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SHARE-A-THON 2017

NOVEMBER 1-2-3

**Mark your calendar for Share-A-Thon on November 1, 2, and 3!** The theme for this year's Share-A-Thon is **God Is On The Move** because we see Him clearly working in the middle of the tragedies and hard times our world is facing.

In the middle of chaos, we often see the hand of God at work. When natural disasters strike, people turn to God. In the midst of tragedy, God seems to show up in amazing ways. In the past few months we've seen countless headlines with bad news — locally, nationally, and globally. **Here on WRGN, we're bringing you the Good News. We need this Good News in the midst of the chaos around us. And that's why we do what we do here.**

We see God on the move in our region. We see Him on the move in Wilkes-Barre through the Keystone Mission and Lighthouse Resource Center; in Hazleton and Scranton through new Spanish church plants; in the hearts of teens

through the ministry of Camp Orchard Hill and Youth for Christ; in the Virgin Islands in the midst of devastation through our outreach station, WIVH; in the Back Mountain through growing churches; through Pregnancy Resource Centers in Scranton, Kingston, and Hazleton; in NEPA as youth workers partner in ministry; in faithful men and women pouring out their lives for the sake of the gospel; in neighbors reaching out in love to those living around them; in students growing and serving.

Share-A-Thon is the one time each year that we set aside our regular programming to bring you the needs of this non-commercial, listener-supported station. **As we get ready for this year's Share-A-Thon coming up on November 1, 2, and 3, we're asking you to pray about what part you will play in helping us continue our ministry** through encouraging music, informative programs, news from a Christian perspective, and helping make connections between you and local ministries.

*From us to you...*



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To the WRGN listening family,

Last month I wrote to you about the potential of our sister station, WIVH, being hit by a hurricane as it traveled through the United States Virgin Islands. This month we look back on not one but two hurricanes that have destroyed many homes and caused loss of life. This affected not just the USVI, but other islands in the Caribbean, including Puerto Rico. The damage to WIVH is detailed on the facing page. While these events may represent a setback, I am reminded of 2 Corinthians 4:16 that says, ***“Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.”***

How are we renewed day by day? Our renewed strength comes from the fact that we are reaching and encouraging others with the Gospel for the sake of eternity! As my Sunday School teacher used to say, if the Bible says “therefore,” it’s “there for” a reason! Indeed, **the “therefore” in this case is reminding us of the fact that our time here on this earth is short, so the time that really matters is eternity!** It is why we minister in the good times and the bad both here at WRGN and WIVH.

We cannot do this without your help. As we come to Share-A-Thon next month, we will be looking to you to help us continue reaching out here in NEPA and rebuilding what we know is an effective ministry in the Caribbean. November 1, 2, and 3 are VERY important dates to accomplish that. **I encourage you to tune in to Share-A-Thon and hear how God is moving!** Then I ask you to call in with your Faith Promise to help WRGN financially in the coming year, or give today and get things off to a great start!

Watching God move,

*Tim + Heather*

Tim & Heather Madeira

*“For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God,” (2 Corinthians 4:15, NKJV).*

# WIVH damaged by Hurricane Maria



The Caribbean has suffered a one-two punch starting with Hurricane Irma, which devastated the islands of St. Thomas and St. John, followed by Hurricane Maria less than two weeks later that similarly devastated St. Croix. Hurricane Maria also caused flooding on the already ravaged St. Thomas, further damaging many homes which had lost roofs in the first hurricane.

WIVH was able to remain on the air throughout the entirety of Hurricane Irma, but was not so fortunate during Hurricane Maria, which left the entire island of St. Croix without power, most of which is still without power to this day.

Lack of power is not the

only issue. The cable that feeds the WIVH signal to the antenna on the tower came loose in the high winds. The winds also twisted our satellite dish on its axis and knocked down the mast for the small microwave dish that sends our signal to the tower.

The building that houses the studios and our missionary operators was also damaged, losing a portion of its roof to the Category 5 winds. (see aerial picture above taken days after the hurricane).

