

# Waymire Newsletter – February 2007

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## ***Greetings From Aruba,***

Our God is truly a great God. His love and care for His people is beyond words.

We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to reach the lost in Aruba. Without your support we could not step through the doors that God has opened.

## **Freed-Hardeman Lectureship**

Carol and I were privileged to speak at the FHU lectureship. The lectureship is always a great source of information and knowledge and is uplifting to those who attend.

It was great seeing many of you and visiting with family while we were in Tennessee. I even got to play in the snow with Parker, our grandson. It was a great trip.

## **Update On the Cooper Family**

Ricky Cooper will be taking our place in the work in Aruba. He and his family are from the island of Trinidad. The process to clear the paperwork started about nine months ago. Once we receive one more document the paperwork will be ready for submission to DIMAS (*clearing office for all foreign workers*).

Ricky has been preaching for six years and has demonstrated the ability to lead, teach and reach out to the lost. We feel that Ricky has prepared himself for the work and will do an excellent job in Aruba. Please continue to pray for him and his family.

## **Leadership And Church Growth Workshop**

This was the 9<sup>th</sup> year for the Leadership and Church Growth Workshop. This year it was held on the island of Antigua at the St. Johns Church of Christ. I was honored to be able to be one of the speakers this year. The theme was, “*Go Tell It To The World.*”

It was especially uplifting to be in Antigua because this was my doorway to the Caribbean in 1979. Don Starks was heading a campaign that would help to establish the Villa Church of Christ. Today there are four congregations on Antigua. The Villa congregation now has four elders and more than 100 in attendance. To God be the glory!

We had speakers from St. Kitts, St. Thomas, Aruba, Curacao, Puerto Rico, Canada, Florida, Trinidad, Dominica and Anguilla. All the speakers did an excellent job. We were able to share ideas and strategies for reaching the lost, building the church and motivating the members of the Lord’s church.

Next year the workshop will be on the island of Curacao. The date for the workshop is April 2-5, 2008 and the theme is “*Persevering the future of the church of Christ in the Caribbean*”. For more information you may contact Alford Lazar via e-mail at [alford@bbits.com](mailto:alford@bbits.com) or call him at 599-9-566-8262. (*Yes there is an extra digit "9" in the number.*)

## **Replanting The Church In Fort McMurry, Canada**

In January, the Gonzales family relocated to Fort McMurry, Canada. The family had obeyed the gospel in July and August and they quickly grew in their love for the Lord and their desire to serve Him. At present, the church of Christ does not meet in Fort McMurry but soon will be assembling on a regular basis.

Humberto and his family recently bought a house and will soon be holding regular services each Sunday. He has already made contact with one erring member and is in contact with the church in Edmonton, Canada and they will be assisting him to re-establish the work. In August, I will travel to Fort McMurry to conduct a short meeting and to help Humberto move forward with the work of the Lord’s church. Please keep this family, the work and the future plans in your prayers. If you would like to send them an encouraging word you may contact them via email: [gonzalezhve@yahoo.com](mailto:gonzalezhve@yahoo.com) or by phone at 780-714-6172.

## **The Family**

God’s love and protection is felt every day in our lives. We are blessed with good health and the ability to serve the Master one more day. We pray we will have many years of continued service in His kingdom.

***Larry, Carol and Brittany***