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→ → → **Our most emotional and long-awaited success of this past year has materialized!**

Radio station WIVV on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico, is ONCE AGAIN ON-THE-AIR!

As we reported previously, WIVV was significantly damaged by Hurricane María on September 20, 2017 (over one year ago). The storm took down both our main transmitting tower plus the tower we use to receive programming from the mainland studio in San Juan. The station was dark (off-the-air) from the date of the hurricane until August 14, 2018. The comeback process was a very long one. First there was the clean-up: removing the old towers and preparing for the new towers. This could not even happen until the antenna field was drained of the lake of water which had collected in it (after removing several dead horses). Then, because of even more heavy rains, the field filled up with water again and had to be drained a second time. It was impossible to do the kinds of work we needed to do until it was dry. To complicate matters more, Vieques is an island, and the ferry service from the mainland was sporadic for quite some time. Merely receiving the new towers, guy lines, and other needed materials was a major and slow issue. Another long and complex matter was the paperwork with the FCC to construct a new tower (with some modifications we had requested). All of this to say, it took 11 months and 25 days to get us back on the air. Nevertheless ~ all praise to our God's careful direction and protection ~ it finally became a REALITY!

Immediately, upon WIVV resuming its broadcasting, people began to respond. The wonderful news spread like wildfire from one individual to another, and calls came in with expressions of great joy to have WIVV back in service. Our message is one of hope, and that is exactly what the people were longing for. Our programming is that of teaching the Word of God; our constituents depend on the daily support, strengthening, and repetitions of His eternal truths. It was indeed a marvelous thing to have the radio presence once again! One man in St. Thomas said he would turn on his radio every day to see if we were back on yet. He did so for almost an entire year; now that is a faithful listener!

The ministry of the Rock Radio Network is to faithfully dispense not only the reminders of our eternal and everlasting Hope and Confidence, but also the everyday dynamic of the Holy Spirit within Believers to direct our minds, our emotions, and our actions during our daily earth-living until we finally get There. The potential is there for hundreds of thousands of listeners to tune in and benefit from on a daily basis. That is the intangible part of what we do. The tangible part is more in line with the responsibilities which I (Lawrence) deal with every day. The operation and maintenance of the equipment and facilities is essential all the while, in order to be able to provide those messages.

For the first nine months after the hurricane, it seemed that nothing was being accomplished to improve the operation or even maintain it. Each day's time allotment was used in "Hurricane Recovery." New problems (challenges) kept popping up which were caused by the effects of the hurricane. Now, over a year later, I am able to move on with some pending projects; but, as I check my work schedule, it is amazing how much is still Hurricane Recovery. I don't know how long it will take to feel like we are normal and progressing. We have been through many hurricanes, but none has had the effects as that of María.

~ Barbara continues to present a positive pro-life message each quarter in our local church, Iglesia Bíblica de Juana Díaz. This is a wonderful opportunity to keep the theme of God's unique creation of human beings constant and high in the minds of our fellow-worshippers ~ a very important underscore of the fact

that the official Declaration of Faith of this church includes several paragraphs of explanation (with Scriptures) regarding our definite position as an organization based on God's Word. Her last presentation was on October 7; the next one (around CHRISTmas) is expected to be particularly dynamic. Check out the Institute for Creation Research article (ICR.org) by Dr. Randy Guliuzza dated December 2009, and ask for permission from them and from your church board ~ then prepare to help your co-parishioners be pleasantly blown away!

Prayer requests:

- Mental sharpness to deal with the constant and seemingly daily new glitches to face, often technical and frequently complex in terms of schedules and time-related decisions. We do thank the Lord profusely that we can look back and recognize progress, but the constant sense of so much being urgent is taxing, so please emphasize, "taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ" in your prayers for us. THANK you!
- For people as they scan their radio dials and find our stations, to be be captivated by what they hear, ~ and remain to become new listeners confronted by the Word of God.
- As people have specific spiritual needs, that they would tune in at the precise time to be drawn in to hear a biblical message which speaks to their own situation.
- Because we have limited staff and each person is vital to the operation, that God would protect their health.

We do actually cherish your prayerful participation for us and for these ministries.

Wishing you all a very blessed Thanksgiving experience and wonderful CHRISTmas memory-making and re-living times with our marvelous Savior plus other someone(s) precious to you,

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Barbara's pro-life talk on October 7, 2018