

"It Is For The Lord"



Donald Bridgeman

Cane Bay resident, Don Bridgeman, a long time listener and friend of WIVH offered parts and time to remedy a problem with the STL cable at WIVH. This equipment is crucial in carrying the station's signal from the studio to the transmitter.

John Marcon

John Marcon, of Orange Grove, volunteered to help with recent technical problems at WIVH. He is electronics teacher at Vo Tech in St. Croix and offers his help to WIVH because he said, "It is for the Lord."

Long Time Listener



A long-time, every day listener to WIVH is Lenora Williams, of Richmond. She and the Bowmans recently met in town and were delighted to get acquainted. She loves WIVH.

Prayer & Praise

PRAISE: God for His faithfulness in seeing WIVH through a blessed year of ministry in 2009

PRAY: that God will greatly use WIVH to change lives in 2010.

PRAY: that He will raise up even more loyal listeners and supporters.

PRAY: for Jon and Tiff Bowman as they serve as station operators.

PRAY: for strength and wisdom for the management of WIVH, may all decisions be to God's glory.

God Blessed WIVH During 2009

The year 2009 was a blessed one for WIVH's radio ministry. "The faithful giving of listeners made it possible for this listener-supported station to broadcast twenty-four hours each day. "Listeners continued to express their love for the ministry because of the influence for good it has in their lives and on the islands," said WIVH General Manager, Burl Updyke.

Highlights of the year include enrollment of a prison inmate in WIVH's Correspondence School. The school, an outreach ministry of the station continues to minister to listeners. Approximately sixty-six students participated in 2008. The station manager noted that some listeners may desire to contribute funds to cover this ministry, which is provided free of charge.

Through the year, loyal listeners offered their help with electronic problems. John Marcon was one of them and Herbert Schoenbohm another one.

We learned that Nelly O'Reilly, Virgin Island Senator is a WIVH listener and a new island was heard from as we talked to a tourist on Culebra, off the coast of Puerto Rico. A Hazleton, Pennsylvania family who listens to WIVH's sister station, WRGN, visited the studios here and we laughed with Roseline Bell who says WIVH is her million dollar station. "It means that

much to me," she said.

Shar-A-thon, held in May was successful July marked WIVH's 16th birthday. We had fun with a "Hi Five" contest, when listeners invited five friends to listen.

October was an important month in WIVH's ministry. Local pastors were honored as listeners wrote in tribute to them and new WIVH operators, Jonathan and Tiffany Bowman, and family, began their service at the studios. Steve and Jean Schulze finished their two year term here.

Countless listeners expressed their joy in being able to support WIVH. Their input on the talk show, "Shirl And You," made for an interesting and fun time for all listeners. "Pray for WIVH and the staffs, both here and in Pennsylvania, as they strive to make the station better than ever in 2010," said Updyke.

At The Studios



Tiffany and Jon Bowman

Happy New Year wishes come from the staff of WIVH and us the operators here.

It was a rough month as electronic equipment gave us trouble. We thank God for John Marcon's and Don Bridgeman's help. We think the problems have been resolved.

We had a visit planned with Don Bridgeman only to learn that he had been in a head-on car accident. Fortunately, there were no injuries. However, Don must locate a different vehicle. Pray for his health and a quick solution to his circumstances.

We notice that since the October time change in the states, fewer WIVH listeners are participating in the "Shirl and You" program. Listeners should note that Shirl is now heard at 11:00 a.m. When Spring time arrives, it's back to the original time.

Anella Pinney, a faithful listener, talked to Shirl and was asked if islanders make fruit cake for the Christmas holidays? She said that Black Cake is similar as raisins, currents, and apricots are added to cake ingredients. Lemon grass tea is popular among island listeners and goes well with "Black Cake."

Suzanna Sanis, another faithful listener from St. Croix, asked if a lot of chocolate would be consumed during her holidays. "No way," she said. Why not? Because her migraine headaches makes her stay away from chocolate, Coca Cola and cheese. The subject on "Shirl and You" was also "love letters" and Suzanna remembered the first love letter she wrote, 18 years ago, to her husband, Andy.

As retiree of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Raphael Johnson was invited to attend a banquet at the Divi Hotel. We wonder if he appreciated the food served there? At the time when we talked to him, he was eating a candy cane after enjoying a sardine salad with onion and garlic cooked in olive oil and a cup of anise tea. How could food at the banquet surpass what Raphael eats at home?

With Christmas utmost in our minds we noted two most appropriate estates here in St. Croix, one named Bethlehem and the other, Humbug but we talked to no one who had the humbug

Friends Meet At 'Show Time'



Sage Bowman, daughter of WIVH station operators, is shown with her good friend Keiana, daughter of Debbie Bryan. The girls love sharing a blanket and popcorn at WIVH's Show Time. It's a great time for children and is held the first Saturday of every month, 7:00 p.m., in the yard at WIVH. Call 718-2852 for information. Everyone's invited.

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What a surprise when we talked to tourist, Donna Borkowski. Her home is in Philadelphia, but at the time she called, she was at the beach in St. Thomas, listening to WIVH. When the temperatures were in the teens in Pennsylvania, she described the ocean as blue and warm.

Thanks to everyone who remembered us during Christmas, your love and concern makes being away from home a bit easier.

SHOW TIME

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7:00 p.m. at WIVH Studios

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