

## CARIBBEAN RADIO LIGHTHOUSE

Send out thy Light and thy Truth Psalm 43:3

July 2022

Hello from "The Lighthouse" on Antigua! When I last wrote in April, I told you that the government of Antigua is requiring CRL to change our STL equipment frequencies, and therefore we had to purchase new equipment that would cost over \$10,000 US. Praise the Lord, all the funds have been donated, the government granted a waiver of all the import duty taxes, and the equipment has arrived in Antigua! During the installation, we ran into some problems with the equipment not quite working as advertised. Please pray as we continue to work through these problems with the manufacturers.

June starts the beginning of hurricane season, making it very important that our generators are working properly and have plenty of fuel. Thankfully, we filled our tanks before the 25% price increase, which makes our diesel cost about \$4.63 US per US gallon. Unfortunately, we noticed an oil leak similar to one we had in 2017 during Hurricane Irma! When the mechanic came to replace the seal, he advised us that our generator is at the age and hours of use that requires a total engine rebuild, which will be a significant cost. With this information and additional research, we have decided to purchase a new \$15,000 US generator that will also be more efficient. If you'd like to give toward this generator, donations can be sent to our mission board to "Account #243 Generator". A brief video presentation can also be found on YouTube or our Facebook page to share with your church and others. Please also pray that we and our radio equipment are prepared for any storms this hurricane season, which goes through November.

Before COVID-19, our mission team season was during July and August. Although the COVID-19 regulations have lightened, still the government requires visitors to be vaccinated to stay in our facilities without quarantine. This will be our third summer without mission teams, and so instead, for the month of July, we have taken on two Antiguan interns with a goal of giving two of our local young people a glimpse of how they and technology can be used in ministry! Please pray that the Lord uses this opportunity to show these young men (ages 17 and 25) how He can use their talents and willingness to serve.



Our four staff members continue to faithfully make sure our programs are ready each week for the radio broadcast, but there's so much more behind the scenes work that is never seen, such as computer updates and repairs, research, installation of new equipment, repairing transmitter parts and generators, and managerial correspondence. At times the load is very heavy, and we ask that you continue to pray with us for additional help at CRL!

Recently a senior citizen lady from another island began sending us voice messages, because she can't read. We've encouraged her to get a Bible app on her phone that will read to her. She says, "I listen to Antigua [CRL] night and day. I have it on my radio from morning to night. Right now, I'm out on the road, and that radio is on; that's the radio right there playing now. I sleep with it; it wakes me up in the morning. It puts me to sleep and wakes me up. God bless you." Please also pray for another listener who has been conversing with us with deep depression and suicidal thoughts.

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