telephone, and internet companies to determine which companies may be interfering with one another. It was determined that CRL's STL transmitter to our AM site is interfering with the newly assigned mobile service frequencies. As such, we are being required to purchase new equipment that uses another frequency. The purchase of this equipment before shipping will cost \$10,000 US. This will not change our radio frequencies from 1160 AM or 92.3 FM, but only the transmitter equipment that gets our signal to the tower site. We have been given 3 months to make this change. If you'd like to give toward this project, please designate funds to our mission board to Account #243, Radio Equipment. Please pray for the smooth transition of this equipment, and continue to pray for another missionary to serve at the Caribbean Radio Lighthouse.

As always, we were excited to share the good news of Easter through our special radio programs and music! From a listener in Nevis: *"Just a short note to say thanks for broadcasting the many Gospel programs. They have been a tremendous blessing over the years. If I were to tell you my favorite, I'm sure I would mention most of them, if not all... I will just say thanks for every one."*

For the Lighthouse Staff, Nathan P. Owens

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