

Hey there everyone; this is Julie from the 'Great Down South'.

As we were in transition from the main land to the island, I noticed a 'Tap-Tap', commonly known as a taxi to you and me, with Psalm 113 painted in the window. Please allow me to elaborate: "Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised! The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!"

This is great for me to live by today, this week and everyday from here on out. I pray that as I continue down this road called life, may I be used to help raise the poor across the street and the needy down the road. This street or road may be nearby or in another town on the other side of the world. May I invite them and the barren woman to sit at my table with our LORD and His people. May I also have the courage to ask for and the willingness to accept the helping hand from His people when I am in need or poor.

Ah yes, I believe this would be called living life in community. Today I am reminded again that it's not about what we do or where we go, but rather all about building relationships: with the Lord GOD almighty who is Creator of the universe, His son Christ Jesus, family, friends and anyone He puts in my path today, this week and everyday from here on out.

Praise comes in all different forms: taking the time to sit and talk with a friend, developing a new relationship, working on a project that will help others, letting someone hug you (and accepting it!), etc. What brings glory to the LORD our God? This is praise. Take God with you everywhere: **today, this week and everyday from here on out!**