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Update on Owens' Vehicle Need

In June, we sent a message to make you aware of our need to raise \$25,000 to purchase a gently used truck that was returned to the auto dealership here in Antigua. Soon after we sent our message, the dealership called us to let us know that they had sold that truck and that there was only one other new truck available for purchase. If we chose to order a vehicle, it would take 4 to 5 months or longer before it would arrive on island.

You may remember from our prior letter, but we only had one vehicle, a 2003 Ford Explorer Sport Trac. Over the past couple years, we have spent more money in parts and repairs than the value of the truck. Because the truck was a US vehicle, we had to ship parts from the States, and Nathan does most of the maintenance work himself. The four-wheel-drive did not work, even after several attempts to repair it. We need that four-wheel-drive in order to visit our FM tower site. Upon further inspection, there were a few more major repairs needed to be done! The roads in Antigua are not kind to vehicles!

Funds started coming in for a new vehicle, and a generous individual agreed to loan us the money, free of interest, to purchase the new vehicle immediately and reimburse as the funds were donated. We began the process to purchase the new truck, including a request of the government to waive the duty- and sales-taxes. Although we've been told that ministers are supposed to be granted tax free concessions on purchases of this type, we were not granted the tax break. Of the 45% taxes to be charged, the government only chose to remove 10%.

As we waited for paperwork to be completed, we put our 2003 truck up for sale and very quickly found a buyer willing to pay much more than the dealership would have traded, even with the nonfunctional four-wheel-drive. The day after we drove our new vehicle home, the buyer came for our old truck with cash!

We know "the king's heart is in the hand of the Lord," and "He turneth it whithersoever He will." (Prov 21:1). Sometimes the Lord chooses to provide for His workers through discounts and favors, and sometimes He chooses to provide simply through His people. The total cost of our new truck amounted to \$44,350. We truly have been blessed through the Lord's people, and to date, we have received \$33,870 (76%) of those funds from donations, saved ministry funds, and the sale of our old truck!

Thank you so much for your prayers as we continue to raise the remaining \$10,480! And if you would be willing to give toward this project, gifts can be sent to our mission board and to our personal **Account #1400, designated as "Owens Vehicle"** through any of the means listed on the BIMl website (www.bimi.org/giving) or mailed to the address below.

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