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Some of you may have seen these pictures already, they just seem to slip into my communications randomly! ☺



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Special emphases:

We want to say a special thank you to everyone who has sent us a letter or given us a phone call just to check in with us this past month! It is a special thing indeed to be blessed with friends from around the world and all across this continent! May our combined prayers reach to the lost and may they be found with us as we worship Jesus face to face in Heaven!

Jamaica Medical Missions

As many of you know, Rosie and I have been praying about what God wants to do with her medical skills, since there has not really been much talk of that from the office. We feel that God has given her this special gift, and that He is not finished with her doctoring yet.

However, we have also felt a peace about not practicing at this time, and the time requirements of Rosie's many other hats has confirmed our belief that this year is a 'listen and wait for the Holy Spirit to lead' kind of year. As we realize the effectiveness of God in the various areas in which He leads us, we see that He is in charge and knows the plans He has for us.

Interestingly, God has provided a wonderful opportunity for

Rosie to interact with the people of the Caribbean, as well as practice her medical skills. For the week of January 26th - February 4th there is a team of people going to rural areas in Jamaica to provide day-long medical clinics. They will partner with the local church by gathering people and showing them the love of Christ through providing healthcare and training in basic health concepts. We would ask that you would be in prayer for this time, as so far Rosie is the only medical doctor going on the trip. (If you are in the medical field and feel a tug at your heart to go on this trip, give us a call soon! ☺).

Jamaica was hit hard during

the 2007 hurricane season, as Hurricane Dean raked the southern side of the island. The Nazarene church actually has two Districts there in Jamaica, and several churches were damaged, and many people's homes were damaged as well.

It was so encouraging to see the people of God rally together to make repairs after the storm had gone by. One church even began work on a big repair project well before they knew they had funding for it, feeling that God would provide. He did in the form of your alabaster giving! It is neat to be part of how these funds are distributed, after having given over the years! Alabaster really does work, and is *such* a blessing!

God's Kingdom, one Person at a Time ...

Some people think that it is easier or more glamorous to lead people to Christ on some foreign field than it is to be a contagious Christian at home. Growing God's Kingdom, as you already know, is done one act of love at a time. It is done by offering what you have, one

invitation at a time. But let me encourage you with a story from our local church. A girl (Amanda) went to her High School and asked if she could start a Christian club. She had signups at the big club rally at her school, and over 129 people signed up!

Who knows what will come of this, but Christianity is still the most important thing that anyone can be part of, and the field in the United States is more ripe for harvest than it was twenty years ago! May God bless each of us as we minister where He placed us!

God, Redland, and Belize!

This past Spring I was introduced to the idea of “partnerships” as new avenues of focusing financial giving, human effort, and prayer power on targeted areas. Most of the talk early on was about individuals making partnerships with various fields or even world areas, but lately I hear more of churches that are making these partnerships of this nature. It seems that some churches like to offer a wide variety of Work and Witness options to get as many different people involved as possible, and some churches go to a place and fall in love with it, creating a kind of “part-

nership” with the country and investing in that area over the course of several years. Redland Church of the Nazarene is one of the latter kind. I told earlier of how God laid upon their heart to give motorcycles to pastors in Belize. They are trying to be missiologically correct in handing these bikes out, as every pastor in Belize seems to want one. They have heard stories of how giving can be ineffective, and how it can be most effective. Well, because of the increased mobility of these pastors with motorcycles there are now,

after three months of these motorcycles being in use, 7 new churches, and two new preaching points on their way to becoming churches as of last Sunday! Can God use a little church in the middle of a bunch of plant nurseries in Florida to bless and increase His Kingdom through a dream and a partnership? Yes! Interestingly, after pouring so many resources into this venture in Belize they have found that they have an increased desire to reach out to the community around them as well! God is good!



Limitless ways to Partner:

Motorcycles
Jesus Film
Work and Witness
Alabaster
Cookie Dough ministry
Water Wells
Solar Power...etc!

