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Season Greetings from Tobago in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Certainly as the saying goes "time and seasons wait for no man".....It seems as though it was just yesterday we celebrated Christmas with our friends and family. Again we are here being reminded about the fulfillment of prophecy and the confidence we have through the Lord's promise that He will be coming again just as He came the first time. And, how much we can discern the season. This encourages our faith to increase and be stronger than before. Praise God for His faithfulness to His word. I wish for us that in preparation for celebration, our faith would increase with much anticipation of His coming again!

In Tobago, Christmas is always green and hot! Like the world over the same is here, everyone from every faith enjoys the holiday. I am sometimes disturbed how they do, but I am comforted by the fact the day shouts Christ was born! I would be in Trinidad for the holidays spending time with friends and getting some rest. My family in Calgary would again be celebrating with a little space under the tree where Grandma's gift is supposed to be. I have not been able to be home for the holidays in quite a few years. Each year as I plan the plan gets changed by circumstances. Two years ago during the summer months I had to visit my sister Ayesha in Vancouver. This was timely since she passed away three months after. Although I was not able to be there for the funeral I had the comfort that we had wonderful visit when I was there. This year I had to be home in May. My brother Gerry and his wife Kathy retired in Victoria for the past 15 yrs. Early this year my brother who was 83 yrs started showing signs of the "slowing down from aged organs". His mental was very sharp and I wanted to spend time with him sharing past memories and affirming our love and just enjoying his company which I did so sparingly during the past years. I also visited my two sons and their families, and friends that are still residing in Calgary. I also had bit of a rest. I returned to Tobago at the end of July. In October 09, my brother said his last goodbye to his wife at home and quietly went to be with the Lord. It was very sad for me but like with my sister, I had the comfort we had time with each other and was able to say our good byes. I can only financially afford one trip home per year or sometimes in two years. So again plans for coming home this Christmas had to be postponed for another year or??? Well in the Lord's time...

News in Tobago is very encouraging we are seeing students and young people accepting salvation through Jesus Christ. We do have a challenge with discipleship but I am sure the Lord would work this out since the Holy Spirit has directed and will continue to give wisdom and direction. We are reminded "some plant, some water and some reap the harvest." And, at the same time here in Trinidad and Tobago it is no different from the trend of violence and other major ills that are plaguing countries around the world. The society is reeling with the many murders, the scourge of drugs and a level of lawlessness that are causing great concern. Enclosed is an attachment of a report from the "Trinidad Teacher of the year award". This would give you a bit of information so that you can pray for our Character Building program in the Tobago schools. To make an effort in Trinidad's schools would be a massive intervention and your continuous prayer is needed to give us direction when we should. "When man's heart is made right then righteousness would reign thus bringing peace."

On Wednesday the 9th 09, an appreciation dinner was held to honor of our 18 full time facilitators in the Tobago Secondary Schools. All principals and other school representatives gave glowing reports on the program and the facilitators work. Judge Alice Soo Hon one of the country's Appeal Court Judge was the main speaker. She is a spirit filled Christian and delivered a very articulated speech emphasizing the importance of creating a humane society which is one of our Christian mandate quoting "love your neighbor as yourself": To be a steward and leader in the land: And to have a personal spiritual relationship with God. Despite all the accepted reports about this ministry in the schools we still have challenges politically. Therefore we need many prayers for the freedom to continue.

Pastor Rick Benner and his wife Sally from Lethbridge were here in October for two weeks to facilitate two modules of course work for the Bible Training Center curriculum. They were a blessing to us and especially for me since I was able to share and receive their wisdom and support in prayer. We do not have many project this coming year just one major one on the drawing board –a Pregnancy Counseling Center.

Praise God we had answers to many prayers made by many Christians and Christian groups about the lobbying by pro abortionist to change the abortion law. The consultant on the Gender Policy who is a Canadian recommended that the law should not be changed since the citizens are not ready to accept the change. "Who is like unto our Lord?" The lobbyists were livid. (Check the attachment) This means that the church has to become very focus on evangelism. We are having a two day a training workshop in February to equip pastors and workers to minister in the prevention and deliverance from risky behaviors (homosexuals, prostitutes, drug etc).

I thank the Lord for you and your support for me in this part of the world. At times I do feel it would be nice to be home but I know at this time here is where the Lord wants me to be. I thank the Lord for the doors that are open at this time. Trust that the holidays would be warm with family and friends and the Lord's favor in all your endeavors for the year 2010.

The following pictures are my Grands – Both my sons Josh and Joe live in Calgary.



My first Grands (Josh&Steph)
Micaiah, Josiah and Adrienne
Niaomi



My second Grands (Joe&Nola)
Shanae and Ariella

God Bless

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