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Prayer Requests:

- Finances for the monthly station needs and special projects.
- That the radio station will be able to get the company paperwork in order with the government of Antigua.
- That the government will waive the duty and taxes on the shipment of supplies.
- Preparation for construction mission teams in 2016 & 2017.
- For planning and remodeling a ministry apartment for the new studio location.
- That our missionary team will be able to work together to operate and improve the radio station.
- Our involvement in our local church and with the school, youth, and older-young people.

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Dear Lighthouse Friends,

What a busy few months we've had! The first week of December, a mission team from Pikeville, Tennessee, arrived and put in all the framing for our new studio building and built hurricane shutters for all the windows! They picked on us a good bit about our sound proof rooms, with nonparallel and double walls, but they worked with joy and were a blessing to have! Soon after New Year's we had another large team from Westfield, Indiana. Their main focus was putting in all the electrical wire, but there were so many people on the team that they were also able to paint the outside of the entire two-story building, which had never been painted, and help us lay the foundation for the generator building. We were so busy we probably looked like a beehive to those who drove by!

Although we're remodeling one of our ministry apartments for the new studio location, we did have to erect a small shed that will house our generator and other tools for the radio station. The electricity on Antigua is unreliable, making a generator necessary to keep us on the air when the power fails. We first submitted plans to the government near the end of October to get approval for the building. We had another mission team planning to come in January to lay the block for this building, and we needed to have the foundation poured with plenty of time to set before then. Time and time again we kept hearing that the government needed another piece of documentation or wanted to change the plans slightly. We asked those who receive our Caribbean newsletter to pray for the approval, and on Friday morning, December 23, we were told to come get the approved paperwork before they closed for the Christmas break! With that we were able to finish the foundation and let it set just two weeks before the BIMI CLAIM team came! Although the CLAIM team came to lay block, they finished with enough time to also help us put the roof on the building! The Lord certainly provided us with some great help!

As you can see, organizing the projects and teams have kept my wife and me very preoccupied at the new studio location, but the Kirklands and our local staff continue to plug away at the daily activities of the radio station. Christmas always brings a busyness, with the change to Christmas programs and music. We've also been updating our children's programming, and two of our staff ladies have been producing a Scripture memory time, where they help children each weekday to memorize one verse for the week! Even though the program is during the children's time, we know many adults are listening too, and so we pray that God uses this program for all ages to hide God's Word in their hearts.

The independent Baptist churches on Antigua recently held a combined missions conference, and we are grateful that several of the Antiguan churches are able to support Caribbean Radio Lighthouse through their missions' programs. One man gave testimony how the Lord used CRL throughout his life, and then proceeded to tell us about his friend in China. Since the government of China blocks a lot of religious and social content on the internet, this friend was having a hard time finding Biblically sound teaching and music. He directed his friend to our website and soon heard our music in the background of their conversation!

We're always in awe of the many different ways the Lord continues to use CRL! Please continue to pray as we strive to strengthen and encourage believers throughout the Caribbean. And please continue to pray for the new studio building construction. The Kirklands are on furlough in the States for several months, so please pray for their traveling and meetings and for the busyness here in Antigua as we pick up the extra workload. Thank you so much for your many prayers for us!

For the Lighthouse Staff,

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