

WISE

Windward Islands School of Evangelism

WISE 41st Commencement Exercises

On April 22 WISE Bible College held its annual graduation ceremony. The day was sunny, the decorations were festive, and more than 100 persons came out to witness the five graduates receive their Associate in Theology degree.

Ritchy Exama and Bertude Pierre have returned to Haiti. Steve Michel is in the Dominican Republic. Godson Inegbu has returned to Nigeria. And Renee Ellison, an American living in Barbados, has been spreading the news about WISE everywhere she goes across the island!

Please continue to keep these graduates in your prayers. Their lives are ahead of them for God to use. That is why they came to WISE in the first place. Their way will not be without difficulty. Consider the daily challenges facing those in Haiti, where life is exceedingly difficult right now, to say the least. May the light of Christ that shines in these lives bring hope and help to many!



Work Teams Visit WISE

The first week of April we hosted a team of eight people from the

Bachelor Creek Church of Christ in Indiana. They completely repainted the outside of the chapel, plus the floor inside and several adjoining walkways and the breezeway floor. They did numerous other things around campus, helping us to get ready for our graduation celebration. These teams are such a tremendous blessing to WISE with the work they are able to accomplish in a short time!

In June we will be hosting a team of almost 20 youth and sponsors from the Dayspring Christian Church in Colorado. There are important projects lined up for them to do as well. In truth, the lineup of projects seems to be never ending. We're glad another team is scheduled in September, another in October, and yet another in December. If you are interested in bringing a group in 2024 or beyond, please contact us.



Campus Road Repaired!

For a long time, WISE faced a major problem with the main access road leading to our campus. The road contained some very large and long potholes which filled with water during the (numerous) rainy periods, and those who were willing to traverse those holes found their vehicles exposed to damage, especially our teachers who had to come to campus often. Many other people

commented on the bad road which prevented them from visiting our campus. Thankfully we were able to engage a local company to fix the road, which was done in March, and now we are enjoying a vastly improved situation!



Vehicle Search

Speaking of roads, WISE has been able to secure a new vehicle (not “new” but new to us). Two of our vehicles, which have been used for many years to provide daily transportation for staff and students have pretty much reached the end of the road. One is 20 years old, and the other 13. We very much needed an upgrade to more reliable transportation. We have been blessed to acquire a small van from a rental car company which is slightly larger than our other vehicles. It can seat up to eight people and provide us with greater flexibility for cargo. These arrangements are being finalized as this is written. The price of vehicles in Barbados is even higher than in the US, but we feel the \$25,000 US price for this one is not bad at all. If you are interested in helping financially with this, that would be a tremendous blessing to the college!

Retreats, Summer, New Students, Health Needs, and Travels

- From May 26 to 29 WISE hosted a retreat on our campus for youth and youth leaders from Barbados churches. Former WISE director Brice Wurdeman was back to speak at this retreat. Two of his boys came with him, along with a team of five students from Ozark Christian College who assisted with the retreat. Please pray for life-changing impacts on the youth who attended.

- Summer classes began May 8. There are three courses of three weeks each, with an open week between each one. Pray for our teachers: Arlington, Andrew, and Pearson.
- Applications have been coming in for the new school year beginning in September, and several new students have been accepted. We are hoping that some of the Haitians who were unable to come last year will be able to come this year, along with several new students from Nigeria. There is interest from other countries as well, not to mention those who may come from right here in Barbados. Pray for new students for fall!!!
- Jane Robertson has been experiencing some troubling health symptoms, so she and Jeff traveled to Joplin May 10 for medical assessments. At the time of this writing Jane has spent several days in the hospital but is experiencing improvement. Jeff returned to Barbados by himself May 22 to spend about a month before heading back to the States for the annual WISE Board meeting. Pray for the Robertsons in these travels, and for Jane in her health needs.
- Staff members Chuck and Mary Terrill are stateside making numerous visits to churches, as well as doing their own series of medical checkups. Please pray for Chuck and Mary.
- Kenny and Tia King have been serving WISE so diligently in maintaining our campus operations and helping to coordinate our work teams. Like the Terrill's, they will be engaged in support raising later this summer. Please pray for Kenny and Tia.
- A young and newly married couple from Ozark, Grayson and Taylor Blue, are coming down for two months this summer to help look after the campus in the absence of some of our regular staff. We are very thankful God has led them to do this. Please remember Grayson and Taylor as they prepare to serve WISE in this important way.

Although our graduates have departed and things are pretty quiet at the moment, much is still happening at WISE. God has opened and is continuing to open many doors for the school. He is putting pieces in place for the future. Thank you for praying for these requests. Thank you for helping us financially. Thank you for visiting WISE. Thank you for being part of this school and the lives and ministries of those who have studied here, worship here, and serve here!

Gratefully,
The WISE Team