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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Isa 9:6 tells us, “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” During the Christmas season we acknowledge the One who is the “Wonderful Counsellor”, the “everlasting Father,” the “Prince of Peace,” and anticipate His return to truly bring peace to a world that has gone crazy with; fightings; killings; harsh words in high places; removal of references to God, in schools, government buildings, and all kinds of public places. When it is “right” to display everything but the Word of God, it really makes one wonder how much time we have left till the Lord says enough! We praise Him for the privilege we have of serving him. It is at this Christmas Season when we have great opportunity to tell the world of God’s greatest gift of all, His Son, who came to earth to give His life that we might live. We want to thank each one who has had a part in this ministry through your prayers and support.

Much has happened since our last letter. We have been busy with the normal routine of radio station and church. We are seeing some spiritual growth in the lives of several of the young people at Open Door, and continue our young men’s Bible study on Thursday evenings, and the teen girl’s class that Karen teaches Sunday evenings. It is a blessing to see young people show faithfulness to the Word and express a desire to please the Lord with their lives.

Thank you for your prayers for us. I think that the word “Stress” would describe the past few months since our last letter. Sometimes, you just don't know what is going on in a missionary's life, but the Lord knows, and He allows problems and trials in our lives because He is conforming us to Himself. He also is hearing and answering your prayers in our behalf.



For example: The color laser printer that the Lord provided to us through a supporting church has been a real blessing and help. How Karen thanks the Lord for the printer when she decides, impulsively on Sunday morning, to do a handout or a song sheet for her SS class. Well, we unpackaged the printer in February, and this past September it broke down. So, with 2 ½ months left on warranty, I called HP to come and repair it—we have an HP repair rep. in Grenada. It took about two months of almost daily calling HP, and emailing before we finally got a

hold of someone who was willing to address the problem of no parts. You can imagine the frustration. We praise the Lord, that HP has agreed to replace the printer with a new one. I also asked about warranty and was told since we are getting a new printer it will have a year



warranty. That is a praise! The new printer came this week, just before Christmas, and it is so good to have it again.

Another cause for stress was the disruption to our home routine. Anyone who has experienced house renovations understands the stress involved in trying to live amid chaos. Our wonderful landlord decided that it was time to replace the old crumbling concrete railings, to put in new vinyl windows, and to have the house painted outside and several rooms inside. The workers did a great job, but our cats didn't like strangers around and left home—one permanently. Now that all the work is done, and things are getting somewhat back to normal, we are so thankful for our “new” house. God is so good.



Then on December 6th we experienced an earthquake. The epic center of the quake was between Dominica and Martinique, and it was felt all up and down the Island chain. The quake was a 7.4 on the Richter scale. We thank the Lord that we had no damage from the quake. I was working on the lower cistern drain at the station when the quake struck. I thought I was hearing a truck rumbling down the road above the station and looked up only to see our empty 500 gallon fuel tank bouncing up and down on the cistern lid. I was thinking to myself surely the wind wouldn't do that. It was later when I walked up to the studio buildings and the ladies asked what I was doing during the earthquake that I realized what had happened. It was a vivid reminder that God is in control and safety is of the Lord.

Not only have we experienced stress, but our Winco generator had some stress applied the other day. The fan pulley bolts fractured due to metal fatigue and dropped the fan into our less than a year old radiator. We are thankful that we have a backup genset so things like that don't take us off the air. We are working on getting a replacement radiator now so we can get the Winco up and going again. Then, this last Sunday morning we lost a solenoid coil on one of our electrical transfer switches. The Lord is good, we had a replacement coil. It is all but impossible to get that kind of thing locally. We'll be working on obtaining some spares for the next time around. You can pray about this, as the switch panels are about 50 years old; hopefully the coils are still available. Before you call He answers, we found coils for one of the switches now to see if we can find for the other one.



December is a stressful month with all the additional activities that come with the season. Karen has been super busy this past month or so getting things together for our Christmas programming. She has put in long hours getting things organized and putting programs into the automation system. Of course, all the staff have been involved with producing and organizing special Christmas items as well. We just had our Harbour Light staff Christmas party, and it was a good time of fellowship. Our Christmas program at Open Door will be December 23.



We are praying for good weather, a good turnout, and that the program will be pleasing to the Lord and a blessing to God's people.

We also have praises to share.

We are thankful for the Ramdhanny's who have come from Trinidad to help out. Mrs. Ramdhanny has been teaching at the Harbour Light school, and Mr. Ramdhanny has been helping out with projects at the missions house and at the station. We have enjoyed getting to know these folks and appreciate their desire to serve.



Our youngest daughter, Alyssa, has now finished her last semester at Bob Jones University. She will be graduating this coming May. Lord willing, we will be coming to the States for her graduation. Christina is doing well and continues to enjoy her second year of teaching Spanish at Grace Baptist school in Columbia SC.

We also praise the Lord for His continued patience and goodness in Michael's life. We look forward to and long for the day when Michael turns back to the Lord, or turns to the Lord for salvation. Thank you for your continued prayers for him.

Coming up this January we have a work team scheduled to come and finish up the work on the basement of the missions house. There are a number of things that need to be done to get ready for the team. Pray that we will be able to have everything ready to go, and that they will be able to accomplish everything that is needed. They will be doing a little block work, painting, electrical work, and a suspended ceiling. We thank the Lord for all who willingly give of their time, talent and money to help us here.

Again, thank you so much for your prayers, help, patience, and support over this past year. And, we want to wish each of you a very blessed Christmas.

John and Karen McPherson

