

## A Graduates Work

This past spring Ribinson Cherisma graduated from WISE. And though it is often hard to find a job once arriving home, Ribinson didn't let that stop him. He started a hospital and prison ministry in his community.

Here is a recent quote, *"Some good things happened here: We met 7 prisoners chained and very sick in the hospital. Though we didn't wish anybody to be locked with chains on a Hospital bed, we had aimed to visit prisoners and we couldn't, so we were glad to share with these prisoners who were also sick."*

Ribinson has also started a soccer ministry teaching young kids about the Lord through a local orphanage and also started a Kids Club Bible Study twice a week. So thankful for our graduates serving all over the Caribbean!



For Thanksgiving 34 of us WISE family members crammed into the Wurdeman house for games, lots of food, and a fun movie. The students got a break from their usual cooking duties at school of rice to enjoy an American meal prepared by the faculty and adjunct family!



### Finals Week Finished!

Above with visiting adjunct teacher, Bro Jim Abernathy, the students finish their last notes of classes for the semester. For the next 3 weeks they will get to rest, perform work around campus, make homemade gifts to share in a gift exchange, carol the community, go on hikes, a beach trip, and put on a Christmas cantata for worship here.

*Praises & Prayers*

- For graduates and their churches.

- For a full-time staff family to join the work.

- Praise for another finished semester of students at WISE

- Prayers for the seeds planted in the community through the Christmas play to grow.

- Prayers for WISE Board and leaders as they make future decisions.

- Praise for God providing through faithful givers to WISE

- Prayers for the family of our student Hartist, whose nephew died from a fire this past week.

Prayers for Ebi, a current student, whose mother is undergoing surgery and has to leave for a week to assist her. Always hard to leave family to serve here.



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Our students acting out "A Christmas to Believe In" for the community to know Christ more. The favorite part for the crowd were the live goats entering.

**Believe this Christmas!**

So many say to us, "Just doesn't seem like Christmas there." With palm tree leaves blowing, sweat pouring down your forehead just because you live in the Caribbean, goats and donkeys bleating in the roads here, and rice is a must with Christmas dinner it is a different Christmas than some grow up with.

We can't help but feel like it must be more similar to when Jesus was born. None of us really know the exact date. But, it surely was a hot, warm walk for Joseph and Mary as they headed to Bethlehem. And there likely were livestock running through the streets as they looked for a place to rest and welcome Baby Jesus. They brought Jesus into this world in the very place

where animals lived too. And, God's angels appeared to the shepherds, not to the world's most successful, but to those looking after some of the smelliest.

This Christmas just as the Wisemen brought their best gifts to honor Jesus, we are sharing our gifts of love to the community here. We don't want anyone to miss out on hearing that the Savior was born as a gift to all. And we pray you can know this gift and pass it on too!

**"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, prince of Peace."**  
Isaiah 9:6