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SONGS: BELIZE MUSIC

YES I BELIEVE 4:33 20-sec intro.

As the deer 2:50

PRAISE THE LORD 4:05

INTRO: Welcome to Grace Notes and the continuing story of God's faithfulness in the building of the first Christian radio station in southern Belize. Dale & Barb Sandbek were just ordinary people -who said 'yes' to the Lord's call and in doing so found that not only does God provide for His work to be done, He gives incredible blessings for the effort.

On March 31st, one month from the time the building was started, the tower was raised. The following day, while the cement roof was being poured, Dale and Alan, the President from Galcom International, performed a test transmission for two hours, telling people that Harvest Radio would soon be on the air and they could receive 'Food for life'.

This was a day the Sandbeks, and all who were involved, would never forget. On our program today, Barb will take you 'on-site' for the fascinating details of this event - so settle in and enjoy. ~~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.~~

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***** 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~~

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The day was perfect for pouring cement and testing the equipment – no rain, a decent temperature, minimal humidity and a light wind. The Belizean sky was as beautiful as ever, with each cloud telling its own story, if you took the time to imagine.

We were dealing with a collapsible tower that had to be raised upright and then wound up. The efforts of the men seemed futile at first until

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Rev. Ernie suggested that we build a triangle out of wood and use the wench on his truck to help hoist it up. Slowly but surely, it moved from ground position to touch the sky. Each one of us took a turn on the crank to raise it to its full height.

You can't imagine the joy we felt when it finally reached its peak of 85 feet. We formed a circle, joined hands and sang 'Praise God from Whom all blessings flow'. Talk about unity – God surely was pleased with this!

The next day we had a full schedule since we wanted to make use of the team before they left. They'd accomplished so much in such a short time. We hired additional Belizean workers to help mix and pour the cement for the roof to make the station hurricane proof. In addition, we planned to connect up the equipment to see if it worked. This had to be done outside the building, because the inside was full of hand-cut poles that were holding the ceiling up.

It was now time for Dale to use his technical expertise. We'd both been out of our element in the construction piece of this project. It's interesting, though, that God always stretches you beyond what you think you're comfortable doing. It was a learning experience and a real pleasure to engage in construction work.

The equipment was connected. Now it was time to try it out. Silence was not golden this time – nothing was happening. What could this mean? Was the equipment faulty? If so, what piece? We hardly had the diagnostic tools one would need to deduce this. There was no phone or internet anywhere close, but Alan just so happened (sure) to have a satellite phone with him. He called the company that had donated the equipment. Because of his working relationship with them he was able to reach someone. The end result was that they needed to make a different connection from the norm because of the way it was shipped. The reconnection worked! It was threatening to rain, but held off until they were done two hours later.

Imagine yourself in this position – watching the unfolding of such a powerful tool to reach the people in the 'forgotten land' of Belize with the Glorious message of Jesus Christ. Never before had we realized that even though there was cost involved, the benefits and blessings of serving God are beyond measure. To be able to

demonstrate that we believe in Jesus in such a tangible way was a dream fulfilled.

***** YES I BELIEVE *** 4:33 20-sec intro**

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Completing the outside of a building happens relatively quickly, but the inside takes much longer. After the team left, it was difficult to find workers who could do the needed work. There were no pre-fab doors available, and this became a big ordeal. We couldn't get the building secure without doors and locks! We made several attempts to hire men for the job, but it proved fruitless. We prayed, and God directed us to a furniture shop where we were able to hire 2 young men who really knew how to hang doors. They did a great job reinstalling the frames (one for the third time), hanging the doors and putting on the locks.

I had decided to stain and varnish the wood doors, so I put sealer on them first, only to find that the paint brush I used still had left-over white paint hiding inside. The paint sealed to the doors. I was really upset because I wanted God's station to be as perfect as we could make it in Belize. I knew I would have to paint it cream white like the walls, but I didn't think it would look as pretty as the stained wood.

Philippians 4:6 instructs us in what to do in situations like this. It reads...

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

So I prayed about it. That night God gave me a visual picture of a beautiful creamy white door with brass knobs and directed me to paint it until it looked that way. Sure enough, after 3 coats of paint - they looked just like the visual!

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I also had used an oil base paint on the outside of the door and it ran, plus the bugs decided to party in it after it was painted, so the next day it looked horrible. I didn't think I'd be able to get it to look presentable, but again, God showed me a steel door in the same color in a store we were at. Hondo, our dear worker, sanded it down for me and I used only a little paint at a time. It looked lovely. The station was absolutely

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beautiful. We painted the building Sonnet Blossom, which is a light yellow, and the outside doors a royal blue. It looked Belizean for sure.

We hired a skilled Belizean worker to put hand-cut quarry stone on the front of the building and formed a cross with glass block to let light in. At night, the light from inside illumined the cross for all to see.

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I can't help but be reminded of several verses – one that I remember teaching our son when he was in kindergarten – Proverbs 16:3...

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. (NIV)

This goes along with what the apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4:13...

I can do ALL things through Christ, which strengthens me.

And in Psalm 32:8 the Lord says...

I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go:

I will guide (or counsel) you with My eye upon you. (NAS)

God rewarded all our efforts with a sense of fulfillment we'd never before experienced. Often we think that to be self-sufficient should be the goal of every adult, but God truly wants us to show us that to be God-sufficient is a better way to live. He proved that my favorite life-verses can really be lived by – Proverbs 3:5-6...

Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Lean not unto your own understanding. In ALL you ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path.

*** YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL *** 2:50

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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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~~Adversity—takes many forms—chose whether you're discouraged
——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~~

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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
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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