

The **VOICE** of **WIVH** FM 89.9
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Contest Winner Named



A WIVH bumper sticker was spotted at the AgFair. While placing a winner card on the windshield, spotters, Jon and Tiff Bowman were caught by none other than the "avocado sandwich eating Shirl and You caller," Rafael Johnson, of Work and Rest. Presenting him with a gift is Jon Bowman.

Shar-A-Thon 2011 Is Coming

Please Pray That It will Be Successful

WIVH listeners are being reminded that the station's yearly Shar-A-Thon will be held, Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14. Because WIVH is listener supported this event is crucial to the continuance of the station. "Everyone is being asked to pray for the staff as they prepare for the event and for listeners that they will begin to consider what their part will be in Shar-A-Thon," said WIVH Manager, Burl Updyke.

The past year proved to be a difficult one for the station. It experienced many problems as it installed a new transmitter at a new location. Listeners agree that it was worth the struggle and effort put forth, as it has resulted in increased power and a greater listening audience. "We were most thankful for listeners who stood by us through interrupted broadcasting," said Burl. Now the station's coverage is greater than ever.

During Shar-A-Thon, listeners will be asked to become monthly contributors, so the gospel of Christ may continue to be heard in the Virgin Islands. It is hoped that more listeners than before will become supporters. Though the improvements have made a better station they also have increased the costs of operations. Remember Shar-A-Thon, Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14 and be prepared to help and to visit the studios.

WIVH is a listener supported non-commercial radio station. A receipt will be sent for your tax-exempt gift. Thank you.

Everyone Goes To The Fair



Veronica Williams was at Agfest 2011 and met the operators of WIVH. She is holding the youngest member of their family, Meadow Bea Bowman. Veronica appreciates WIVH broadcasting.

WIVH Goes To The Fair

WIVH was represented at the recently held Agrifest, St. Croix. The fair was celebrating 40 years of operation and was well attended. WIVH operators, Jon and Tiffany Bowman shared space at two booths where WIVH literature was displayed. They found people quick to learn about WIVH, some hearing about it for the first time, others very familiar with the station, many of them faithfully listening every day.

For those unable to attend and who missed the opportunity to meet the Bowmans, everyone is welcome to visit them at the studios by calling 718-2852. Literature on the station's ministry may be picked up there also. A leaflet listing the many courses available at WIVH's Correspondence School, listener guides, bumper stickers, information on Show Time, and signs listeners may post in their yards are all available there. For those unable to visit the studios, literature may be requested by phone. Call 718-2852.

Prayer and Praise

PRAY: as many struggle to meet financial responsibilities.
PRAY: WIVH's Shar-A-Thon will be held in May.
PRAY: for wisdom for WIVH operators and staff
PRAY: for the many supporters standing with WIVH
PRAY: that the message of hope heard daily will encourage listeners

At The Studios



Tiffany and Jon Bowman

We continue to hear from new listeners as they call the “Shirl and You” program airing mornings on WIVH. We recently talked to Naresh Pollard, St. Thomas, Luz Maldonado, Fredriksted, and Zorilys Velaequez, Kingshill.

Neils Leevy, Fsted wrote to say how much he appreciates WIVH. He said he works nights and loves listening to Christian radio then. “God bless you all and keep up the good work. I hope the station stays on until the Lord comes,” he wrote.

Patrice Piper showed a love for people when she told how she is willing to help others. She’s a senior in High School and when we talked to her she was helping Leroy Vidal, who is blind. He’s also a joy to talk to on WIVH.

When we talked to Carissa Millett, 10, she was home from school. What would she do with her day off? She was helping her mother. What does she want to become some day? A doctor.

When kids are home from school they often call WIVH, proof that they are listening, too. Recently we heard from nine year old, Amanda Boiszier, of Kings Hill, nine year old, Nia Coates, of Barren Spot and Hannah Fongillo, only eight years old. She says people told her about the Lord Jesus, now she knows Him.

Marla St Valle, was new to “Shirl and You.” She was training at a new job as she was recently laid-off at the refinery. She was born in Dominica and talked about the sulfur springs there. She’s lived in St. Croix for 20 years.

We learned more about Dominica from Agatha Alexander, of St. Thomas. She was born there and says it has 365 rivers. She remembers a winter trip to New York where she saw snow for the first time. What’s it like living in Frenchman’s Bay, St. Thomas? She said she can see every ship and plane that comes in to the island. Corrine Del Sol said she has never seen snow. In Pennsylvania where WRGN, WIVH’s sister station is, people still wait for all the snow to melt.

Two bundles of fun keep Andy Pollard, of St. Thomas. Busy. They are his two sons, The one is two years old, the other two months. He works 16 hours a day but is careful to get eight hours sleep. That’s cutting it close.

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A Faithful WIVH Volunteer



Faithful WIVH volunteer announcer, Ruth Williams, of Princess, is shown with her granddaughter, Genesis. Genesis enjoys WIVH’s Show Time, conducted free of charge each first Saturday of the month at WIVH.

Ministry Flourishing At WIVH

From time to time WIVH operators report on progress being made at the station. A recent report by Jonathan and Tiffany Bowman showed increase interest in the station and its outreach ministries. “We are experiencing a steady climb in interest in WIVH Correspondence School and are seeing WIVH bumper stickers everywhere,” said Jonathan. The station’s monthly “Show Time” is well attended and another service provided by the station is the broadcasting of public service announcements. “The PSA roster is full and overflowing,” said Tiffany.

“We believe listeners are very happy with WIVH’s broadcasting. They are free to express how meaningful the broadcasts are to them. Oftentimes we are told how important it is in their daily walk with the Lord.” they said.

One very touching incident coming to mind was the time when a gentleman called with a terminal illness. He was then living months past his doctor’s expectations, and he attributed WIVH as one of the factors that helps him to cling to the Lord.

Both Jonathan and Tiffany attend churches in St. Croix where the station is located and they are hopeful people will introduce themselves. They take photos of listeners and are collecting their addresses so they may receive WIVH’s monthly newsletter, “The Voice.”

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