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"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." Ps. 107:2

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Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,

**"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, a time to die;"
Ecclesiastes 3:1&2a**

As summer ended, we held our annual Back to School and Back to Church Crusade. Many of the children in Loretto leave the area for summer but returned to prepare for a new school year. The crusade helped them earn school supplies and reminded them to make time for the Lord.

The pre-school started, and Pat began to have trouble keeping up with things at home and at church. In addition, Robert's physical problems caused him to need more help with the ministry and day to day living. The doctors kept trying to adjust his medication and gave him treatments for pain. Everything they tried helped for a while and then new changes had to be made again. He continued preaching and overseeing the ministry. Lots of new adults and children began attending, we had a child dedication, and two ladies asked the Lord to save them.

By November, most of our Christmas presents for the church were purchased. We also bought towels for the nursing home in Gouyave and the shut-ins in our community. The church was decorated, and the choir began practicing the cantata, "A Season of Giving".

On December 3rd, Robert preached his last sermon. He had to have help just to get up to the church as his legs and feet were badly swollen. The next day, he went into the hospital. By the end of the week, he was back home, but within three days he began a rapid decline. It was hard for Carrie and I to keep up with his physical needs and all the extra Christmas activities. If it were not for the Lord's help, we would have been defeated. On December 29th, Robert went home to be with the Lord. His breathing became shallow and with a smile on his face, he left us.

Our desire is to continue with the church for a season to help and to finish the current school year. The church needs a pastor, and Bro. Fraser will fill in until a new pastor is called. We need your prayers as we seek God's guidance for the New Year.

In Christ,

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