



BACK IN SVG

“You Did What?” and a look of disbelief came over the face of our friend. These were the responses that we received from many of our friends who asked what we did while on deputation/home assignment.



amazed at how it turned out that our hearts were so encouraged after each and every visit.

Here is one example of one of the many blessings:

One couple asked if they could set up a meeting in their home so others could hear about this ministry in SVG. It turned out that the couple was able to use their church and invite the whole congregation to come and hear about the ministry. The night came, and God brought out about 15 individuals. Wow, we were so blessed. She had made Vincy style snacks and juice.

One objective that we had before going on deputation was to raise our financial support to meet the short fall that was happening over the course of this past year. CEF's motto regarding finances is “Ask God and inform His people.” God has been faithful, as He always is. He has brought several new individuals to our financial team. Thank you so much for your part in prayer.

We were told about one little girl that so encouraged our hearts. Susan* attended a public school Good News Club (GNC) where we were the focused missionaries for clubs in her area. She would pray weekly for us at GNC for many months.

Yes, we did drive 3/4s of the way across North America, from Kelowna, BC to as far as Ottawa, ON and southeast to New Jersey in a rented vehicle. In a 7-week period we put on over 14,000 KM (8699 +miles). During that time, we saw many individuals, shared in Bible Study groups and visited 8 churches (3 new churches). Wendy and I set out as our goal to be a blessing to those we visited. We wanted to be an encouragement. I am so



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With some great girls!



Getting ready to fly back to SVG

church was having a missions evening and was going to pray for several of their church's missionaries. Susan looked at the board of all the missionaries and started to cry. The leader asked her why she was crying. "Vance and Wendy are not on the board. We have to pray for them," came her reply. What a blessing to know that we have had such a great backing in prayer!! The church did also pray for us that evening. We did not get to meet her while in her area, but Lord willing, one day.

Yes, we are back in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and we are looking forward to seeing how God is going to reach the children here. We are focusing on GNCs, teacher trainings and Christian Youth In Action (CYIA).

We have been asked to be of assistance to CEF of Belize for a month. Belize is holding a campaign to get into the schools there with GNCs.

Wendy and I will be joining the team that will be heading to Belize for Feb 22-March 4. The team will be starting GNCs that will be taken over by volunteers of local churches. After the initial team leaves, we will be staying for another two weeks to follow up the GNCs. We have been given a task of starting 10 GNCs in schools. We so need your prayers that the churches will take up the mantle and start these clubs, so more children will be reached.

Upon our return to SVG towards the end of March, we plan to continue getting ready for CYIA, contacting churches to send their youth to be trained and to host 5-Day clubs. We are excited as to what God will do this summer. Last year 37 youth were trained from 12 churches. We are humbled and in awe of this huge task. Thank you for your prayers and for your financial gifts. We appreciate you.

HOMEFRONT: EMPTY NEST

As many of you know, my (Wendy's) Dad passed away September 5. We are so very thankful that we had 5 days by his bedside and with my Mom and siblings before his passing. Time with our siblings, mothers and our children was very special to have in September in BC. We had much rest and a time of renewal for the both of us in December as well. Seeing our children doing well in Canada, helps us come back to SVG with a lighter heart, even though now we are starting this phase of life called "Empty Nesters".

Naomi and Elyse are living in Kelowna enjoying their jobs and connecting with their friends and family. Grant and Abi purchased and renovated a home in Hamilton. They are doing well and enjoying work and studies. As of end of August, Joelle moved back to Canada and is at Millar College of the Bible in Salmon Arm, BC. She has adjusted well to Canadian life once again, although she misses the Vincy life also. We are so thankful for the time we had with each of them. Also, we are thankful for technology that enables us to talk regularly with each of them.



His for the Children,

Vance & Wendy