



# Lighthouse Missionary Outreach

Nineteen years serving the Caribbean & Central America

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Finally on our way again, back to the precious people we have been missing so much. After five years devoted to Central America we are once more in the Caribbean. The change in climate and culture is pleasantly welcomed. It is interesting how so much has changed and yet so much remains the same. Storms have transformed the landscape, the economy continues to roller coaster sending some areas upwards and others down, children have grown bigger or have simply grown "up", a few veteran pastors have "moved on" to their eternal rewards. But overall, the one constant we always count on is the kindness, the charity, and the sincere spiritual appetite of the Caribbean people. It is a privilege to serve the Lord in such a special place. So far we have done ministry in Bimini, Nassau, Georgetown, and Long Island (in the Bahamas) but are now heading southward to the Turks & Caicos Islands and maybe to Haiti and the Dominican Republic (tropical weather permitting.)



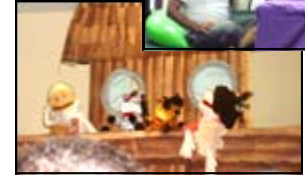
Many planned (and unplanned) ministry opportunities have already begun yielding spiritual fruit in lives touched, people helped, and decisions to follow Christ. Our boatload of supplies is beginning to find "timely homes" even as we are already regretting we could not have brought more. It is apparent early in our journey that we will need to return again soon, even more prepared to meet specific needs. Keep the prayers coming as we journey forth into an uncertain hurricane season, but always remember: "The safest place on earth is in the center of God's will"



David with a young 'preacher' during a street service



These photos taken during one of our Children's Crusades. Many more at our website: [www.SailingServant.org](http://www.SailingServant.org)



**"...the effectual working...of every part..."**

These words are part of Ephesians 4:16 where Paul says that the Body of Christ will only "increase...itself in love" when it is "fitly joined together,,by that which every joint supplieth." Everyone of us are important to fulfill God's plans and complete His kingdom work! And how much better do we know that during this mission trip! If not for the special help we received from some very special people we could not have been here doing the many good things we are doing. God bless all of you!!

A very heartfelt "thanks" must go to Bill and Kimi Crumbley and their business, B&K Diesel for many months of patient labor to completely rebuild our inboard diesel engine as well as new gauges, wiring, and servicing many other vital parts. They also gave us use of a brand new Honda generator which came in handy far too many times!!



Poor Bill! Even to get the motor to the boat was still more "labor of love" but he gave without complaint!



Bill and Kimi with their newest grandbaby, Jackson.



A wind generator and long range WiFi antennae were donated by TruNews, a ministry of Rick & Susan Wiles. Their broadcasts, both on shortwave and internet provide believers with current news as it applies to Biblical prophecy. Check out their site [www.trunews.com](http://www.trunews.com)

Listen to the hour-long radio interview David did with Rick at: [www.trunews.com/Audio/m3u/3\\_27\\_09\\_friday\\_trunews2.m3u](http://www.trunews.com/Audio/m3u/3_27_09_friday_trunews2.m3u)

In these very challenging and rapidly changing times we need an honest, thorough source of information in companion with the insights available through God's word. Rick Wiles and TruNews has been, for us, our most dependable source for over ten years!!

## On A Perfect Day In A Perfect Place

Lewis had just slipped into the crystal clear Bahamian waters to enjoy the first day of his second honeymoon, celebrating 23 years of marriage to his sweet bride, Marlene. It could not have been a more perfect one: a bright sun against deep blue sky, cool refreshing water, and that nice, succulent grouper just waiting in the reef for the quick snap of his sling spear. But as soon as the catch was secured on his pole, Lewis noticed an 8 or 9 ft bull shark advancing quickly, obviously excited by the grouper's blood now spreading through the water. Trying to ward off the menace with that same pole spear, Lewis ended up with his right forearm in the path of the hungry shark's razor sharp teeth!



It was a shark like this one.

How petite, little Marlene was able to lift the anchor and pull her husband's nearly helpless body out of the water into their tiny, rented boat she doesn't know but truly the Lord must've been watching over them. She raced the boat back towards shore, something she had never done before. Again, another miracle!

It was Thursday, May 7th. Debbie and I had just arrived on shore to buy some groceries after our journey of many days sailing south through the islands. We had paused near the water's edge to enjoy a little shade and cool breeze when a small boat came racing in. The woman who was driving was screaming loudly that they needed an ambulance. I ran out onto the dock as the boat came to an abrupt stop, hitting one of the pilings. The tide was considerably low so it was a long way down to the boat, but I could clearly see that blood was everywhere, and that a man was laying in her lap, his arm torn open below the elbow. I called to Debbie that I needed something with which to tie a tourniquet and she asked onlookers, getting a belt from a Bahamian woman.

As I jumped into the boat it was clear that this man was bleeding to death! There was little left of his forearm, the bone clearly visible, so I made a tourniquet against the pressure point on his upper arm, stopping the flow of blood. Speaking calmly, reassuring them that help was on the way, I did what I could to keep either of them from going into shock.

I prayed for Lewis while holding his arm together and keeping his body still, preventing complications. We had to wait quite a few anxious minutes for the ambulance to arrive. Lewis was holding steady but Marlene was in such a panic that once she tried to drive the boat away to find help elsewhere (which would have been a disaster for them both.) I turned off the engine, assuring her that we just needed to be patient, help was coming, and with a hand on her forehead I prayed with her for her own strength and for his.

When paramedics arrived the boat was still too far below the dock for them to reach us so a Bahamian diver jumped in, driving us through a canal and into a lake in the town's center. There we put Lewis on a stretcher and into the ambulance. Debbie and I went to the small island clinic where we provided additional comfort to Marlene, looking after her for several hours while they attended to Lewis. An airplane was sent from Nassau to carry him to the hospital there, and as these two precious souls prepared to depart we had prayer with them once more.



On any 'ordinary' day something 'extraordinary' may happen, all the more reason we need the Lord to be not only close but be in our hearts. This is what I told Marlene as we prayed with her in the clinic - that through this tragedy there may still be a triumph: she and Lewis can be closer to each other and they both can know the Lord who had done so many miracles for them. Their faith had been 'on the shelf' for far too long. Now realizing how fragile life is, that even on a 'perfect day' the ultimate worse can happen, made them realize that we all need God every day. I may have helped to save Lewis' life but I do hope even more that through this I may have also helped to rescue two precious souls!



Marlene and Lewis during one of several television interviews in U.S.

- David Goodrum

**Thank you** to Ricky Leonard Ministries and to Pine Valley Church of God for their donations of puppets and supplies to help this family in Georgetown, Exuma to launch a new street ministry outreach to young people on their island.



And as always, special thanks to those of you who continue to support our ministry through regular gifts. We could not do this important work without your help! You stand by us and share in every blessing, and never are you far from our hearts. Debbie and I hope to speak with many of you soon, and especially when we return home from this journey. Until then, mention us always in your prayers and tell others about us.

Pray for Carlton Taylor, his church, & his wonderful family

### Lend A Hand?

We have been serving the Caribbean and Central America as full-time missionaries for the past nineteen years, training pastors and teachers, reaching young people through Children's Crusades, ministering to boating families from around the world, and using our sailboat to carry Bibles, literature, and medical /relief supplies to needy nations. We rely on offerings and personal gifts to support our work. Thank you for any help you can give us and, most of all, thank you for your prayers!! - David & Debbie Goodrum

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