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**THEME: BELIZE STORY – Part 1274**

— **SONGS: BELIZE MUSIC**

**REVIVAL IN THE LAND (3:10)**

**DAYS OF ELIJAH (4:05)**

**PRAISE THE LORD 4:05**

**INTRO: Welcome to Grace Notes. Over the past few months we've been sharing the Sandbek's experiences in building the first Christian radio station in southern Belize. Today's program finishes out this series. We concluded our last program with the completion of the station, however, that was only the beginning. A schedule needed to be developed and they needed staff. Once again, as you listen, you'll be amazed at how God had prearranged everything.**

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**To run a radio station, you need programs and music. God had this all planned out for us. Someone include over 100 Christian music CD's in with the donated studio equipment.**

**We stayed in a missionary's home when we first arrived in Belize. Because they were doctors, they had a phone – a real luxury. During the months we lived there, we were able to contact various ministries so that by the time we finished the station, we had sixteen ministries sending us programs on a cyclical basis. Most were in English, the country's primary language, but we also had some in Spanish and the Indian languages.**

**We knew God didn't intend for us to stay in Belize, so we prayed for a program manager with the same qualifications Nehemiah prayed for - a man of integrity who fears God more than most men do.**

**Early on in the project, a Belizean Christian School teacher, Wallace Edwards, expressed an interest in working at the station. He had received a call from the Lord four years earlier to be in radio – though there was none! He was perfect for the job. He loved the Lord, loved Christian music, was a wiz at computers, and didn't mind being alone. What more could we have asked for? While we were building the station, he learned the automation system.**

We began operation on June 8th, running from 7AM – 7PM most days. The first week we were on the air we received five letters from listeners expressing their thanks.

Wallace joined us two weeks later, after completing his school year. How's that for timing? He took the 7-2 shift and we ran it from there. He loaded programs and music in the computer and we began to automate our shift shortly thereafter.

It was then we realized we'd worked ourselves out of a job and needed to return home to raise support to pay the ongoing costs!

I don't know about you, but I love to look in retrospect at how God worked things out. His timing WAS perfect.

We arrived almost one year to the day from the time the license was granted. It would have been taken away if the station wasn't up and running when it was. Now the authorities are no longer issuing licenses.

There was a hurricane some years before that sawed off treetops near the property. Because of this, the station could be heard in the town, where it normally wouldn't have been able to reach.

The building was completed just before the six-month rainy season hit. Since it rains approximately 128 inches during that time, it surely would have delayed the project. God gave us perfect weather – rain when we needed it and clear otherwise.

In Nehemiah's story, the people returned to the Lord after Ezra read the Word of God. Hebrews 4:12 says that

... the Word of God is living and active; Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

We returned to the states firmly believing that God will move greatly in Belize through His word and through prayer for revival in that land.

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**I'd like to recap the main lessons we learned to help you in your ministry and encourage you to trust God for more.**

**All Believers in Christ are called to be missionaries. A 'calling' begins with a need made known and is followed by a burden. It may seem overwhelming, but God's grace and power will see you through. Just focus on Christ.**

**God will confirm your call, then equip and enable you. It may involve a sacrifice, but when you realize the message you have to share will affect people's lives for eternity, the struggle to accomplish the work will be well worth it.**

**No great undertaking for the Lord is ever achieved without prayer. Prayer precedes provision, which precedes power, which gives you the courage to act!**

**Proverbs 16:3 says..."Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed." God shows the OUTLINE of His plan and reveals the details as you step into each section. The best way to deal with the many unknowns is to turn your will over to God every day.**

**When you do God's work, you can expect adversity. Choose to count on God's faithfulness and appreciate His blessings and you won't get discouraged.**

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**I want to conclude with the greatest lesson I personally learned.**

**When it was time to return home, I was a bit unsettled. We'd made so many changes before we left in order to do this work and in some ways we were returning to more unknowns than we had in going to Belize.**

**One day I asked Dale to run the station himself so I could clean and pack. As I worked I cried. I started talking to the Lord about how I felt and He said in my spirit,**

**"Do you remember what I told you to do when you had a problem with the station?"**

**I remembered that He said to tell Him it was HIS project. That really freed me, because it was His responsibility to make it work – not mine.**

He said, "Your life is my project – give it to me like you did the station". I realized that if I let Him run my life the same way He ran the station, it would be successful because He has everything all figured out AND He doesn't make mistakes. I could live by faith, as Hebrews 10:38 says we're to do, and see His hand in the US the same way I did in Belize.

The more we think of all that transpired in this project, the more we realize the miracle God chose us to be a part of. We are truly grateful.

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.

Now, that's a challenge for ALL of us in these DAYS OF ELIJAH!

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~~It's been said that...~~

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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.

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**\*\*\* PRAISE THE LORD \*\*\***

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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.~~

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



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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~~

~~Neh. 4:6 the people worked with all their heart -- so did our teams!!!~~

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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~~

~~App!: 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.~~

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~~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 anybodies.~~

~~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/PRAYER~~

~~— pray for revival in that land & in the US.~~

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~~Returned home when realized we had worked ourselves out of a job—  
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~~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  
 \*HE’LL DO IT AGAIN\* God KNOWS things...HURTING..YOU SEE  
 \*\*\*\*\* God of STARS/SUN/SEAS— Father...CALM storm  
 \_\_\_\_\_ FIND WAY~~

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

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