The roof has been covered with a tarp, and work is being done to restore WIVH to the airwaves. A work team will need to be formed in the near future to make more permanent repairs to the studios.

# HERE AT THE STUDIOS



What a wonderful beginning to fall! September seemed more like the middle of summer if you looked at the thermometer! But here at WRGN, we certainly knew it was fall because of See You at the Pole! WRGN partnered with the National Network of Youth Ministries and local youth pastors to sponsor a day-long conference, Dare 2 Share LIVE, which was simulcast from Colorado. Cross Creek Community Church, Trucksville, was one of 67 locations across the country carrying the simulcast. Teens attending the event were trained share their faith with their fellow students. They were also given the opportunity to go door-to-door and collect pantry items for the Keystone Mission in Wilkes-Barre and Scranton as well as begin gospel conversations.

On Wednesday morning, September 27, Tim and Doug changed their focus from helping listeners to *Wake Up Right* to being inspired by students from across the WRGN listening area who had called in from their school flagpoles. We heard from hundreds of students who represented nearly 20 schools and we know that more students were present at schools that we didn't even hear from! We were encouraged by the group of students who turned out to pray at Dallas High School even though they didn't have school due to a teachers' strike. Many homeschooled students and their parents joined us outside the WRGN studio for prayer, scripture reading, and a time of worship before enjoying a pancake and sausage breakfast.

Tim & Heather Madeira and Laura Madeira enjoyed attending the We Are Messengers concert at Bethany Wesleyan Church, Cherryville. It's always a blessing to visit at the church and hear from our Lehigh Valley listeners. One man introduced himself to Tim and shared that he loves starting

his day with WRGN but he was disappointed that Doug was not along so that he could meet him as well! We had a chance to catch up with Sandy who has retired and now only catches the third hour of *Wake Up Right*. The ministry of WIVH was blessed as well from the folks at Bethany Wesleyan as they took a special offering for our sister station in the Virgin Islands (see complete story on page 3).

Fall doesn't just bring a change to the color of the leaves but it usually means a few programming changes in the radio world as well. Praise and worship music hosted by Jon Gauger will replace Roger Bassick's *Music Through the Night* on Friday and Saturday overnights. The music will be vertical in nature, leading the listener to more focused attention upon the Lord with praise anthems sung in churches across the globe. Another new addition will be *Legacy Moment* hosted by Crawford Loritts at 8:20 am and 4:15 pm. *Legacy Moment*, a daily 2-minute radio program explores specific principles in a biblical context that applies to everyday life. Dr. Loritts encourages listeners to pursue a life that counts for Christ and His cause and begin a "Legacy Moment" that will last for generations to come.

Make plans to visit the Good News Library during October as we celebrate its 15th Anniversary. Special thanks to Shirley Updyke, co-founder of WRGN, for having the insight and desire to start a Christian lending library as part of the ministry of WRGN!

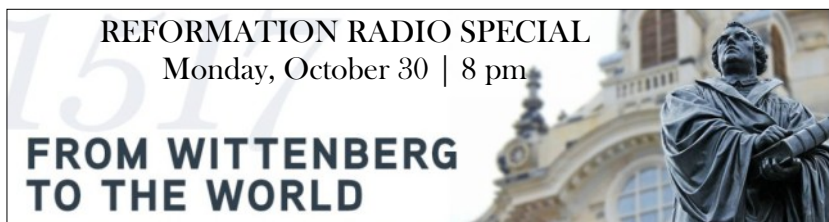
Please be in prayer for WRGN's upcoming Share-a-thon scheduled for November 1, 2, 3! Our goal is \$170,000, just a portion of WRGN's annual operating budget! Our theme is God is on the Move. How can YOU help WRGN minister to Northeastern PA and the Lehigh Valley?



**Darren Mulligan** of **We Are Messengers** is pictured with **Kathleen Dieter**, coordinator of Worship Arts at Bethany Wesleyan Church, Cherryville, and **Tim Madeira** at the recent concert at Bethany Wesleyan Church. Listen for upcoming events at Bethany Wesleyan including the **Annie Moses Band Christmas Concert** in December and a marriage event with **Greg and Erin Smalley** in February!



