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Dear Fellow Believers,

"Things are moving at a snail's pace." A statement that I hear here quite often when someone seems to be taking a very long time to get something done. It has been about a year since I was informed about a property that could be turned over to my ministry and has not come through as yet. I had even wondered if plans had been cancelled but was recently told that it is still on the table. I am now told that the final decision will probably not be taken until October.

The main reason for the delay is that the group that is currently using the building has not closed their doors as yet and they are still in discussion as to what to do. In the meantime, I was informed to just be a little more patient and wait until October. The building will need some renovation and repairs. The roof for example is in definite need of repairs because of a design flaw that allowed rain to get in one end of the building. Who ever had designed that end of the roof because of an addition failed to take into consideration the wind and rain direction I am told.

In spite of that, the Wednesday morning Bible study continues to have new visitors. About a month ago, one new visitor that began to attend the Bible study is the former minister of Education, Irene Dick. She was the first cabinet minister to be honored with a copy of the Word of God, the Bible. The year was 2015 and Frederiksted Baptist Church, St. Croix was the church that had graciously provided the Bible for her. Since she began to attend, she has attended all the sessions so far.

Two weeks ago, one gentleman became a new believer in Christ. He was reached by a coworker who attended the Wednesday night prayer and Bible study. It was a period of four years in talking with this gentleman before he finally believed the gospel. I am now with two others in a similar situation. They keep coming back with all types of questions but it has been a few witnessing to them without any response. One of them told me he wants to start from the very beginning again so he can make sure that he understands salvation.

Pray for each of them including Mrs. Irene Dick for their salvation. It is a good start to see her attending every week. She did tell me that she reviews the notes that are taken for the purpose of revision. Also pray for the decision that will need to be made next month as this will determine if this building will be transferred or not. I was hoping that I would have known something more certain by now but that is not the case at the moment.

In His Service,

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"...the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2