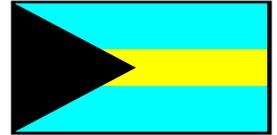


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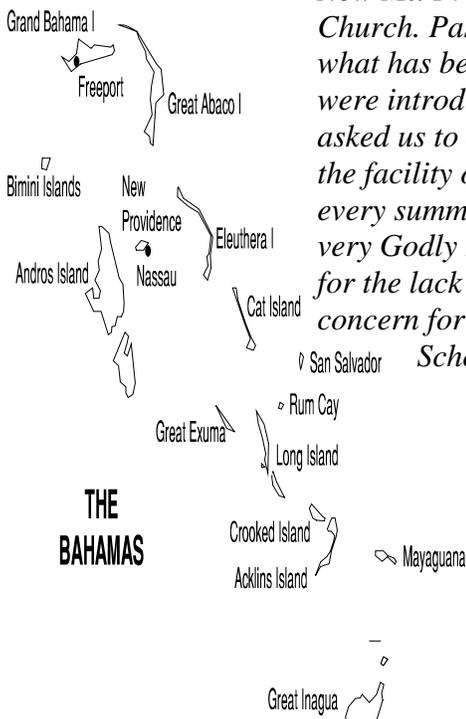
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To whom it may concern,

This letter comes to introduce you to Pastor John Newton and New Mt. Freedom Baptist Church in Lowe Sound, Andros, Bahamas. Before I do though, I would like to explain some things about the Bahamas to give you a better understanding.

The cost of living in the Bahamas is approximately three times what it is in the United States. This is due to the fact that everything has to be shipped into the islands and the high duty charged by the government. The main industry is tourism which is mainly in a few isolated areas of Nassau, Paradise Island, Freeport and Exuma. That would be followed by fishing and farming. Farming is not on the large scale as it is in the U.S. but more like our gardening or small truck farms. The government employ many as everything is run by the government. The balance of jobs consist of day workers and shop owners leaving a wide gulf between the very rich and the very poor with little or no middle class. The poverty level is very high. With the exception of Nassau, the churches on the outer islands are unable to support their pastor so the pastors are forced to be bi-vocational.

New Mt. Freedom Baptist Church is an independent fundamental Baptist Church. Pastor John Newton is a third generation pastor, self-taught using what has been handed down from generations before and getting up in age. We were introduced to Pastor Newton many years ago (10) by his daughter who asked us to come and do Vacation Bible School in their church. We have used the facility of their fellowship hall and averaged over one hundred children every summer. We have seen much fruit as a result. We saw in Pastor Newton a very Godly man and a close relationship was formed. He voiced his concern for the lack of teaching and training available for the young men and his concern for who would be able to replace him. Thus the need for formal Bible School training and the vision for the North Andros Bible Institute was put together. For the past four years we have been conducting a week long Church Leadership Bible Seminar for adults that has been well attended. We are now waiting for approval and registration from the government. Once approved, we will use the facility of New Mt. Freedom for the school saving us the expense of building. In preparation we have created a library and taken six computers for a computer lab.



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This brings us to the need. To date we have never paid toward the use of the facility or electricity, nor have they asked. Recently they have suffered extensive termite damage and leaking roof in the fellowship hall. They do not have the resources to cover this. We would like to raise \$2,500.00 to cover this expense and to date have received \$650.00. We would also like to buy plastic folding tables to replace the deteriorating wooden tables.

We have a door of opportunity that we feel we cannot pass up. This is an opportunity to teach and disciple proper Bible Doctrine and principles that is so lacking in the Bahamas. We need help! If we could get ten churches here in the United States to support this work by contributing \$1,000.00 a year (that's less than \$10.00 a month) that would sustain the Bible Institute, help support the church and possibly provide student scholarships. Would you pray with us that God would meet this need?

*Co-laborers in Jesus Christ,
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