

THEME: BELIZE STORY – Part 874

SONGS: BELIZE MUSIC

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INTRO: Welcome to Grace Notes. Do you worry? Someone once said “Worry is like rocking in a rocking chair – it gets you nowhere”. Jesus said in Matthew 6:31-33..“Do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?”. For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek FIRST His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” On our program today, we’ll see how faith, not worry, was rewarded with evidence that God had indeed been working behind the scenes to ensure that all that was needed for His station was made available - and in just the nick of time. Listen up – you’ll be blessed.

It’s been said that...

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Matthew 6:8 says that when you pray, don’t keep on babbling like pagans (or unbelievers) for they think they’ll be heard because of their many words. Don’t be like them, for your Father knows WHAT YOU NEED BEFORE YOU ASK HIM. It’s incredible, isn’t it, to think that God works everything out before we even realize we need help.

This was certainly the case with our task of constructing a building. Imagine all the things one needs to know how to do – there’s electrical work, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting – not to mention engineering the connection between the tower, the antenna and the transmitter.

Though we didn’t realize it at first, what we needed was a team or two of able-bodied workers to help us and the Belizeans raise the building. To get a team ready to travel takes a lot of coordination, and is near impossible without good communication. We no longer had access to a phone and though we had internet availability, it wasn’t always reliable. But, nothing is impossible with God. He had just the right people for the job and He diverted them from where they’d already planned to go, to our site. One team of 7 men, from Texas, was to work in Haiti, but couldn’t because of the unrest there. Another team of 5 men, from Canada, was to help build a

radio station in Mexico but they weren't ready for them. The teams had scheduled their trip for March, of all times. Both teams had previously been to Belize so they contacted Bob, the man who got the radio license, and asked if anything was happening they could help with. He said "Come on down." Is this almost unbelievable!

I'VE NEVER BEEN OUT OF HIS CARE 3:18

BELIZE MUSIC

Welcome to Grace Notes. It's been said that God is the only One who can work good out of bad. Those of us who choose to believe this, find it to be true. Also true, is that when we decide to follow Christ and serve Him, we will encounter adversity, because we live in a world that caters to sin and rejects holy living. Even Jesus, when he was ministering on earth, was constantly under attack. But with all the disruptions, He still accomplished His task to provide eternal salvation for all who believe—and that's not only good—that's GREAT. God will provide what we need to be ambassadors for Christ. On our broadcast today, our host, Barbara Sandbek, will show us how God worked good out of some tough situations that arose when she and her husband, Dale, first arrived in southern Belize, where they planned to build the first Christian radio station. But first, let's listen to a song that gives good advice for handling any struggle we come up against.

*** PRAISE THE LORD ***

Yes, that's good advice. Put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. A lady I know said she played that song for her six-year-old son and he memorized all the words. His favorite line was... "Now Satan... he's a liar!" That's so true. In fact he's the father of lies. I figured if this little boy can remember this throughout his life, he'll never succumb to Satan's attacks. 1 Peter 5:8 says that the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour, but verse 9 says that we can resist him by standing firm in the faith.

In the story of Nehemiah, we find that Nehemiah met with adversity almost immediately after he made his plans known. Two governors of the surrounding regions were very much disturbed that someone had come to promote the welfare of the Israelites and they spent a great deal of time trying to thwart his efforts. But this didn't stop him from plowing forward—he had a job to do and he knew God was with him.

I love how 1 Corinthians 1:25 puts it...

~~—The foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom and the
—weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.~~

~~Adversity takes many forms. We choose whether we will become discouraged or not. Even before we left some situations arose, one of a serious nature, that could have caused us to back out, but we kept focused on our calling and prayed. The more we trusted God, the more assured we were that He wanted us to do this project.~~

~~We arrived in Belize and were immediately elated when the customs agent had us open every suitcase but the one that contained all the vitamins we had bought to keep us well. We hadn't intended to sell them, but they could have charged us a great deal of money in duty fees because we had no proof.~~

~~Our missionary friends were to meet us at the airport and we were going to drive around the city that day and the next to find a car. We stood on the sidewalk for about an hour and a half and finally realized they weren't coming. It was good that we'd been there before, otherwise, we may have been fearful. The taxis were coming sparsely so we realized we needed to hail one down quickly. We started walking toward the one that came. Then another taxi pulled up behind him and they started arguing. Finally, the second driver told us to come with him and the first man gave him no fight. After we were inside, the driver told us that the first man was not a licensed taxi and if he came near a checkpoint along the road (and there were many) he would dump us off, baggage and all, on the side of the road. I asked him what his name was and he said, 'Emmanuel'. That means 'God with us'. I thought, "Man this is gonna be good!"~~

