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Hello again from Radio Land in Puerto Rico!

How very appropriate that one of our newsletters always falls in the very month of each year which is dedicated to broadcast works/ministries here on the island. . . A N D ~ May is also the Month of the Bible ~ an especially congenial celebration for those of us with Calvary Evangelistic Mission's Rock Radio Network, since these stations use the vast majority of their airtime to expose and explain the Holy Scriptures. WCGB (1060 AM), WBMJ (1190 AM), and WIVV (1370 AM) spend almost all 24 hours of every seven days doing just that. :-~) In fact, some of the music normally played during the nighttime hours over The Rock Radio is currently being replaced by more Bible-teaching presentations. Do pray for our many listeners making these auditory transitions.



Lawrence and Barbara

That's the reason we two Trumbowers still call the south coast of Puerto Rico our home ~ and Christian radio our life work, now well into our 37th year under Grace Ministries International.

As engineer of the three Spanish/English stations, Lawrence's most recent projects have been very maintenance-heavy, which involves a great amount of road and boat travel as well. But the ferry to Vieques is cost-free, since he's over 75 . . . which softens the blow of having to take so long to get there and back each time!

Every day has significance to it, even though we can't see our audience's immediate reactions. The San Juan office in particular receives letters, phone calls, emails, internet messages, and personal visits. One recent fun note from nearby Ponce read:

"God bless you all. Do you know the first thing I do in the morning? Get up, go straight to my radio, passing the bathroom, to hear your wonderful station [WCGB]. LOL. Such a blessing to hear you all and blessing my day! Pray that I will never 'not hear' you in Ponce."

As the islanders find each year's challenges even more strenuous than the previous one's, the Rock Radio stations continue to infuse each day with inspiring programs designed to remind us of God's Beauty, Truth, and Faithfulness ~ wonderful constants in the midst of ever-increasing schedule changes, rising prices,

health concerns, and political dynamics. Even as we write this letter, the first day of an island-wide demonstration is being staged by various groups, to protest corruption in government. Everyday folks are sensing a desperate need to make their voices heard. Oh, that more of them would tune into this network to hear of the sufficiency which can be found in Christ!

This year's Prayerathon/Sharathon did not bring in the quantity of faith promises as in other years. Nevertheless, to quote the CEM newsletter, "We are rejoicing, given the bankrupt Puerto Rican economy and the exodus of the workforce to the US Mainland. We continue teaching God's Word, knowing He will supply every need, as He has since CEM was founded in 1953." Now that's a legitimate and healthy perspective! All praise to Him ~ and shades of Habakkuk 3:17-19a!



Felix Gabriel at the controls

We trust you had a greatly joyful Resurrection Day! Best celebration of the year!

On to other fronts: Local believers (GMI missionary personnel, Iglesia Bíblica de Juana Díaz, and Campamento del Caribe) presented a first Missionary Conference, March 27-30, featuring the Aliceas and Trumbowers from here, the Seravallis (Nicaragua), and GMI Executive Director Jeremy Clark, formerly serving in Costa Rica. Attendees, especially the youth who came, asked many good questions regarding future service in missions. All presentations were energetic and long-range useful, so we have high expectation for what can be added to that next time around.

The final week in February Barbara enjoyed a blessed, uplifting week as the guest of the wonderful personal friends at SonShine Oaks [Christian] Retreat & Guest Home in Wadmalaw Island, SC. Look it up online ~ they offer a superb experience, and the setting is absolutely beautiful.

Another personal praise ~ our family in Central Asia received all five renewed one-year visas, and we have tickets to visit them, Lord willing, in June! By the way, for safety reasons for them, please do not use their last name in any online correspondence or information. I even refer to them in 3rd person language on my blogposts. (B) And FYI ~ Barbara uses WhatsApp only for communicating with our kids ~ Thanks.

For our Savior, the needy island of Puerto Rico, and ultimately even the entire Body of Christ,

~ Lawrence and Barbara Trumbower