

Nathan Owens in Antigua

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Hello from Antigua! When I last wrote, we were in a bit of a crisis, only able to transmit at 30% power and needing to replace the 300-foot transmission line that runs underground between our AM transmitter and tower. The supplies did come in quickly, and the repairs went smoothly. After about three weeks, we were able to broadcast at 100% power. Not only did ALL the money come in to fund the project, but extra monies were given to help with the capacitors, broadcast software, and other equipment needs that were not mentioned. Thank you so much to all who generously gave!



September is the most active month of hurricane season, and we were really praying to be running at full power during the storm season. We received a gift to help with the project and an encouraging letter from a listener on St. Croix in the US Virgin Islands that read, *"I just want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your faithfulness in Radio Broadcasting. Also, to let you know that you were the only Christian radio station that stayed on air and sustained our spiritual wellbeing throughout the days, weeks, and months after Category 5 Hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated our islands in September 2017. You were truly a source of comfort and encouragement to us as we struggled through our time of recovery. I thank our LORD for a ministry like yours."*

I want to thank you for your continued prayers for wisdom and guidance for all the programs and music that we air on CRL. In September, we started a new interview program. We also extended the live, call-in program to 90 minutes and began broadcasting it on Facebook Live, as well.

In April we started to make the need known for additional missionary personnel to replace Ken and Nancy Kirkland, who are making plans to retire from Antigua in August 2019. I just want to take a little time here to give you an idea of the person we're praying and looking for. First and foremost, we are looking for a Christian who God has given the desire to use technology in missions. This person does not need to be a pastor, but does need biblical training to determine truth from error in our radio broadcasts. Bro. Kirkland maintains our computer network and resolves any software issues, and so we're looking for a person with an aptitude for computer and technical equipment repairs. As an administrator of the radio station, the job comes with a little bit of everything that can be learned on the job, including maintenance, finance, and on-air radio work. A bonus for us would be someone with a knack for marketing (whether printed, website, or Facebook). We do have "regular work hours," at the radio station, but we're always on-call for equipment emergencies, and the work load may increase when another missionary is on furlough.

We would strongly recommend that any interested person (and family) come and visit the radio station for at least one month. A trip like this would not only give a taste of life and the ministry here, but it would also help with deputation (having knowledge about where you're going and what you're doing). Antigua is English-speaking, and so language school is not required, but as missionary personnel, this person would need to raise their own personal financial support and also visit supporting churches of the radio station while on furlough. After moving to Antigua, this person would be able to join and be involved in one of our like-minded churches on the island. Please pray with us that the Lord will burden and provide the perfect fit for this ministry.

We are extremely thankful to all who have helped with special projects this year. With some of the extra gifts we were able to purchase a new computer and printer for our office and a recorder for one of our local churches to record their services for radio. We were also able to replace the termite-destroyed roof of the AM tower "doghouse" building. As this year draws to an end, we have one more project that we are praying for funds to complete. Currently, we receive our Spanish programming via the internet, but Antigua's internet quality is not reliable enough to give our listeners an uninterrupted listening experience. We're making plans to receive the Spanish programming via satellite, and we only need \$2,000 to complete this project. Although installing the satellite requires a significant one-time investment, we feel very strongly that it will better CRL's ministry to our listeners and relieve our management from busy work, resetting the feed.

We have much to be thankful for! Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas from CRL!

For the Lighthouse Staff,

Nathan P. Owens

Addition to the Prayer Letter:

Thank you to those who prayed for us during hurricane season these past few months. We've kept busy with responsibilities at the radio station. The preparation for the live call-in program and the interview program take up more of Nathan's time along with managing the radio station. The Kirklands were away on vacation for one month, and so that always increases the work

load, when someone is away. Renee has steadily been working to complete six years of financials for both our church and primary school. She was able to finish and turn those in to catch up the records of both the church and school with the government. I think she enjoyed the challenge! She also helped to organize the combined missions conference for all the Baptist churches in Antigua in October and cater for the Baptist churches' men's prayer breakfast held at our church this week. We both continue to be a part of the school board, and we're thankful that we did not have to hire any new teachers this school year. We continued with our Caribbean Thanksgiving dinner and had 27 adults and 6 children join our table this year! We're very thankful for the growth of our age group in our church. Thank you, thank you to those who pray for our ministry at both the radio station and our church. We're very grateful for where the Lord has perfectly chosen to use us for His kingdom! We pray that you and your family have a Merry Christmas!

Nathan & Renee Owens