

Dear Supporting Pastors, Churches, and Friends,

Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee. Ps. 143:8

Many days I find myself beginning to write and then giving up. It was always Ray's responsibility to write "prayer letters," and it was always difficult. Now I have failed and must apologize. I do appreciate your support, both financially and in prayer. God knows my needs and provides. Even though Ray has been in heaven since Christmas 2019, he is on my mind and heart daily, and always will be – a blessing God lets me enjoy. August 9 would have been his 89th birthday.

I'm doing well and the Lord continues to give me opportunities to serve others. Recently, I had two guests in my home who needed a place to stay during a time of physical illness and family challenges. I'm honored to drive a dear friend to church on Sundays who no longer drives and be available to help another longtime friend who is currently in a rehab facility after a bad fall. I often tell my children I feel like I'm back in the islands, never knowing who will call needing help. I'm very thankful for the health and strength to assist those in need.

It is a great blessing to be able to be in touch with friends in the Caribbean where we ministered as missionaries. To God's glory, the work continues despite difficulties.

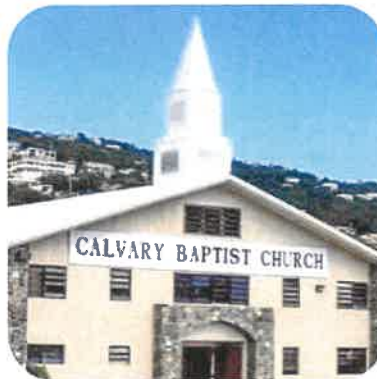
Sixty-two years ago this month, we had the dedication service of the first building of Calvary Baptist Church on St. Thomas. That was a happy day! Ray could never have imagined that God would allow him to build the first Baptist church on the island. Later as the congregation grew, a larger building was built under the leadership of Missionary Les Warren. Four years ago, Hurricane Irma caused great damage to the church building. Only now is the congregation preparing to move in again.

The present pastor, Jones Jean-Marie, and his assistant, Clement Joseph, are from the island of Dominica. They are both graduates of Bluewater Bible College. This was one of Ray's desires that has been fulfilled. He would say, "To God be the Glory" and I would add, Great things He continues to do.

Despite sickness, storms and age, God's presence and provisions have outweighed any difficulties I have experienced. Christ has given me a precious family and many friends who have been His hands and heart to help in countless ways. I want to be His extended hands showing love and care to others, especially to unsaved neighbors. Please pray!

With a grateful heart,

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