

WISE

Windward Islands School of Evangelism

Happy 40th, WISE!

The number 40 is significant in scripture as it is mentioned 146 times in the Bible and often represents struggles, completion and importance. When God sent Noah and his family in the ark it rained for 40 days and nights flooding the earth. Moses spent 40 years in Egypt and then 40 years in the desert. He also spent 40 days On Mt Sinai receiving the 10 commandments. He sent out spies to survey the land for 40 days. Jonah preached to Nineveh to turn from their wickedness for 40 days. Jesus spent 40 days in the desert tempted by Satan as he fasted. And then Jesus appeared to his disciples for 40 days after His resurrection.

It's a significant number for us as well – our 40th year of WISE of being in existence. There were years of just a few students, years of wondering how to continue to have finances to keep the school open, years of changes in leadership, years of moves. And yet 40 years later – God has seen the school through it all. We may have waited, but the school continues to train leaders in the Caribbean towards the Lord. Over 140 graduates are still in the Caribbean ministering and changing lives!



Special Seminars, Conferences, & Groups

What a month we have had! We are giving God thanks for all your help in reaching out here in so many ways. Bro Errol & Sis Carmen Bolt from Jamaica were here sharing special seminars on Marriage and Family. Then, Bachelor Creek Church of Christ (longtime supporters of WISE) helped us hold a special Ladies Conference with their own Sis Linda Mirante encouraging us in a heart of celebration. Every congregation was represented at the conference as we laughed, grew, and fellowshiped together.



Student Highlight

Meet our current 2nd year student Bro Joseph Fritz Jacques Junior. He came here from WISE through a past graduate (this is our number one way of recruiting at WISE). His family combined all their resources for him to come and study. He had to leave his mother and sister, which was hard being the only man and provider in the home. He left his job and his service in the church to come and grow. He enjoys all he is learning, though he said it has been a struggle to understand staff and students with it not being his first language. He will graduate in a few months and is looking forward to sharing all he has learned with those back home. We are thankful for Bro Fritz's commitment to spread the word of God.



Personal Note from the Director's Family

In the midst of our kiddos drinking mauby (the local drink made from tree bark), the extreme heat (okay technically it is winter here at 87 degrees not including humidity), and the endless pursuit of government program registration, God has shown us so much love. One of the many ways is through your kindness. We can't thank you enough for your generosity and commitment to WISE. We get to see firsthand the students growing each day and hear the stories of our graduates impacting so many lives. So on behalf of all the staff here, we thank you for letting us be a part of the work here.

A favorite song here is called Nare Ekele . It says God's done so much for me, I cannot tell it all. If I had ten thousand tongues, it still would not be enough. Nara Nare Kele Mo, which means accept my praise, Lord. Thank you, God, we are grateful. (You can find staff and students here worshipping through this song on our social media sites.)

Praises & Requests

- For the program registration process to be completed so more students can come. We have had the most applicants apply this January than ever before, so we are praying for the government to let us expand.
- For our graduates to persevere and be encouraged
- For the purchase of the property to be finalized
- Thankfulness for our supporters & prayer partners
- For our outreach in the community here
- For our staff to continue to lead and serve together
- For our 1st year students as they grow and study
- Thankfulness for the new chairs given and all those that filled the chairs at our recent events!

WISE Wishlist

Projector - \$150 US
Windows - \$200 US each
Fruit Trees for the Orchard - \$10 US each