

WIVH Operators Welcome A Baby Girl



Missionaries, Jonathan and Tiffany Bowman, who serve as station operators at WIVH, welcomed a new member to their family just in time for the New Year. Tiffany holds Meadow Bea, born 1:42 p.m. on December 31. She is two days old in the photo. The Bowmans have four children. The others are Sage, River and Cove.

Another Contest Winner



Patricia James, Estate La Reine, was named a winner in WIVH's Sticker Game. Her car was spotted at the Sunny Isle Shopping Center. She works at Mini World and listens to WIVH all day.

Remembering 2010

The year 2010 began with the promise of improved broadcasting of WIVH and this promise was fulfilled but not without many unexpected problems. "A new transmitter was purchased along with a new antenna and antenna cable. We thought installation would go quickly, but this was not the case," said Burl Updyke, WIVH manager. The project was begun and expected to be completed by Shar-A-Thon time in May, however because of problems at the new tower site, it was nearly four months later before the new installation was working well. The result is better reception in the Virgin Islands, for some not hearing the station previously. Listeners had to tune to a new frequency, F.M. 89.9.

In May volunteers came from Pennsylvania to work on the property roof and shortly thereafter Shar-A-Thon was conducted. It ended close to \$6,000 short of its goal of \$34,000. Because of the changes underway, the station had been running at reduced power and this was credited with the drop in giving.

In order to familiarize listeners with the new frequency a sticker game was begun. Listeners continued to give to the station and within a few months the Shar-A-Thon goal was met. Although obstacles to the improvements were great, listeners stayed encouraged believing that WIVH would come back

Prayer and Praise

PRAY: for the many families struggling with financial problems.

PRAY: may many new listeners find WIVH in the New Year.

PRAY: ask for God's blessing as WIVH broadcasts a message of hope here.

PRAY: may many choose to live God's way in 2011

PRAISE: God for His faithfulness, love and the joy He gives.

better than ever and after broadcasting for several months at reduced power, WIVH was back stronger than ever.

An Open House was held at the studios on November 13 in praise to God's faithfulness to the station. Many attended the event. Although spiritual forces seemed determined to stop the improvements, the station is now up to full power and full format. Show Time and WIVH's Correspondence School are both operating and are free outreach ministries to listeners. "In our quest to keep broadcasting the gospel of Jesus Christ, we were undaunted by the problems, and God honored our faithfulness and that of WIVH listeners," said Burl Updyke as he looks forward to greater radio ministry in the Virgin Islands in 2011..

At The Studios



Tiffany and Jon Bowman

How wonderful that we are starting the New Year with a new bundle of joy at our house. Meadow Bea was born December 31, at 1:42 p.m. She weighed in at 8 lbs. 4 ozs. and is 21 ½ inches long. We are now the proud parents of 2 boys and 2 girls, including Sage, River and Cove.

Many listeners enjoy WIVH's "Shirl and You" program and its on that program that we get acquainted with many WIVH listeners.

Recently we learned that Rose Marie Joseph hasn't had a cold for years. What's her secret? Bush tea! What's in it? Just about everything, She recommends starting with sage, marjoram, sour sop, basil, lemon grass,— you name it.

Charlene Davis, Zion Hill, refers to WIVH as her refueling station. "We need it," she said. It gives the house an entirely different feel and its not what we feel but what we believe that we are hearing. She encouraged listeners by saying, "Don't give up on God, He doesn't give up on us."

Romish Singh, talked to Shirl recently and we learned that he owns and operates "Singh Fast Food," on King St. in Christiansted. "I've eaten there," said another caller.

Arthur Appleton and his wife came to St. Croix eight years ago. He hails from Chicago and she from Tempe, Ariz. Although St. Croix is home now, the Appletons miss the change in the seasons.

We talked to many Crusicians who prefer to celebrate Christmas quietly, many of them don't put up a tree. "We won't have a big day and not a big meal, just a few close friends as we celebrate Christ's birth," said Annella Pinney. Annella loves WIVH. "It brings me closer to the Lord," she said.

Leroy Vidal, a faithful listener, thanked Shirl for always remembering the Virgin Islands on her show. Leroy's only celebration of Christmas was with prayers and supplication for the New Year.

Cleveland Tong offered advice as he said, "A scripture a day keeps the devil away. Fortify yourself with prayer and God's Word."

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A Faithful WIVH Listener



Diantha Maillard, of Estate Humbug, is pictured with Jamil Maillard. WIVH plays at her home and is enjoyed by the family. She loves the music and the programs.

"Does anyone in St. Croix yodel?" asked Shirl. Joyelyn Powell who lives in the middle of the island, didn't know anyone who could, but she remembers an evangelist from Jamaica who did.

Arnelda Joseph was among those we met at Open House. She said, "Thanks for WIVH." Valerie Matthew's comment reflects the thinking of many listeners. She said, "I pray WIVH will be on the air forever."

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