

Greetings Brethren

I bring greetings from the brethren at the Trents congregation, praying for God's continued blessings upon you and your families and respective congregations. Bro. Justin it has been a while since we last communicated and the blame lies squarely at my feet. We brethren at the Trents congregation are fine and continuing to enjoy God's blessings upon us individually and collectively. Since Bro. Jimmy Bracken's decision to return to St. Vincent, I have the responsibility for the preaching and teaching as well as for the presentation of the radio program on a full time basis. As a congregation we continue to grow spiritually, myself included. We have seen members leave and we have seen members added, by way of baptism and other means (Bro. Blenman from the Hindsbury Road congregation now fellowships with us and continues to serve in the kingdom, taking on the role of song leader. In the past few years our congregation has endured its share of loss: Sister Patricia, a new member of the congregation lost her husband in 2008, Bro Blenman's daughter passed away in 2008 at age 42 to cancer and just a few weeks ago a former member of the Trents congregation also lost a daughter and a sister in Christ to cancer in her early twenties. Still we know that God will bring these brethren and their families through the difficult times and we continue to pray for and encourage one another as we go along on our Christian walk.

The radio program continues to be relevant in Barbados, if only for the singular fact that it presents truth in the face of the many denominational programs the currently saturate the local airwaves. The radio program is also relevant because we present topics that are relevant to society and to people's salvation. In spite of the preponderance of programs on the air we still maintain an audience, and it has recently seen an increase in listenership. As a teacher I come into contact with individuals who worship at denominations. When they learn that I present a program they tune in and this has been happening a great deal; just recently a group of colleagues at teacher training college learned that I preach and present a radio program, now they listen, some to learn what I believe, others to offer support and others to refute my beliefs, whatever the reason they are listening, and I am thankful that they will get to hear truth. I am reminded of the Saviour and when He had the opportunity to preach, that people listened to Him for some of the same reasons I just mentioned and others.

I continue to be encouraged by my Brethren, those who listen, and by my audience and by you brethren who make it possible for me to take God's word to Barbados; also to Bro. Jimmy Bracken for the opportunity to do so and the confidence that he has in me to present and represent truth. We continue to minister to individuals through studies and invitations to our fellowship. We will continue to labor using whatever tools and methods are available to us. Continue to pray for us as individuals; Bro Anderson Wilkinson, Bro. Anthony Blenman. Bro. Roland Playter, Bro. Michael and Bro. Antoine Wilkinson, new Christians as well as Sister Kwanza Seale, Sis. Patricia and Sis. Sonia Archer, as well as a congregation. May God continue to bless you and your work, which includes your support of the radio program Let The Bible Speak. God Bless.

Your Brother in Christ
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