

Dear prayer partners, families, friends, brothers and sisters,

Warm greetings in Christ from Martinique!

Time has flown by so fast — 2017 has just been filled with the Lord's protection and blessings!
We wish all of you have a joyful and blessed 2018 ahead!

The latest updates of St. Maarten after the Hurricane Irma:

In December 15 & 16 we have paid a two day visit with 2 deacons brothers of Martinique church to St. Maarten, showing our support and love for brothers and sisters there after the Hurricane Irma.

The island is still in a very tough situation. Economic depression, there has been no cruise ships to St. Maarten ever since the hurricane. But instead, most ships have rerouted to Guadeloupe and Martinique — one time recently there were 8 cruise ships docked at Martinique in one day which set a record! In St. Maarten most of the damaged buildings remained tattered and torn due to the lack of building materials and labourers. Many of the ruin buildings still can be seen along the roads in the city. Many of the beautiful palm trees have been severely damaged. The traffic on the road is slower than before as many of the taxi drivers shifted to be construction workers. Most of the hotels have been seriously damaged and only a few of them are partially open for business....

As for the church members, some families have moved to the neighbouring islands, some are still taking rest back to their home countries...thus the church congregation have downsized to about 5 people. However some b/s have reopened their business again, and are currently very busy focusing on rebuilding their business and homes.... while others have lost all their properties and have left the island....All these have sadden our hearts.....

We have brought quite a number of spiritual and devotional books for them. Hopefully the Lord's words would comfort and strengthen them during such hardships.... Please kindly remember their needs in your prayers.



Church building
1/3 of the roof has been damaged



A brother's supermarket
was seriously damaged and being robbed



Our missions journey walking with God:

We are thankful to Doulos, the Evangelical Musical team of 7 coming to Martinique and hosting an outreach event on January 1st . By God's grace, there were about 100 people attended the event and there were 17 new believers who have accepted the most beautiful gift, the eternal life from the Lord. Praise the Lord!

During their stay, they also conducted a few musical training workshops including singing skills, how to conduct a choir at church, and guitar lessons. These trainings definitely have benefited all brothers and sisters here. Thanks again to the Doulos STM team.





17 New believers
with Doulos Team and church deacons

By God's grace, the Martinique church has just formed a worship choir since December 24, 2017. B/S are so excited to this new ministry and are eager to learn more in all aspects.



We were also very excited to witness 2 sisters baptized at the Caribbean beach on the same day morning of the Christmas Eve! Praise the Lord!



We greatly appreciate for Rev. Yu with a STMT from Ottawa and also Rev. Wilson Kaan from Saskatoon to cover our ministry during our absence for vacation. Welcome you all to Martinique!

Our family – counting the Lord's blessings.....

We are grateful to the Lord for our growing family, we are so excited about the birth of our grandchild from our beloved son and daughter-in-law. By God's grace, they are expecting their first baby in January, end of this month. We therefore will be heading home to Toronto on 24th for one month vacation to support our family and to celebrate the arrival of our grandchild. PTL!

Heartfelt thanks again for your on going willingness walking alongside our missions journey together for the Lord's glory!

Our praise and prayer items:

- thankful for the fruitful journey walking with God in 2017
- thankful for the 17 new believers
- thankful for all the STM teams including the past and the future ones
- thankful for the true friends like you faithfully support our ministry prayerfully and financially in the past years
- thankful for the opportunities to serve
- thankful for the growing family

Please pray for:

- brothers & sisters in St. Maarten and all the islanders there.
- unity among church leaders
- the follow up with the new believers
- the 2 newly baptized sisters live Christ-Centred life
- good health, wisdom, insight and strength to serve
- the smooth and safe arrival of our grandchild
- the Lord's protection upon all our family members in Toronto

Again, we greatly appreciate your on going partnership in furtherance the Kingdom work in the Caribbean French Islands. May the Lord reward you abundantly in 2018!!

Blessings,
Edmond & Anne