



The Westbrook Family

Missionaries to the West Indies

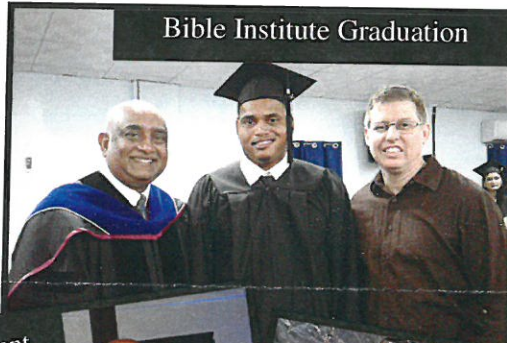


Newness of Life

I have been trying to get this newsletter out for the last month, but God is blessing and the work is thriving so there is no shortage of things to do. Thank you for your patience. I'll start working on the next newsletter now, so I can get it out in a more timely fashion!

God is blessing in so many ways. Several of our young men have been attending Bible College here on the island and Bro. Nick Jitman has completed phase one of his education at Trinidad Bible Institute. We rejoice with him in what God has done thus far. Keep him in prayer as he continues to serve the Lord and as he continues his Bible College education.

Earlier in the year Trinidad celebrated "Carnival", which is similar to Mardi Gras. It is a time of lewdness and promiscuity throughout the island. During this time each year we make a concerted effort to teach the biblical viewpoint regarding relationships, that all sex outside of marriage is sin. We had special events that addressed this



Bible Institute Graduation



Couples Event



Baptism



Ladies' Bible Study

topic specifically with our teens, young adults, and married couples. However, because Carnival is viewed by many as simply part of Trinidad's culture, there are many people who struggle with temptation and put themselves in compromising situations during this time. "But thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

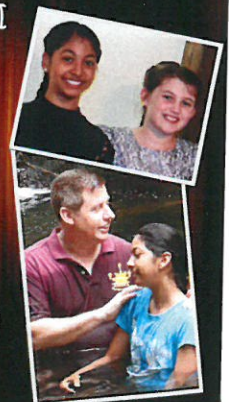
God has also been blessing the ladies' ministry of our church. Marie, recently took a number of our ladies through a seven week Bible study on the life of Gideon. Our church has benefited greatly from these types of studies and we have seen tremendous growth in many of these ladies!

One of my favorite things, as a missionary, is when I get to help someone proclaim their allegiance to Christ by following the Lord in believer's baptism! I recently had the privilege of helping five people do that. What a joy it is to see people buried with Him in baptism and raised to walk in newness of life!

Kara's Korner

It was so good to see my friend, Rekhanna, get baptized. I was able to take part in a small way, I was the cameraman...

I mean "camera-girl"! It is exciting to see your friends make a commitment to the Lord!



Paperwork Update

We are still in a "holding pattern" regarding our paperwork for residency. Our residency hasn't been finalized as of yet because there is a back log of applications that the immigration division is working on. However, we do have enough paperwork in order that they will allow us to come in and get an extension every 90 days. We have been able to do that several times now without any problem. At a time when most missionaries have left, we are thankful that God has seen fit to keep us here. Please continue to pray that God's will would be done in this matter.