



Your Love Surrounds Me In The Eye of the Storm



Hurricane Maria

In the islands, we know what it's like to be in the 'eye of the storm.' The before, during, and after can be overwhelming. Before—anticipating what may come, depending on the track of the storm. During—as the winds and rain rage, and the sounds of destruction are all around.

After—as the process of just living day-to-day becomes so much more difficult, not to mention trying to put things back together and trying to return to

some sense of normalcy. Through it all, the testimony of many has been that God has indeed been the anchor.

Many of you anticipate WIVH's Share-A-Thon each year as a time to celebrate another year of broadcasting. This year we will celebrate doubly as we praise God for bringing us through last year's devastation and helping us get back on the air to celebrate our 25th year of broadcasting in the Virgin Islands!

Our theme is based on the song by Ryan Stevenson from his *Fresh Start* album called "**Eye of the Storm.**" Because many have lost so much, we are not doing Share-A-Thon as we normally do. The details will follow in a separate letter and on the air, but we want to give those who *are* able a chance to support the ministry of WIVH. If you can help, consider what God would have you give, then call us at 1-800-245-3688.

Damage Assessment at WIVH

Plans are being made for a work team from Pennsylvania to come to St. Croix in May to make repairs to the WIVH studios damaged by Hurricane Maria. WIVH resumed broadcasting just 3 months after the hurricane devastated the islands. Many other radio and TV stations have yet to go back on the air.

Danny Brubaker (pictured on the right), from Pennco Contracting, volunteered to accompany Tim Madeira on his most recent trip and put together a list of jobs that need to be accomplished as well as a list of tools, materials and manpower needed to get it done. He will also be heading up the work team in May.

We are in particular need of larger power tools already on island to reduce what may need to be shipped to get the work done. We are also in need of meals for the men who are coming to do the work.

If you are interested in helping in any way, please call us at the studio. This work trip is coming up quickly so we need to put together all the pieces as soon as possible. Call Tim at 1-800-245-3688 for details.



FROM US

To you



To the WIVH family,

What lesson have you learned lately? I'm still learning the lesson of trust, as in *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart..."* (Proverbs 3:5). I have trusted Him for salvation — I did that a long time ago. I guess the thing I'm still learning is the second part *"...And lean not on your own understanding."* My recent trip to St. Croix revealed to me that while I trust God for the 'big things,' sometimes I still want to figure out the 'little things' for myself. When things happen that are beyond my control, how do I respond?

There is another Scripture, Proverbs 16:9, that tells us *"A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps."* When I traveled to WIVH in March, I had certain things I planned to accomplish. When I completed them all, I was ready to come home. When WIVH went off the air the morning I was scheduled to leave, *my plans* went out the window, and the Lord's direction took over! In those three extra days on island, I accomplished more with God's provision than in the previous week.

I would love to say I adjusted immediately to this 'interruption,' but while it may have appeared I adjusted outwardly, inwardly I was struggling. Maybe you are too. God knows our struggles, but still says in Proverbs 3:6, *"...In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."* We can trust when we don't understand. We can trust when we don't see the end. We can trust because God is trustworthy!

Still learning to trust completely,

Tim + Heather

Tim & Heather Madeira

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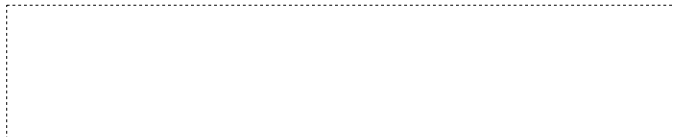
On May 3, 2018, millions of Christians will gather and unite in prayer for our nation. Prayer brings people

National Day of Prayer

together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons and political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go. Prayer brings UNITY. In 2018, the theme will be Pray for America - UNITY, based on the verse: *"Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace,"* (Ephesians 4:3).

Our hope is that individuals, churches, and spiritual leaders will humble ourselves and unify in prayer for the next great move of God in the Virgin Islands and beyond. We can come together in clear agreement that this is our greatest need. We can pray more than ever before, and practice extraordinary prayer for a great move of God that will catapult the message of the gospel nationally and internationally.

On St. Croix, there will be a gathering at the Sunny Isle Amphitheater on Thursday, May 3 at 7pm. Many area pastors are encouraging the Body of Christ to join this local event in conjunction with hundreds of events held across the United States each year on the first Thursday in May for the National Day of Prayer. Details for the gathering on St. Thomas will be listed on our website at wivh.org as those details become available.



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