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INTRO: Welcome to Grace Notes. We hope you've enjoyed our series on the Belize radio project. It has proven to be a real test of faith for Dale & Barb. Proverbs 16:3 says..."Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will succeed." In undertaking this radio project, there were so many unknowns that God's help was needed in just making the plans. Today we'll see how God once again provided as the actual foundation for the station was begun.

It's been said that...

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.~~

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~~***** When you're up against a struggle
*** PRAISE THE LORD *** Now satan, he's a liar,, think PULPERS
***** lift up SWORD Battle..Jesus RISEN~~

We stayed in our missionary friend's house, as promised, until they returned. Now it was time for us to move to the jungle-like area of Belize – known as the 'forgotten' land. This is probably because there is one main paved road that runs throughout the country, except for a ten-mile stretch before you reach Toledo District. Beyond the paved surface is a treacherous ride, especially in a car. Our car, Bessie, was not made for such an ordeal, but with a lot of prayer and maneuvering at the speed of a tortoise, she did very well.

In retrospect, we saw that God had allowed us to adapt to the culture and climate and enjoy some of the comforts we were accustomed to before transitioning us to a tougher environment. There was no phone or TV where we were going. Good thing we enjoyed each other's company, because there was little to do for entertainment, and the sun set at 5:30PM, regardless of the time of year!

Before leaving for Belize, God had told us not to concern ourselves with furnishing an apartment. But now we needed a place to stay. In our pursuit of property for the station, we had met a couple who owned a Time Share resort built around a community of Mayan Indian families. We asked them if they knew of a place we could rent inexpensively. They offered us one for their two, furnished homes and said we could pay whatever our missionary budget could handle. I asked her how much she normally rented the place for and she said \$600 a week. We could only pay \$150 a month, but – get this - she accepted it. We were stunned. The place was fully furnished, with beautiful ceramic tile floors, real windows – not louvers, a queen-sized bed with a comfort, and several appliances. The ones she didn't have, we had. It had a cement ceiling with a thatched room and was painted lime green – a perfect Belizean color. It even had an electric shower-head. We wouldn't have to take cold showers anymore!!! This was way beyond our expectations. What a display of God's love in providing for us so incredibly!

It reminded us of Paul's words in Ephesians 3:20...

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably MORE than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to HIM be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

In the verses preceding this, Paul says we need power to even begin to grasp all the dimensions of God's love because it is a love that surpasses knowledge. Once we experience that love we can be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. In the New Testament, fullness is the body of believers, filled with the presence, power, and riches of God and of Christ. That's real love at work – a love that saves and KEEPS YOU – a love that has made Jesus everything to me!

******* 4:40**

***** EVERYTHING TO ME *****

Building a building was not what we had planned on doing. We didn't feel qualified. God would have to provide the expertise we needed, and the help from others who had experience. We had no idea who they would be, but then, that seemed to be the way God was working.

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Workers from 'River of Life' cleared away the structure attached to the unfinished cement building and we hired some Belizeans to dig footers for the new 16x20 building. They had piled the dirt in where the floor was to be poured, so we leveled it out and tamped it down with a make-shift tamper. The dirt looked loose and we thought it might be good if we wet it down, but there was no water available. It was not the rainy season so it rarely rained, but we prayed "Lord, if it would be good for this to get wet, would you please make it rain, otherwise, don't". We left the site and within a few minutes it started raining and rained for two hours!

Psalm 147:6-11 so beautifully portrays God's matchless devotion to those who humble themselves before Him and ask for His help. It reads...

The Lord sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp. He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of a man; the Lord delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love. We were singing His praises to say the least.

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I want to end with a commentary taken from the Treasury of David...It is a striking thought that God should not only be at peace with some kinds of men, but even find a solace and a joy in their company. Oh! the matchless condescension of the Lord, that his greatness should take pleasure in the insignificant creatures of his hand.

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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?**~~

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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 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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~~***** 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
HE'LL DO IT AGAIN God KNOWS things...HURTING..YOU SEE
***** God of STARS/SUN/SEAS—Father...CALM storm
————— FIND WAY~~

~~16-4~~

~~*****
** 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
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.~~

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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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