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Dennis and Patricia Christensen

Mr. Dennis Christensen

Dennis was born and raised in Aurora, IL. His parents were Christians and attended a Baptist Church. His father was a shipping supervisor at Barber Greene, a manufacturer of road surfacing equipment. His mother was a homemaker and active in church activities. His father passed away in 1969 and his mother in 1996. Denny's oldest brother Chuck and wife live in Lake Zurich, IL. He is retired after 40+ years with WMBI and teaching at Moody Bible Institute. His sister Joyce and her husband are finishing up their service with Wycliffe by setting up a local Wycliffe organization in Portugal following nearly 40 years in Mexico and Brazil. His brother Al and his wife are in Aurora; he is a train engineer. His youngest brother Jack and wife Fran who used to attend COD live in Pittsburgh, PA. Jack is in sales in the healthcare industry.

Denny received Christ at the age of four. He always felt that missionary service would be the highest calling that God could desire of him. With that in mind he attended Moody Bible Institute, majoring in missions. After an interruption of 2 years in the U.S. Army, he continued at Aurora College, graduating in 1962 with a B.A. in history. While in college he began working with a Christian youth center which he continued for nearly a year afterwards until he returned to school part-time at Northwestern U. for courses in radio and TV. During his second furlough he attended Wheaton College grad school and received his M.A. in 1977.

Dennis' major responsibility for about 28 years was at Radio Victoria involved in management, sales, program production, music, writing, news and announcing. For over 25 years he has handled the field finances and served on the field council. Leading services, music, teaching and occasional preaching have been regular activities. The last 3 years he was involved in coordinating the transfer of the radio station, a bookstore and the literature program from missionary to national leadership. Recent administrative duties also involved the transfer or sale of all remaining properties in view of the official field closure as of the end of 2000. Denny and Pat assisted in preparations for the printing of the entire Bible in the local language, Papiamentu, and Denny has been responsible for Bible distribution to the bookstores in Aruba, as well as handling the arrangements for a second printing.

Our goal is "to finish well" as we complete TEAM's involvement on the islands in 2001. The official date is December 31, 2000, but there will still be matters to care for a couple of months after that. Property transfers can take an unbelievable amount of time.

Mrs. Pat Christensen

Pat was born in New Mexico where she lived for 12 years. The family then moved to Colorado, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, and finally Kansas where her mother still lives. Her dad passed away in November, 1999. She comes from a Christian family; her sister and husband live in Freeport, IL, and her brother and family live in Denver. From childhood Pat felt the tug of missions; she accepted the Lord as Savior at the age of 12 and a couple of years later dedicated her life to serve wherever the Lord wanted to send her. Matthew 24:35 has been a guiding verse over the years: what could be more important than focusing your life on what is going to last forever?

After graduation from Moody Bible Institute, Pat attended the University of Kansas where she earned a degree in secondary education, meanwhile marrying an MK from Rhodesia. They went to Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) in December 1968. Dick passed away there of Hodgkins Disease.

Pat met Dennis in early 1975 while they were both on furlough. After they married, Pat joined Dennis in the radio ministry in Aruba. The Lord has blessed them with three children. Dacia is married to Greg Liddle; she is studying for her Master's Degree at Wheaton College while teaching physics part-time at Wheaton Academy. Coral is in her third year at Wheaton College. Ryan is a machinist mate in the US Navy on a nuclear submarine based in Hawaii.

Pat's ministry activities in Aruba have included miscellaneous support jobs at Radio Victoria; church involvements such as playing the piano, teaching, and helping in the women's group; leading women's Bible studies; and helping to institute a Christian Women of Aruba organization.

Denny's hobbies include reading, coin collecting, watching sports on television. Pat's hobbies include reading, sewing, listening to music (usually classical).

Date of present assignment: 1995

Next furlough: March 2001, four-month furlough followed by retirement

Date of COD's beginning support: October, 1977

Birthdates:	C. Dennis	May 29, 1936
	Patricia	September 3, 1944
	Dacia Rene	December 6, 1976
	Ryan Dane	June 21, 1978
	Coral Dawn	February 7, 1980

Wedding anniversary: August 9, 1975

October 2000