

NATHAN & RENEE OWENS: January 2018

As you can see from the Caribbean Radio Lighthouse newsletter below, we have found some relief in the “calm after the storm” (both literally and figuratively)! Two years ago we began making plans to relocate the Caribbean Radio Lighthouse studio, and we’re so happy to see how the Lord prepared for it all to come together! After we moved to the new studio site and the generator was repaired, there were still finishing touches to be done here and there, but life is beginning to return to normal.

In November, one of our local churches was focusing their services on “Strengthening Families for Christ,” and they asked us to speak at one of the services. We pulled out one of our premarital counseling books and refreshed ourselves on the ministry of marriage and how the Bible shows us to be focused on ministering to the needs of our spouse rather than focusing on how our spouse can satisfy our own needs. We enjoyed the class and, of course, the refresher for our own relationship.

We also hosted our third Thanksgiving meal with the young adults from our church. This year, our friends were asking us about it as early as September, and so we were glad that our schedule loosened up to be able to have a Caribbean Thanksgiving.

During our last furlough, we were surprised by the pastors that strongly advised us to take a vacation. It seems there are many differing opinions about missionaries and vacation. There’s the “you can sleep when you die” philosophy. There are also those who think a missionary’s furlough is just a really long vacation. And there are those who point out that even Jesus, in Mark 6:31, after hearing all that the apostles were doing and teaching told them, “Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while.” By the end of this project, we were praising God for all He allowed to be accomplished, but we were exhausted! We took the advice of those pastors and after two and a half years of deputation and almost six years of ministering in Antigua, we finally took a two-week vacation. We didn’t go far! In fact we stayed in the Caribbean, and one week we even stayed at home, but we were able to unplug and rest! We thank God for that time and that advice!

Speaking of furlough, we are planning a furlough for March through May of 2018. With the added responsibilities of management of CRL, we will be using this furlough to visit with the supporting churches of the Caribbean Radio Lighthouse (rather than those who support us personally). There are so many of you that we would love to visit, but time and distance will probably not allow on this trip. Please pray for us as we schedule with churches.

Please read the Caribbean Radio Lighthouse newsletter below.

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When I last wrote this past fall, we had just come through a climax of activities! We moved to our new studio site in Valley Church just before two major hurricanes came through our area of the Caribbean, and the generator at our tower site was damaged and needed constant baby-sitting. I’m very happy to report that we are now completely moved to the new site, and I believe we are settling in quite nicely. The satellite dish, from which we get the BBC news, has been moved and installed at the new site. The generator has been repaired, and all the funds needed to cover that expense were donated! We even had additional funds given to repair some transmitter parts that were damaged during the storms! The facilities at the old Jolly Hill site are being demolished and that is nearly finished. God certainly has been providing for us!

Late in October, almost two months after the move, we held a Dedication Service and Open House for our new facilities. The service was about an hour long and included a brief history of the radio station, the property, the project, and God’s provision through it all, thanks to individuals who volunteered, testimonies of listeners, songs of praise, a brief salvation message, and prayers of dedication from four of our broadcaster pastors. At the end of the service, we invited all who attended to tour the new facilities and partake of some refreshments. Of course, we have many listeners on different islands who could not be present, and so we also aired the service live over our radio station, as well as on Facebook. In fact, **you can still go to our [Facebook page](#) and watch the entire service or just a 13-minute tour of the new facilities.**

During this time, we reminded listeners how CRL is able to encourage them through prayer, special song requests, and even providing Bibles, tracts, and Bible correspondence courses. Since then we've had over 30 new students sign up for the Bible courses! **But, the most exciting part of the day was that, after the service, one lady spoke with one of our attending pastors about salvation. He was able to lead her to the Lord, and we were able to give her a Bible!** We're so thankful to the Lord for allowing us to see just one of the fruits from this event!

We're asking you to pray for another new venture at CRL. In January, we started a live, call-in program on Tuesday evenings called "**That's Truth.**" One of our local pastors, Dr. David Murphy, answers and discusses listener questions. We've been praying and preparing for this program for some time now! We know that we have listeners from many different denominations, and we're praying that as Scripture is used to answer questions, the Holy Spirit is free to teach truth to listeners, and that the topics will draw in the unsaved. We realize there are risks with a live program, but we're praying that the Lord controls and gives wisdom. Please pray that this would be an effective tool and part of our ministry!

We thank you so much for your many thoughts and prayers for the Caribbean Radio Lighthouse on Antigua! During the spring, my wife and I will be on furlough, visiting churches and presenting the financial needs of CRL. We have definitely seen an increase in support as the radio station is now receiving 84% of its monthly needs from regular donors! We've seen the Lord provide, and we know He is able!

For the Lighthouse Staff,

Nathan P. Owens