

"Friends" Of WIVH Celebrate Christmas



Garilyn Stanley, and Gene Barker help themselves to the delicious food served at the Friends of WIVH party.



Twenty seven "Friends Of WIVH" attended a recent Christmas party, held on December 18. Shown are Chris and John Boucher, Ernice and Charlene Gilbert, Leandro Diaz, Larry and Debbie Titsworth, Lorna and Gabriel Edwards, Lois and Gene Barker, Christine Isaac, Edna O'Riley, Doreen Hay, Dorothy Weeks, April Nesbit, Steve Mayers, Rosemarie Joseph, Helena Straker, Garilyn Stanley, Veronica Prescott and Jon, Tiffany, Cove, River and Meadow Bea Bowman.

Last Year In Review

"Another year has passed and at WIVH we are counting the blessings of serving God with the ministry of Christian radio here in the Virgin Islands," said Burl Updyke, General Manager. "Operators, Jon and Tiffany Bowman, have done a good job of reaching out to the listening audience, not only by keeping the equipment operating smoothly but also in reaching out personally to listeners at the studios and at events at which WIVH participated," he said.

A quick review of the past year evokes exciting memories as WIVH clearly broadcasts the message of God's love over the airwaves. It was not entirely exempt of problems and extra costs. Computers needed to be replaced and the generator seemed destined to give problems by not starting when needed. Shar-A-Thon reached its goal and most listeners pledging contributions have kept their pledges and WIVH is able to meet its monthly expenses.

The "Word of Hope" broadcast featuring local pastors began in April. Its purpose was to offer hope to listeners in both good and bad times. A Sticker Game was underway as listeners were encouraged to place a WIVH sticker on their cars. The station celebrated its nineteenth year of ministry and the Bowmans began a program of reaching tourists with information on how to tune in to good listening while visiting the islands.

Enrollment in WIVH's Correspondence School continued throughout the year and attendance at the monthly WIVH Show Time grew in great numbers. Making direct contact with listeners was possible as WIVH participated in "Project Homeless Connect," "Mango Melee," and "Joy Fest Gospel Ministries." The Bowmans also greeted visitors at "Family Fun Days."

Letters and testimonies on how WIVH continues to attract new listeners and how the station is making a difference in lives are received and heard daily here. "To God be the Glory," said Burl Updyke.

Prayer and Praise

PRAISE: God has given us another year of opportunity to broadcast His Word over the airwaves in 2013.

PRAISE: God for new listeners, for those being impacted by the daily broadcasts of WIVH.

PRAY: that listeners will realize the need to contribute to listener-supported WIVH.

PRAISE: God for the many blessings WIVH broadcasts 24/7 over the airwaves.

PRAY: That many souls will be reached for the Lord Jesus as WIVH faithfully broadcasts the Good News of the Gospel.

PRAY: that this New Year will be a most prosperous year for the station, as it faces increases in operating costs.

**Because of you, WIVH is
able to broadcast the
'Good News' 24/7**



The "Friends of WIVH" meeting was a Christmas Celebration, held at the station on December 18. This included a feast of food consisting of delicious smoked turkey, chicken wings, Steve's roast pork, rice and beans, Johnny cake, Crucian stuffing, salad and much more. For dessert, Helena Straker brought one of her famous cakes, and there were other desserts, too. After the meal, John Boucher played the guitar while everyone lifted their voices singing Christmas Carols. We believe that the entire East End of the Island was blessed by the music.

As we rejoiced over the blessed memories of 2012 at WIVH, we compiled testimonies of what WIVH means to those in attendance. Here are a few of the thoughts they left with us.

Eunice and Charlotte Gilbert, Estate Castle Coakley, said, "We appreciate the various programs. WIVH is a strong source to receive the Word of God and the music is awesome."

Larry and Debbie Titsworth, Estate Tipperary, said that WIVH meant "Family" to them.

"I love WIVH because its focus is on God. The programming is very educational and driven by scripture," said Leandro Diaz, of Estate Cottage.

"I love WIVH because it keeps me on track when I need a Word from God. It's a beacon when you seem to be drifting away from the Lord and Savior," said Dorothy Weeks, of Christiansted.

"WIVH lifts my spirits real high. I love to listen to Tony Evans," said Christine Isaac, Christiansted.

Gabriel and Lorna Edwards, Estate Solitude, said, " We love WIVH because it sets the captive free through the preaching of the Word. We love Jon, Tiffany and the children, too."

Steve Mayers, of Estate Mt. Pleasant, said he keeps WIVH on in his house 24/7. "It's where the Word of God is spoken and demons will flee," he said.

Jon and Tiffany received many compliments on their work at the station. They said, "We look forward to the New Year 2013 and pray that God will continue to use WIVH for His glory and to strengthen believers in the daily walk with Him."

Impacted In A Positive Way

"Blessings are being wished for WIVH"... Sadie Peterson, Kingshill, recently wrote in a note to WIVH to express her thankfulness for the station's programs. She said, "May our Lord and Savior continue to bless this radio station and all who work in it. WIVH is a life line to so many. God bless you."

Crystal Rodgers was among those contacting WIVH this month via email. She wrote of the positive impact the station is having on her life:

"I want to thank the entire WIVH family for providing its "Voice of Hope." I am so happy to have found this station that has impacted me in a very positive way. I have not been a church goer but I am a strong believer in our God. I consider myself more spiritual than I am religious. I praise and thank God every day and I know that my purpose here on earth is far beyond myself. I am feeling, now more than ever, that I should find a church and attend more frequently. I have two young children and I want them to grow up being close to God. We talk about God a lot and I read them Bible stories but I still ask myself if I should be attending church? Thanks again. WIVH's music, discussions, and words of encouragement are extremely uplifting. It is a beautiful way to start and end my day. This station keeps me faithful and hopeful!!

'Show-Time' Appreciated!



WIVH Operator Jon Bowman and Michael Hughes.

WIVH operators, Jon and Tiffany Bowman received a beautiful hand-made gift from Michael Hughes, a new Show Time attendee. He said he has attended Show Time three times and appreciated each movie shown.

The Bowmans met Michael and his wife, Jeanie at Mango Melee, where both had booths and the Bowmans invited them to Show Time. Show Time is held the first Saturday of the month at WIVH. Everyone is asked to bring chairs or cushions. The Feature Film begins at 7:00 p.m. Free popcorn and lemonade is provided. Call 718-2852 for directions.

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Gabriel and Lorna Edwards, of Estate Solitude, have been encouragers and supporters of the ministry for many years.

Listeners are encouraged to contact WIVH by U. S. mail at 5007 Estate Mt. Washington, Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI, 00820-4565