

# Good News

## from your missionaries, the Goodrums

27th Year

May-July2017



Our sailboat, Faith

Preaching the Good News is

always a priority

BUSY, BUMPY and BLESSED!! There is no better way to describe the our ministry in the Bahamas. But - as always - we look forward to what God has next in store

as opportunities for ministry keep lining up before us. As you can see in



Our "car" in the islands

these photos we certainly have been getting things done, with lives touched, souls saved, and church members inspired!! Last Fall hurricane Mathew came directly over us [see article on back] with winds over 130 miles per hour and it seemed our work might come to a halt. But we continue repairing our boat FAITH, visiting the islands by plane, and carry on the

important work of writing literature for the scouting program we created for the Caribbean, LIFEBUILDER

BOYS. Please continue lifting us and this great work in prayer - helping us to stay

**busy**, pressing onward (even when it gets **bumpy**), and to do our best to bless and be blessed!



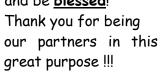
Some of our LBB young men we are so proud to instruct, inspire and invest our selves into.

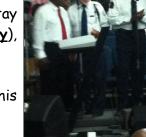


Witnessing to a man on shore in Bimini



We delivered to Adventure Learning Center (Nassau) a printer donated by a Georgia Baptist church. Pray for this fruitful ministry!





Dave sings with LBB leaders during a special men's event

A joy to be with Pastor Dan Nixon again. On a Sunday years ago, when he had planned to resign from ministry due to hardships, we showed up after our dinghy was stolen. My 'Shipwreck Sermon' turned his world around. Now, his success in pastoring, starting churches, and building a

school for ministers proves again that, for us through faith, not only

are our 'steps ordered by the Lord' but so are our stops!







#### **A Meeting With Matthew**

Another hurricane! This one was <u>number twelve</u> for us in our 27 years as sailing missionaries. I would like to think they might get easier - but they don't!! This one



had winds over 130mph, but our greatest damage came two days earlier, as we were trying to outrun the approaching menace. Pre-storm squalls caught us in the middle of the night, tearing our sail, then dashing us into

small rocky islands. With a failed engine, bent rudder, and a hole in the hull sinking our boat, we made our way southward despite tattered sails. When close

enough, a small boat came out to pull us into the safety of Highborne Cay where the marina staff saved our boat and placed us into a secure home on a hilltop to ride out the fury of this great storm as our boat held its place with only minor wind damage. This opened opportunities to



Dave giving Bibles & songbooks

minister to new people on a new island. Thanks Lord!!

#### **WOW!** Online Personal Evangelism Course

On <u>our website</u> is my "Making Personal Evangelism Personal" lessons 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 <a href="www.SailingServant.org">www.SailingServant.org</a> and see at the bottom!!

Also on our site: video exposing Global Warming Hoax

### Share our journey with us?

We have been serving in the Caribbean and Central America as full-time missionaries for over twenty-six 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, medical & relief supplies to needy nations. Offerings and personal gifts support our work. Thank you for any help you can give. But most of all, thank you for your prayers!!

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#### LIFEBUILDER BOYS - the focus of our hearts and labor

From our first arrival in the Caribbean in '93 I recognized a need for a scouting-like program that would challenge, instruct and (most importantly) disciple the young boys here. But I also had a burden for ways to get men in the churches involved in



meaningful ministry,

With my son Jeremy's help we introduced an American program but it eventually faltered (mostly

due to its own program changes.)

A few years ago

I was asked to develop a new program that would appeal to island men & boys, and be suitable to the resources that are available here. Hence,

Lifebuilder Boys, and our motto is



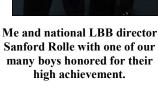
A part of the already over 200 boys in this exciting, new ministry



Boys at my Water Safety training held last summer [more pics on our website]



Men being trained in Bimini. Pray for this exciting program to reach all our boys on all our islands!





Deb and I feel blessed to be able to do so much for the Lord!!