Mp3's and Solar Power

This is just a small article to glimpse into how crazy Dave is! He thinks that Literature also might encompass audio Bibles! Right now, if you go to www.hosanna.org you can see an Mp3 player, a CD with the Haitian Creole New Testament Bible. Also, at my house there is a fairly cheap solar powered Mp3 charger. There is a big need

in Haiti for people to know how to read and write. There is also a need for Haitians in surrounding countries that could really improve their lives if they were literate. My dream is that perhaps one day we can send Mp3 players with Haitian Creole Bibles on them, accompanied by a chapter in the beginning on

phonetics and reading. With a paper version of the same Bible they could follow along and learn to read while learning the Word of God! I figure that the Pilgrims learned to read using the Bible, and so can the Haitians, those from Suriname, Guyana, Dominican Republic, etc. If you have ideas write to me! ☺

Did you know:

Over half of the people in the world are completely illiterate?

We have identified populations right here in the Caribbean that fit into that category!

Haiti is the poorest country in this half of the planet!

Haiti has 6% of the members of the Church of the Nazarene!

Volunteers in the Caribbean

I met a man two weeks ago that was in his fifties and said to me, “I was called to be a missionary.” Sadly, he said this in the context of how he had avoided the call, ignored the call, or was perhaps just too lazy to follow the call. Then I pointed out to him that if God is pulling you towards some sort of ministry you should go, even if you are thirty years late! It is never too late to become a

missionary, and actually statistics are finding that missionaries above the age of 50 are actually more satisfied with the job they do than the younger people. They are also more likely to be considered “effective missionaries” by the people they serve! We praise God for the volunteers He has brought to the Caribbean which include a pastor, two

medical families, 2 construction coordinators, a teacher, and Wes (from an earlier newsletter) to help with communication on the Region. But our church is in 23 countries right now, and we have permission to really get going in another. Who will come? Who can help? Praise God for those who trust Him to provide, and who say “send me!” Thank you volunteers!



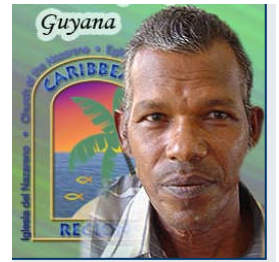
Our girls really like Wes, and especially after he saved them from the lizard that crawled into the van – and promptly ran up his sleeve when he caught it! Sorry Wes, this is the only picture I have of you!

D.S. Meeting and Guyana Excitement

With his face against the ground as the gunmen surrounded his car, what was Reverend Saheed Mohamed supposed to do when the AK-47 wielding man wanted to take his car? What would these bandits do when they discovered the two Native Indian teens in the back seat that were on their way to the District Convention? The bandits had seized control of the town in central Guyana so quickly that no one knew what was happening. This kind of thing just did not happen in places like the Guyana-Berbice District!

The Lord protected, and the teens were forced out of the car while the gangsters drove away at high speed, at least as high as the car would allow. Reverend Saheed had recently dealt with the loss of \$3,000 worth of equipment, as teens broke into an unfinished building they were trying to convert to a District Administrative Center. This Guyana District has such a poor economy that most people that become ordained end up moving to other

districts where salaries are better. With 16 churches, one new church plant, and a campsite building project, the Berbice District has only four elders and four licensed ministers left! Rev. Mohamed said that he has not seen a VBS done for many years for lack of materials and funds. And yet this District realizes the importance of missions and is itself mounting a Work and Witness trip planned to Suriname sometime soon!



Rosie and I were able to meet with the District Superintendents from the English Field last month. These men have great vision for what can be reality in their countries, despite some with incredible economic barriers facing them. Please be in prayer for the next generation of leaders to rise up and fill the need for pastors, despite the sacrifice it takes to do so. Pastoring here does not pay well!

Computer Help!

I have three broken laptops in my closet (No, Rosie does NOT like that!), and one that has a bad screen that the girls love to play with when I hook it up to a spare monitor I had laying around. Does this sound like anyone else out there? Well, next time you think about all the computer junk around your house I would like it

if you would also think about the four English Field District offices that do not even have a computer! At the most recent meeting of D.S.'s a call went out from several of them stating that they did not have a computer, nor did they even have a District Office, as finances were not available to

purchase land. (Small islands place a premium on space!) If you get the hankering to help, I would suggest laptops with good batteries in them, as the power grid in these countries is at times terribly unreliable! One of our volunteers had his computer shut down four times in a five hour period! Save often!

