



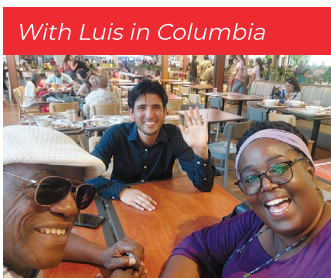
Greetings from Bonaire!

Over the last year, we have seen the hand of God guiding and providing for us in amazing ways. The Lord has really shown Himself to be our Shepherd.

The second half of 2022 was a very challenging one for us. Carlos had to undergo surgery to remove a cancerous tumor in his prostate. Since the operation could not be done in Bonaire he was sent to Colombia to have this procedure. We thank the Lord that Denise was able to join him. The surgery was scheduled for the 12th of December. At first, all was well but after a week he had to undergo another surgery due to a bowel obstruction. It was a very stressful and hard time for us as a family but our God is faithful. He carried us through this challenging time and even allowed us to make new friends in Colombia!



During our stay, we had opportunities to pray for people and share the gospel. One of those opportunities resulted in a sweet young lady named Sindy accepting the Lord. She tries to follow our church on Bonaire via Facebook on Sundays when we have church services. We have regular contact with her through a phone app called WhatsApp for prayer and to answer her questions about the Christian faith. There was another young Christian gentleman we got to know in Colombia. His name is Luis and he had many questions about the Bible. So for the last six months, Carlos has been discipling brother Luis via Zoom. Luis requested help in knowing how to share Christ with the people of Colombia and Carlos was able to share a course on Evangelism via Zoom with Luis. Brother Luis loved the course and is now sharing Christ in a variety of ways with the people in his community.



After the Evangelism course, Carlos shared the book: Understanding Your Bible by Professor Craig MacDonald. In April Carlos finished going through the book with Luis and he is eager to share what he learned about the grace of God with others. Luis has a great desire to go into the ministry.

PRAY: *Please pray that Luis will continue to grow and will be able to acquire more Bible training preparing him for ministry. We pray he may be used by God to help start a Bible study group in Medellin, Colombia. Pray also for Sindy to keep growing in Christ.*

On the 15th of January, 2023 we arrived back in Bonaire from Colombia. We were well received by our church family; they missed us and we missed them. The Lord is so good. Two years before this all happened the Lord put on the heart of Pastor John Lowder of Frontline Bible Church in Byron Center, MI to spend his sabbatical serving together with his family on the mission field. The mission field turned out to be Bonaire. We thank the Lord for bringing Pastor John and his family, along with missionary Anthony Beaulieu to Bonaire on January 16th just in time to help out in the ministry. The Lord knew we would need help in the ministry during this time as Carlos recovered from his operations. After a few weeks, Carlos was back to work again but he still takes medication and does physical therapy exercises.



PRAY: Please keep praying for Carlos's full recovery as we serve the Lord together in Bonaire.

In February a dear friend and brother in the Lord, Norman Wilson, passed away. Brother Norman was the first Grace Believer on Bonaire. Norman was always helpful and faithful in church and he loved studying the Word from our mid-Acts dispensational perspective. Carlos had the privilege to share the Gospel of the Grace of God at Brother Norman's funeral service. In his absence, we are providing his widow, Sister Leintje, with as much support as we are able. The Lord has comforted her and strengthened her in such a marvelous way. God is good!

PRAY: We thank God for the life and service of Brother Norman. We ask that you pray for sister Leintje, his two sons, the rest of his family, and our church family.

During their stay in Bonaire, the Lowders held Game Nights at their apartment in order to connect with unchurched people in the community. On one of these Game Nights, we met a young Dutchman. He became friends with Pastor John and Anthony and even came to church twice. He seems to be open to the Gospel. He told Denise that whenever we need help at church with the set up just call him and he will come help. Now that the Lowder family and Brother Anthony are gone we plan to keep in contact with him.

PRAY: We invite you to pray that he will continue to be in contact with us and will one day open his heart to Jesus.

We thank the Lord for our Sunday school teachers who are doing a great job for our church kids and are now reaching out to the neighborhood kids. Our Sunday school team together with the Lowder's team helped in organizing a Kids Evangelistic activity for the kids of the community where our church is located. Both teams went house to house inviting kids to our event. On the day of the activity we had several games and Denise shared the Gospel with the kids. The kids loved it! We thank the Lord that lots of kids came to the activity and that through this activity the door was opened for us to follow up on the kids and parents in our community.

PRAY: We pray for wisdom on how to follow up and reach out to these kids and parents. Pray that the kids and their parents will come to church and hear more about the Gospel.

Another ministry the Lowder's Team helped with was joining us in reaching out to the youth in our local public school here in Bonaire. One of our youth leaders, who is a teacher at the high school, invited Brother Anthony to come to her high school to talk to the youth about a Friday evening youth event we were hosting. God used Anthony's testimony to start a gospel revival among the young people of the high school. After sharing his story and the gospel in one class, one teacher after another invited Anthony to share his testimony in their class. Anthony and Pastor John even had the opportunity to lead several of the youth and teachers to Christ. During their visits, Anthony and Pastor John invited the students to come to our youth event on that Friday evening which was held at their school. Praise God that approximately fifty students and three teachers attended this outreach event.

PRAY: Please join us in praying that God will keep working in the hearts of these students and that they will continue to attend our youth activities in the high school and become Ambassadors for Christ in their school.

At the moment we are busy setting up the website for our Caribbean Grace Bible Institute. The institute will train and equip present and future leaders for our churches in Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, and the Netherlands. The Bible Institute is also open for other students who want to follow Basic Bible Theological studies. Carlos and Pastor Michael Look (of The Bible Church of Curacao) are working on the first-year video Theology lessons, getting them ready for future students on the Bible Institute website. We plan to start the Caribbean Grace Bible Institute in January 2024.

PRAY: We invite you to pray with us for the development of the Caribbean Grace Bible Institute website and the preparation of the video Bible courses.

We thank the Lord for you, and your prayers, encouragement, and continued support for our ministry on Bonaire!

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