



# Lighthouse Missionary Outreach

Twenty-three years serving the Caribbean & Central America

David & Debbie Goodrum - your missionaries

**Praise Report**

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Our sailboat, *Faith*

## Wintery But Still Wonderful!

Well...it's official...coolest and windiest winter on record for the Bahamas! And we sailed right through it (sometimes in 8-10ft seas!!) Had to...there were so many good things to be done for the Lord. Proverbs 20:4 says, "The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold, therefore shall he beg in harvest and have nothing." Well, I don't care for winter plowing but we sure



'Dr. Snoodledorf' teaching what it means to 'fall short of God's glory'

enjoyed a winter harvest: souls saved, lives touched, churches helped, and many other blessings. We began with one of our children's crusades just before leaving Florida. Then participated in a 'Sunday School in the Park' event in Bimini as soon as



Little ones in serious prayer!!

we arrived in the islands. The pace of ministry remained high until severe wind and rain slowed us down (but not our spirits!)



Special 'Sunday School in the Park' on island of Bimini with...



...wonderful spiritual results!

The conditions over the waters did open special doors for ministry into the boating community and the beginning of new friendships. I never tire of reaching out to these fellow sailors (some from all corners of the world) who



Above: David and new friend Steve preparing boats for another 'blow'.

Right/below: David spent two days helping boaters get anchors set.



David holding classes on weather and navigation for 'captains' in the harbor.

we refer to as our 'other mission field'. Good people, but so many know little about the real message of the Gospel, of man's need and God's loving provision. New found friends, Steve and Denise, sailed along with us for about two months, sharing in our experiences and helping us with our



Children's Crusade puppets. In Nassau we attended the annual convention for the 92 churches we work with in the Bahamas and the Turks & Caicos Islands. A grand event of worship each evening and workshops each day.



David addresses the convention



While in Nassau we did one of our crusades on the streets of one of the poorer neighborhoods. Had a great turnout and a half dozen children indicating they had received the Lord.



During the week I provided inspiration and training for boy's ministry. In addition there was preaching, teaching and testifying! A very productive trip with stops on six islands, continuing for another month and half (into the 2nd quarter of 2013...more to come in next report.) See more photos at [www.Facebook.com/sailingservant](http://www.Facebook.com/sailingservant)



## “When A Little Doubt Can Be A Good Thing”

For my Easter evening sermon at the Haitian church on Russell Island (central Bahamas) I decided to dispel with a common opinion of the apostle Thomas: he was no more a ‘doubter’ than might be expected of any of us. Yes, Jesus did offer his hands and side to Thomas as ‘evidence’ (Jn 20:27), but so he did previously to the rest of the disciples as well (v.19-21) saying twice, before and after, “*Peace be unto you*” (as though they, too, would have remained unsettled without a ‘hands-on’ experience.)

Actually, the scriptures don’t report that either Thomas or the disciples did ‘touch’ the Lord, only that they had ‘seen’ him. But, where the saying goes, ‘seeing is believing’, Jesus tells Thomas that those who believe without seeing are ‘blessed’ (v.29 - most translations use “*happy*”). Proof has its purpose, but faith that transcends the natural senses ushers in “...*joy unspeakable and full of glory.*” (1Pe 1:8) Certainly a better ‘experience’!

This being said, my message went in a challenging direction to this mixed congregation of varying church backgrounds: just because someone else assured them of their salvation, if they never ‘felt’ anything, noticed any change, nor experienced any intimacy with Christ, they might well want to visit His altar once more. I reminded the church of another post-resurrection event: the disciples on the road to Emmaus who said to each other after their encounter with Jesus, “Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us...?” (Lk 24:13-32) You cannot have an encounter with, nor daily life in, the Lord and your body not know it! If you didn’t ‘feel it’ maybe you don’t ‘have it’.

Capping off these thoughts I added, There is a difference between ‘believe in Him’ and ‘KNOW Him’ (and when you know Him you know you owe Him!) We visited John’s first epistle, written so we “*may know that we have eternal life*” (5:13), and noted that in every chapter John points out the distinctions of the genuinely saved life (and did so without the soft-voiced gentleness of many in today’s pulpits, afraid of offending someone.) Better to get one’s feelings ‘hurt’ now than a moment after this life ends!

The Apostle Paul wrote, “*Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves*” (2Cor 13:5), something I encourage us to do as we remember during this Easter season our Lord’s sacrifice and victory, all of which was done for our sakes, not His! ...David A. Goodrum

[The rest of this article can be read on our website]

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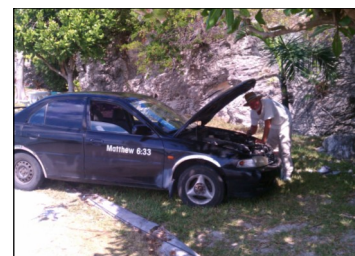
Easter with our Haitian friends was a time of ministering and being ministered to. The children put on a passion play with ‘Jesus’ truly showing the agony of the cross. After service, we gave gifts of teddy-bears and other stuffed ‘friends’ to all the children [some seen here below]



Pastor Gebaniel is one of the most humble and sincere pastors we work with. Anxious to provide the best he can for his church, we are certainly pleased to ‘invest’ in his work and encourage others to do as well. Contact us on how you can help and also visit our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page for more news and photos from our trip.



David and Pastor Gebaniel speak after church about the needs of his people and the ways we may be able to help in the future. On the right you see one way we got started - by fixing his car!



## WOW! Online Personal Evangelism Course

I have posted on our website my new seminar called “Making Personal Evangelism *Personal*” on how to share your faith with family and friends. The eight pages of illustrated notes are great for personal study or to be used by Sunday schools and small groups. Visit our site [www.SailingServant.org](http://www.SailingServant.org) and find it highlighted on the homepage. I would also be happy to come to your church and teach the program, sharing from my forty years of soul winning experience when we are home from the “field”. Call or send an email.



“What in the world is going on?” We are rapidly heading into the final ‘pages’ of the final ‘chapter’ of all things and a soon coming of our Lord. You need to know what’s happening and what may be next. Keep an eye on these important internet news sources:

[www.trunews.com](http://www.trunews.com)

[www.wnd.com](http://www.wnd.com)

[www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com)

[infowars.com](http://infowars.com)

## Lend A Hand?

We have been serving the Caribbean and Central America as full-time missionaries for the past twenty-three 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. Offerings and personal gifts 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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