WRGN broadcast the chapel message from **Clarks Summit University** on Tuesday, September 19 and Wednesday, September 20 featuring **Crawford Loritts**, senior pastor at Fellowship Bible Church in Roswell, GA. **Legacy Moment**, a 2-minute radio segment, from Crawford will be a new addition to the weekday schedule of WRGN. **Tune in at 8:20 am and 4:15 pm.**



**Tim Madeira** is pictured with youth pastors **Bryan Krauss**, Cross Creek Community Church, **Harlan Tabron**, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, **Dan Martin**, Cross Creek Community Church, **Jacob Claypoole**, Nebo Baptist Church, **Chris McNaney**, Back Mountain Harvest Assembly, and **Wayne Morgan**, National Network of Youth Ministries. They were pumped to work with students across our listening area who were learning how to share the Gospel with their peers at Dare 2 Share LIVE!



# New at the Library

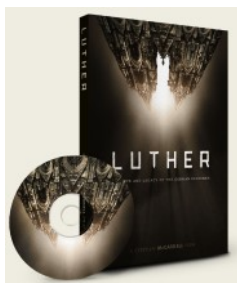
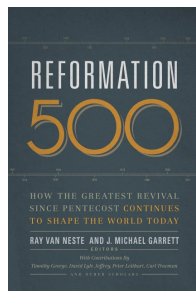


The Good News Library celebrates its 15th anniversary this month! Join us for cake and punch on Friday, October 27 as we celebrate 15 years of the library!

October's featured author of the month is **Melody Carlson**, an accomplished Christian author for children, pre-teens, youth, and adults. Having written over 200 books, she considers herself a "storyteller." Her novels range from serious issues like schizophrenia to lighter topics like house-flipping but most of the inspiration behind her fiction comes right out of real life. Carlson makes her home in the Pacific Northwest.

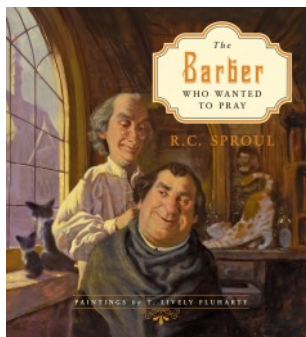
This month we celebrate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 theses to the church doors in Wittenberg, Germany. Three new resources in the library are the book **Reformation 500**, the DVD **Luther: The Life and Legacy of the German Reformer** and the children's book **The Barber Who Wanted to Pray**.

**Reformation 500** by Ray Van Neste and J. Michael Garrett celebrates the Reformation and probes the ways it has shaped our world for the better. With essays from an array of disciplines, this book explores the impact of the Reformation across a wide range of human experience.



In the DVD, **Luther: The Life and Legacy of the German Reformer**, viewers will discover the story behind the man who sparked the Protestant Reformation. Told through a seamless combination of live-action storytelling and artistic animation. Martin Luther's daring life is presented in extensive detail while still making the film relevant, provocative, and accessible.

R.C. Sproul's children's book, **The Barber Who Wanted to Pray**, tells about Master Peter who is a barber well known to all in his village. One day, when Martin Luther, the Reformer, walks into his shop, the barber musters up the courage to ask the outlawed monk how to pray. Dr. Luther responds by writing a letter to the barber. The barber's life is changed as he encounters a model for prayer by using the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Apostles' Creed. R. C. Sproul's beautifully illustrated story will engage children and help them learn to pray according to the Bible.



# Ministry Fair at Misericordia



**Tim Madeira** and **Laura Madeira** attended **Misericordia University's** annual **Ministry Fair** in late September. The goal of the Ministry Fair is to make college students aware of local churches their students may want to attend or connect them to ministries like WRGN that may help the students feel at home a new area.

## SYATP at WRGN



For the past several years, homeschool students in Luzerne County have met at the WRGN studios for **See You At The Pole**. This year was the largest gathering to date as they joined hundreds of students across the area to pray before the start of the school day. Tim and Doug also talked to students from across our listening area during **See You At The Pole LIVE**.

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