

Memo 3 week of Oct 19th Barbados Trip

Sun Oct 19th

Up early and went over my sermon for Church Village . Working my way through Psalms for my morning devotion. Dale took me to Six Roads and Kenroy's Brother came and gave me a ride to Church Village . Got there around 8:40 and the service had all ready started. I gave a message on our Christian call. As far as my message, the main scriptures were PS 40: 1-3 Ps 71 and Jer. 1:1-10. We all have a CALL. We had 28 in service, 19 of the membership were in Antigua . I heard that some would have come but there was no one to give them a ride. There rides were in Antigua .

Sun night I went with Michael to Grazettes for his second meeting with the leaders. There were only 10 tonight.

Sunday noon dinner, went to Kenroy's folks and had a full Bajan meal, and I mean Bajan.

Cost of a few items in Bajan dollars. (Cut prices in half for USA price equivalents.)

Lettuce 9.49 from Calif.

Cantaloupe 15.49

Apples Delicious 5# for 14.45

Onions Yellow 3# for 14.99

Driving tips, Driving is on the LEFT. When you turn left you stay left, when you turn right you go to the left. Interesting isn't it? The car on the right has the right away, (that is most of the time). You have "Give way" instead of "Yield". When the roadway narrows down the sign says "Squeeze." There are more roundabouts then one can count. Some with 2 roads and up to 6 roads.

Mon Oct 20th

Today was sort of an off day; I slept in until 7:00 AM, Devotions, showered, ate, and watched the news. Rain again today, in fact most of the day. Later I worked on a presentation for Global Church Growth. Rain, Rain, Rain. The streets are like rivers. Got to Grazettes around 7:30 and started at 7:45PM. There were 9 there tonight. After the meeting, they had prepared a light snack of fish, plantains, cake, and drinks. Got home around 10:45 PM in the rain.

There seems to be a lack of commitment, so my prayers are for the people of Grazettes to be aware of the call from the Spirit.

I called Tyler St. today, (supporting church in Sacramento , CA) don't know why but it seemed that it was something I was suppose to do. It was good to talk to Stewart. I need to call Danah also.

Tue Oct 21st

Rain again this morning, so I took time to wash clothes. In the afternoon, the sky's cleared and Dale took us on a site seeing tour of part of the island. Then we got ready to go to Six Road CC to hold a Question and Answer and review time with their Leaders. Started at 7:30 PM and by 8:10 we had 9 leaders present, 7 women and 2 men. They have 5 small growth groups with 4 to 7 people in each group. Got home around 10:00 PM.

Wed Oct 22

Rain again this morning but it cleared by 9:00 AM. Went shopping with Dale this morning. If you plan to go to more than one store, you had better plan for at least a 4-hour trip. Due to traffic and the fact that different stores are spread out.

Six Road CC has a 19-passenger van and at 5:45, we started out to pick up kids for Wed night All Stars. It is their Wed night youth group. On our first run, we picked up 22 kids and 2 adults. Dropped them off at the church and went and got 12 more kids. Most of them are between 7-11.

They pick up the kids on Sunday morning also. They have a teen age group that meets too.

There was also a Web night Bible study with 4 members. There are usually 6-8.

Thur Oct 23

Went for another walk this morning. Worked with Michael today, he is leaving in the morning. Well this afternoon Dale took us on another site see tour. The Cave. It is the largest in the Caribbean . The highest point on the island is only 1100 ft.

It was choir practice for Six Roads tonight, but Michael and I stayed home. It was a good thing in that Kandi called and had some trouble with my Visa card, got it straighten out, and will need to change address and put more names on the PO Box.

Fri Oct 24

More driving tips. A honk of a horn is usually a warning, or an “excuse me, here I come”, but is often a “hello” to a passing friend. When someone flashes their lights at you when you are at a junction, it usually means “after you”.

Michael left at 5AM; I plan to stay at Dale’s until Sunday afternoon. Kenroy will be back Sat night. It was a day of study, reading, and preparing a Bible study.

Sat Oct 25

Dale and Wendy have sure feed me good. I get a good breakfast, a big lunch, small dinner, and a snack at bedtime.

Today was a day of discovery. I set out on my own again. Caught the bus and went to the Airport. Checked on a car and checked out the airport. Caught the bus and went to the north side of Bridgetown . It is the older part of town, and where most of the outside vendors are.

Walked through to back streets and watched people watch me. The only white boy on that side of town. I found a small café, and had a Rotie, I sat there for about 45 min. and I felt all alone, and for a min. I wondered what I was doing here. I ask God why am I here. Funny thing, as I walked out of the café “I” bumped into two young kids, they were around 22-26, and big. I said excuse me. They said no way man--- well after a few moments and no negative response from me they ask why I was here. I told them. Any way, they live on the east side of the island, but said they would be interested in hearing why God brought me to the island. In other words, they just might be a start of a bible study. Walked through Bridgetown and caught another bus back to Dale’s. Tonight I meet Wendy’s mom and two of her friends; we sat around the table and talked for about 2 hours, until Wendy took them home.