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Dear Kiwanians:

What a joy it is to serve and to make a difference to the lives of others!

It is now March, the last month of the first half of the administrative year. So much has been accomplished and just as much left to be done. I am moved and ask you to join me in prayer.

Dear Lord:

As we reflect, we give you thanks for all that you have done for us. Thank you for affording us this opportunity to touch the lives of others.

We thank you for Kiwanis and all its members. We pray special blessings on all our leaders especially our Lt. Governors and Club Presidents. Give them the courage and strength to lead and to motivate. Make them visionaries who will inspire, stimulate and and motivate. We place every member into your hands.

As we face the global challenges, let us embrace them positively and never allow them to get in the way of the service we provide through Kiwanis.

We pray your blessings on every member and their families. We pray for your protection, for good health and prosperity for all.

For members and clubs who have lost a loved one through death, we pray that you will be with them during their period of bereavement and beyond.

As we welcome our new members into Kiwanis, we ask that you walk with them. Bless them with the joy of service and fellowship that will cement their passion and commitment.

May we continue to care for and love one another as we seek to give of ourselves and make that difference to the world, especially to our children.

Thank you for all your blessings..... Amen

Thank you Kiwanians for praying with me.

During the month of February, I visited 3 divisions. I would like to thank Lt. Governors Pierre Charbonné (Div. 27C), André Gaubron (Div. 27) and Leslie-Ann Baxam (Div. 28) for being such fantastic hosts and great Lt. Governors.

Amidst the strike in Guadeloupe and Martinique, we were able to accomplish a lot of work. These two gentlemen really gave new meaning to embracing challenges and putting a positive spin on situations. The visit to Division 27 culminated with a well attended and beneficial joint meeting of the Kiwanis Clubs in Barbados.

However, someone must have told LG Leslie-Ann that the workload was reduced in Divisions 27C & 27 because she decided to formulate the most hectic schedule EVER! After being fully tested for vitality and stamina, I left the Island of Trinidad and Tobago convinced that the membership will be doubled during this administrative year. Thank you all for your vision and great work.

I also had the pleasure of presenting the Charter to the Kiwanis Club of Harbour Island (Division 22), on February 20. This club was organized in late 2007/08 and is making a significant difference to their community. Even though I had to miss the experience of carnival in Trinidad, I had the most pleasurable time fellowshiping with the members of this club and the clubs in the Bahamas. Thanks to LG Barry Wilmott, DP Ryan Antonio, President Will Hart and the members of Division 22, for being exemplary hosts and fantastic Kiwanians!

The quarterly reports have been analysed and the results published. Congratulations to all the clubs on your achievements and to those who won awards. My biggest regret was that some Presidents and Secretaries did not complete their reports therefore denying their clubs being rated for the quarter. I encourage you to have this corrected.

Congratulations also to the 2007/08 Distinguished Clubs and Divisions. It is always a great feeling to see members and clubs recognized for their outstanding work.

Preparation for convention is in high gear. I look forward to seeing you in Nashville and Trois Rivières.

In closing, I encourage you to ponder the words of William Wordsworth who said: *"the best portion of a good man's life is his little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love."*

Let us continue to make Kiwanis a conduit for sharing our love for one another and our dear children.

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