~~We settled in at the hotel and called our friends. They had thought they were to be there the next day. What a way to start — up then down. But, once again, we chose to see what was allowed, as from God.~~

~~The next day our friends came up and we began the search for the 4 x 4 diesel car we thought we needed. Most of the cars had something major wrong with them or were too expensive. We had our prayer warriors praying specifically for this day because it was imperative that we get a car in the city. There were none where we were planning to live. Our friend's car's alternator went up and in the middle of everything we had to find parts. Nothing is simple in Belize. We had to~~

~~spend an additional night in the motel but the next day we found our car—a 1989 Fifth Avenue we named Bessie. It wasn't even on the car lot because the dealer figured no one wanted it—it was an 8 cylinder and gas was over \$4.00 a gallon. The great thing about the car was that everything worked—even the power windows. The dealer's helpers often used it to take on dates—they all loved it and kept it in shape. With the price being much lower than we'd planned, we figured we could afford the gas. The extra day spent there allowed us to get a wire transfer along with the insurance and the tags. We wouldn't need to make the expensive and time-consuming trip back. Now, isn't God is the perfect orchestrator.~~

~~We had started our journey by seeing the Lord's hand and realizing how He had already planned for this up-and-down day so we could learn to count on His faithfulness and appreciate His blessings. This was just the beginning of more to come.~~

~~There would have been reasons to be concerned and reasons to fear, if we didn't have God to guide us, So I say to you...~~

~~*If the light of your life seems to flicker and falter
Especially when difficult times appear
If the weight of your load's like the Rock of Gibraltar
And you cannot have joy for you only have fear
Then turn your cares over to God, your creator
He made you, He knows you, He'll carry your load.
Trust Him and see how He makes all things happen
For good as your travel down life's windy road.*~~

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** I'VE NEVER BEEN OUT **
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~~Arrived in Independence — NEEDED HELP — Germain — parrot~~

~~Neh. response 2:20 was ours as well ...~~

~~———— THE GOD OF HEAVEN WILL GIVE US SUCCESS! — He did!~~

~~Nehemiah solicited many people to work hand in hand to do the job.~~

~~We expected to be inactive for a while — met Bob in 3 days — license~~

~~HUMBLING to see that God was going to use US in the PIE HE had already begun to build —~~

~~— MANY people had already been UNIFIED in objective to pray, labor
———— and donate.~~

~~— TOWER of BABEL — “If as one people speaking same language they
———— have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be
———— impossible for them.~~

~~It would be GOD’S STATION — no one person could say they owned it~~

~~Already in place: license, tower, transmitter, antenna, some equipment
Money we brought not needed for these — but for building.~~

~~Neh. encountered more adversity after he made his plan known.~~

~~———— He had the people pray and posted a guard.~~

~~We needed LAND to build the station.~~

~~Dale shared vision w/MANY ministries — agreed it was good
———— but didn’t want the responsibility.~~

~~Discouraging — but we decided to FOCUS what GOD HAD DONE~~

~~———— & Praise Him for what he was going to do.~~

~~IT WAS GOD'S PROJECT — We KNEW He had a place.~~

~~8-1~~

~~***** When you're up against a struggle~~

~~*** PRAISE THE LORD *** Now satan, he's a liar,, think PULPERS~~

~~***** lift up SWORD Battle..Jesus RISEN~~

In the story of Nehemiah's rebuilding of the Jerusalem wall, it was written in chapter 4:6 that the people worked with all their heart. That was certainly true of these men! They labored from sunup to sundown. Their attitudes were great and many of them talked about the Lord while they worked. How blessed we were to work along with them.

God sent us a structural engineer to help put the tower base in, as well as carpenters, electricians, a radio engineer and just plain hard workers. One team brought power tools along and the other team brought money for cement. Both were really needed and greatly appreciated.

Romans 12:4-8 pictures this scene so well. It says...

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

In considering the talents and abilities God has given us, we need to always remember that if we work for our own glory, it will be meaningless and unrewarding. We must offer our hands, our strength, our body, and our voice to the Lord and allow Him to use us to glorify all that He is worth.

***** NOTHING ~~W/O~~WITHOUT YOU *** 3:27**

We had to run electric to the building before the teams got there so we could use the power tools. You have to remember that we were not used to the logistics in this country. There is typically a lot of red-tape you have to go through - and not the electrical kind, either.

