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### "St.Croix's Full Time Christian Station"

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## **Shar-A-Thon Over The Top!**



Among the many volunteers making Shar-A-Thon possible were: Roselyn Bell, Christiane Isaac, Martha Raphael and Lorna Edwards.



When the goal was met, a group of Shar-A-Thon participants sang "Amazing Grace."

WIVH listeners showed their loving approval of their own Christian radio station as they made faith promises during WIVH Shar-A-thon 2011 held on May 13 and 14. Jonathan Broscious and Tim Madeira flew from WIVH's sister station, WRGN, in Pennsylvania. to conduct the event.

By the second day of Shar-A-Thon, the goal of \$34,000 was reached and in less than an additional hour and a quarter, by 2:00 p.m., \$3,000 more was pledged. This was the amount needed to cover recent generator repairs. "We are praising God for how listeners responded to our call for funds needed to

### Microwave Antenna Installed



Improving the studio signal to Blue Mountain where WIVH's transmitter is located was accomplished by the installation of a larger microwave dish. Jonathan Bowman and Tim Madeira are pictured here.

# Prayer and Praise

**PRAISE:** God for a successful Shar-A-Thon, for increased participation and the willingness of volunteers to help.

**PRAISE**: Many express their love for the station and for how it is encouraging them in their Christian walks.

**PRAISE**: God for His greatness and enabling power in making the station possible.

**PRAISE**: More listeners are daily finding joy in hearing the Good News broadcasts of WIVH.

enable WIVH to operate for another year. It's by listener-support that WIVH is able to broadcast 24 hours every day," said Burl Updyke, station manager/founder. Broadcasting is possible at such a low budget because station operators, Jonathan and Tiffany Bowman, have raised their own support.

One hundred and eighty-eight contributors made Shar-A-Thon pledges, including those who pledged prior to and following the event. Forty-one contributors became day sponsors. Adding in the funds raised during Mission Possible, in Pennsylvania, the grand total is nearly \$60,000. "This is absolutely one of the marvelous ways of how God is meeting the needs of the station in keeping WIVH broadcasting the Good News of the Gospel in the Virgin Islands," Updyke said he believes the greater participation is because of the increase in power the station radiates over the islands.





Tiffany and Jon Bowman

Without the help of volunteers, the recent WIVH Shar-A-Thon would not have been a success. Thanks goes to those answering phones, bringing food and the many prayer partners. Also thank you to Dana MacKay who watched our children during the event.

Roseline Bell helped with Shar-A-Thon and described it as "awesome." She said she loves everything about WIVH.

On a recent "Shirl and You" program, Nevin Francis, Jr. offered a song in honored of Mothers.

It was good to hear from Clifford Cuffy, St. Croix, he was among those enjoying Shar-A-Thon. He mentioned one song in particular that blesses him when played on WIVH. The song is "Breath of Prayer by Michael Card.

A new listener, Enox Duncan, Upper Love, said gasoline was as high in St. Croix as it is in the states. He said he has listened a long time to WIVH and especially appreciates. Tony Evans programming.

A new caller to "Shirl And You," is Helen Yarwood, Strawberry Hill, who has been listening about one year. She is employed as a clinical assistant nurse. Her husband is Chris. She said it's always summer in St. Croix, although there are floras that bloom in the spring.

Ex-police officer, Sinclair Fleming, of South Shore, said rain is always welcomed here. When asked about crime in St. Croix, he said he thought it was manageable. He believes it will never be eradicated, but can be kept at a minimum.

Rafael Johnson's breakfast made the headlines again. When talking with him, Shirl always asks what he had for breakfast. It's clear that it is never complete without Bush Tea and it's made many ways, depending on a person's likes and what herbs are growing in their garden. Rafael suggests that people go to the Potter to be molded and shaped by Him. He said the only person we need to report to is God, so live His way.

Ingrid Chapman had recently attended a Full Gospel Business Men's week of meetings. She has listened to WIVH since day one of its broadcasting.



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## What To Do In An Emergency?



While electricians worked to improve the electrical entry at the station, there was no power. What to do? Jonathan Bowman and Jonathan Broscious had the ingenious idea to use an inverter powered by the Bowman's jeep. It worked.

#### We Get Letters

Here are just a few of the comments made by those writing to WIVH.

"Thanks for your Christ centered programs. They continue to inspire and encourage us to serve Christ with our whole hearts," wrote Fred and Trina Barrant.

"I'm so glad I can get WIVH. Keep up the good work." - Florence Langford, St. Thomas.

"Let us thank God for all He has accomplished through WIVH."-Joan Richards, St. Croix.

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