That reminds me of a joke! Since I do not have enough room here to tell it I will put it on the Internet, and anyone with access can go to keribbean.com/joke

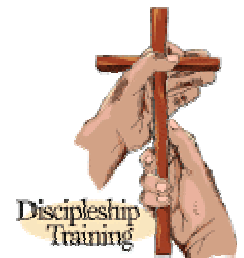
If you are a computer geek, go to the bathroom first, it is pretty funny!

Discipleship...The Key to the Future!

We hear the term "discipleship" so much that I am surprised that you even chose to read this section! ☺ Did you choose it first, or read something more interesting first? And yet, what was it that Jesus called us to do, make converts, or make disciples? Is there a difference? If there is a difference, how do you make disciples and still concentrate on making converts? It is quite

apparent that Christ was serious about discipleship. Although there were large crowds that followed Him, Jesus seemed to really focus intently on a select few people rather than always diffusing His teaching energies to a large group. Yet, this small group of people were so well disciplined that they created a movement that is larger than any other

religious movement in the world, and is also the fastest growing religion too (believe it or not!). So what does that call us to do? Be part of making disciples. Who have you asked to disciple you? Who are you actively discipling? I would love to hear your stories, so please write and let me know what discipleship looks like where you are! Go, make disciples!



Making Disciples One Conversation at a Time!

If you want a great book that explains discipleship the way I am promoting it here on the Caribbean Region, read this book by D. Michael Henderson!

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Nov. 18th Ft. Pierce, Florida
Feb. 16-17 Lehigh Acres, Florida
Anaheim District, May 2009

There are all kinds of places to visit on the web if you are interested in learning more about: (If you are reading this electronically you should just have to click on links!)

Becoming a missionary: <http://www.nazareneglobal.com>

Nazarene News around the world: <http://www.ncnnnews.com>

The Caribbean Region: <http://www.caribnaz.org>

On the Kerr family: www.Kerribbean.com

The Jesus Film: <http://www.jfbp.com> and www.caribnaz.org/JesusFilm

The Nazarene Church: <http://www.nazarene.org>

Literature (Dave's Job): <http://www.worldmissionliterature.org>

Compassionate Ministries (Rosie): <http://www.nazcompassion.org>

There's lots more! Just e-mail us if you have other questions!



Dominican Republic .. Miracle in the Making..



The warehouse in Pennsylvania said that, due to the other two Category 5 Hurricanes this year their supply of Crisis Care Kits was down to just 700 left! It would take a miracle to get the 4,000 kits needed!

The Crisis:
For those of you who follow Caribbean weather, (something I did not do much until very recently!) you have seen that a recent tropical storm created deadly flooding through Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and the Bahamas. In the D.R. alone there were 82 people killed, still 43 missing, and 65,412 displaced people. Many thousands of these people actually have no people to live with and are in refugee camps. These people are the perfect candidates for "Crisis Care Kits," but because of the other two major hurricanes this year the storehouse in Pennsylvania had only 700 of these kits left!

The Miracle:
Some of the pastors of Southern Florida, very concerned about the crisis, discovered the lack of ability to respond to the immediate problems that many down here identify with all too well. They began calling churches in Southern Florida, and they discovered to their amazement that if they pooled their resources they had over 3,000 Crisis Care Kits amongst them! They knew God was at work, but then they found that they needed about \$10,000 to get the kits to where they would be most useful. Could you please pray that we would continue to

see the way God is moving, and be able to follow Him as He guides us? Sometimes there are transports that will take things like this if they have extra room, sometimes they will offer reduced rates, and sometimes God provides donors that will step forward and get these supplies to where they are needed.

Please also be in prayer for Denise Anderson, head of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries in the Caribbean. She is actually based out of the D.R., and so she has been incredibly busy coordinating responses to the tragedy there. Pray for miracles in the making!