When we went to put in the work order, the lady said it would take a month to get approved. We started praying as the discussion was ensuing. Then she stopped and pointed to a man standing outside and said that we could check with him. It turned out that he just so happened to be the one who installs the poles and was a Believer! When we mentioned that it was for a Christian radio station, he said he'd be there the next day - and HE WAS! Prayer WORKS.

We hired 2 young Belizean men to dig the base for the 85' tower. They dug it by hand. It ended up being 9 feet deep and 7 feet square. At about 3 feet in, they hit slate and had to pick it out. It took 75 bags of cement mix to fill it. When it was finished, we etched Proverbs 18:10 into the cement. It reads..."The Name of the Lord is a strong tower!

Volunteers were unheard of in Belize because the people really need the money to fend for themselves and their families. The pastor from the River of Life church preached about serving one Sunday and asked for volunteers to help with pouring the foundation. 3 teens showed up, followed by one of the boy's father. As we were thanking Lord for them, Matthew 9:38 came to mind...

"Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest field."

All who took part in the work would reap the harvest. It was then that we named the station, Harvest Radio. The meaning of the word 'broadcasting' is sowing seed so we came up with a slogan that goes like this - "You are listening to 99.9 FM, Harvest radio, serving southern Belize, Food for life".

God had orchestrated not only the people and the material but the timing for all this to take place. As we looked at how God had done this so perfectly, we were lost for words. It truly was all His doing. We felt His presence around us and the team as we worked side by side, knowing that this station would speak forth His Majestic Name.

***** 3:08

*** WORD OF GOD SPEAK ***

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~~God gave us housing at Cuxlin. For \$150/mo. FURNISHED Amenaties~~

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God knew we needed helpers to build—channeled 2 teams OUR WAY

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—Loved about West Oaks (talked about Lord while they worked)

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NEED TO TRUST GOD TO HANDLE ADVERSITY

4:4,5

Situation: After being taunted and ridiculed by Tobiah and Sanballat

Summary: They're mocking you, God. You decided what to do with them.

Accomplished: Expressed anger to God but Nehemiah didn't take matters into his own hands.

Application: We are prone to take matters into our own hands and not tell God how we feel.

ARM OURSELVES WITH SPIRITUAL WEAPONS

4:9

Situation: ~~After treats of attack by enemies~~

Summary: ~~We are in your hands, God. We'll keep our weapons handy in case you want us to use them. Eph. 6~~

Accomplished: ~~Showed trust in God even while taking necessary precautions.~~

Application: ~~Trusting God does not mean we do nothing. Action does not mean we do not trust.~~

6:9

Situation: ~~Responding to threats~~

Summary: ~~Oh Lord, please strengthen me!~~

Accomp: ~~Showed Nehemiah's reliance on God for emotional and mental stability~~

Application: ~~How often do we ask God for help when under pressure?~~

13:29

Situation: ~~Reflecting on the actions of his enemies~~

Summary: ~~Asked God to deal with the enemies and their evil plans~~

Accomp: ~~Took away the compulsion to get revenge and entrusted justice to God~~

Appl: ~~When did we last settle a desire for revenge by turning the matter over to God?~~

5:19 13:14, 21, 31

Situation: ~~Reflecting on his own efforts to serve God.~~

Summary: ~~Remember me, Oh God~~

Accomp: ~~Kept clear in Nehemiah's mind his own motives for action~~

Application: ~~How many of our actions will be done with the purpose of pleasing God?~~

We asked PRAYER PARTNERS PRAY for property owned
_____ by someone who shared the vision.

River of Life agreed — **high elevation** — **small, unfinished building**
— **Rev. Ernie** — **burdened for radio station for 10 years**

Isaiah 43:18 says...

...I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up, do you not see it?

— I am making a way in the desert; and streams in the wasteland.

The amazing thing about this verse, is this...

— It is indeed a new thing as there is no Christian radio in southern Belize.

— The ministry we worked with is called 'River of Life'.

— The building site is in the town called 'Dump'.

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—Donated equipment not working
—shortage of workers, shortage of qualified workers (doors)
—shortage of gas, concrete & things you wish you had HOME DEPOT
—increase in prices (steel 75%) gas (\$4.06)
—Dale sick—said he should see a specialist
—problems at home (not willing to leave house/family not worthy)
—someone wanted to buy our house
PRAYER made the difference—we KEPT OUR FOCUS

Neh. 4:14 Neh. said...Don't be afraid of them (or fall prey to your adversaries).
Remember the Lord, who is great & awesome & fight for your brothers, your sons &
your daughters, your wives & your homes.

We needed to persevere for Belizeans to be able to hear the WOG.

Neh. worked quickly & diligently—long hours from dawn to dusk
Completed wall in 52 days—people feared Lord—knew it was Him
We did too, completed in 3 months—unheard of in Belize—over yr.
On June 8th we began official broadcasting!

LOVE TO LOOK IN RETROSPECT...

God worked timing out perfectly,
—We arrived 1 yr. from when license granted—almost taken away
—Frequencies stopped being approved
—Hurricane had sawed off trees near River of Life so hear in PG
—We stayed in a furnished house of missionaries on furlough

~~—Gayle/Dona at Cuxlin who rented furnished house in Toledo(save \$)
—River of Life was in process of buying land when we met them
—Building completed before the rainy season (would have delayed)
—God sent the 2 teams just when we needed them
—Gave us perfect weather —rained when needed didn't when not~~

~~We sought/prayed for program manager w/same qualifications Neh.
—“Man of integrity and fears God more than most men do”
Wallace filled position (called 4 yrs. Ago) perfect for job.~~

~~In Neh. story people returned to Lord after Ezra read the Word of God.
Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of GOD!
Heb. 4:12 God's word is POWERFUL—sharper than any 2 edged sword
——even to the dividing of soul/spirit, joints/marrow.~~

~~If it can change a deadly criminal's life it can change anybody's.~~

~~The purpose of 'HARVEST RADIO' is to sow the seed of the glorious life-changing message of Jesus Christ into the hearts of the people of southern Belize and surrounding areas/countries, with the intent of reaping a harvest of souls that will impact generations to come. Using the medium of radio broadcasting and programming that is a mix of Christian music and Biblical teaching/preaching, this ministry outreach will bring hope to the people, by evangelizing the unsaved and equipping Believers.~~

~~We believe God will move greatly in Belize through WORD/PRAAYER
—pray for revival in that land & in the US.~~

~~8-9~~

~~***** Where 2 or more are gathered
** REVIVAL ** Like a fire out of control
*****~~

~~Returned home when realized we had worked ourselves out of a job—
We needed to raise support for the station.~~

~~We feel like title to book 'Forever ruined for the ordinary'~~

~~Phil 2:13 It is God who works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. If it's GOOD for Him—it's GOOD FOR you.~~

~~Tough to be in WAIT STATE—itching to experience Him that way again.
—Felt most fulfilled ever was in life.~~

~~GOD does the DOING—All He asks of us is to remain FAITHFUL.~~

~~We can trust what God's done before in/thru us He'll do again in His time.~~

~~15-12 already did this.~~

~~***** You may be DOWN...FACED...RIGHT now
HELL DO IT AGAIN God KNOWS things...HURTING..YOU SEE
***** God of STARS/SUN/SEAS—Father...CALM storm
————— FIND WAY~~

~~16-4~~

~~*****
** NO GREATER LOVE **
*****~~

~~Before I knew your Name—You knew my every breath
Before I found my way—You knew my every step
Before I knew everything that I need—You gave it all to me~~

~~Chorus~~

~~No greater love than this—that You should lay down your life
For someone such as this—
I'd spend a lifetime wondering why
The beauty of Heaven is here in my heart
And I know there can be—no greater love—than this~~

~~I never understood—how merciful love could be
Until I felt his flame—light every part of me
And I would give everything that I am
'Cause I have been saved—yes I have been saved~~

~~<Chorus>~~

~~<6 beat interlude>—OH LOVE—OH LOVE OOO
The beauty of heaven is here in my heart
And I know there can be—no greater love
For someone such as me
No greater love—than this~~

How do we say 'thank you' to so GREAT A LOVE?

~~2 Cor. 5:14-15 Paul writes... Christ's love compels us because we are convinced that one died for all and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.~~

~~Saw your CROWN of thorns—how You gladly wore it~~

~~————— EVERY Cross I bear—I'm stronger for it~~

~~————— Lord when the way is hard You show me how~~

~~————— TO follow your footsteps & cast away all doubt~~

~~————— Saw Your TEMPTATION—how you STOOD before it~~

~~————— & I'm tempted too,—but I'm stronger for it~~

~~————— Let me shine the light of Bethlehem~~

~~————— Let me be the trumpet calling out Your name~~

~~————— Let me be the burning bush—in the desert Sand~~

~~————— Show me Your glory—hide me from my shame~~