



March-April 2024

Dear Praying Friend,

We are so appreciative of every prayer and sacrifice made by God's people to enable us to minister here in Grenada. It is truly humbling to see God's hand of provision through His servants over and over again, and it brings great joy when we are able to send back a positive report of the work God is doing in hearts and lives.

The second school term (January through Easter) was marked with the official completion and opening of the new school building. While there are a few minor things left to touch up, the building is now fully operational. The father of one student came and assisted on painting, and our church people did much of the other finishing work, along with a local man named Enoch. Lord-willing, this summer, we will put the upper floor on top, giving us the final two classrooms we should need as we complete our building projects. With the foundation floor being complete already, the cost will be far less than the previous projects we have seen accomplished. We praise God that the school now has 22 students, with Kayhdon, Rashon, and Haley joining the school, and Miya returning after missing the first term. It eases some of the financial burden to have more students, but more importantly, it furthers our reach with the Word of God. We are now able to influence 16 families with the Gospel through the school, along with extended families and staff families. Please pray that we are able to maximize each opportunity to share God's love. Pray specifically for the souls of men—several students' fathers are very involved in their children's lives. Glendon, Marvin, Atley, Akim, and Godfrey are five men that we have a special burden for.

February was one of our more fruitful months in recent memory. One young man at the juvenile facility accepted Christ as Saviour. That same Sunday, a visiting family came into the church to dedicate a baby boy to the Lord. They returned the next week, and Donna led the mother, named Ronel, to the Lord. A week afterwards, two men came to Christ during our soul-winning time. Joseph personally spoke to a man named Abbie, with a Rastafarian background. He grew up religious, but had always been told that being good was enough to get into Heaven. Abbie said he has never had a Bible, nor has he ever read it. Since we still have some from the Grenada Bible Project, we were very happy to give him one, and he has promised to read it. Joseph shared with him what God said about our good deeds not being enough, and right on the side of the road after about a half hour, he bowed his head and asked Christ to save him! Please pray that Abbie would come to church, and that we will have opportunities to further influence him and see him grow in Christ.

The month of February also brought Grenada's 50th Independence Day! The atmosphere of excitement was palpable. Every school was required to be involved in marches, parades, and other special cultural events around the island. The Ministry of Education came in to our school to do a special pinning ceremony, giving each child and staff member a commemorative pin.

On April 13th, we look forward to seeing our first church member getting married, as Shondell Rubin will be joined together with Benaisha Hillaire. We have known Benaisha for years, and she taught within the school here for a short time. Please pray for their adjustment to married life, and for God's clear direction in what He would have for them to do together. They are both good, solid dedicated Christians with servant's hearts.

Also in April, Lifeline Independent Baptist Church will celebrate its 7th anniversary. We will celebrate with a food fellowship following our morning service. We would appreciate your prayers for good attendance and a great response to the preaching of God's Word. That same week, we will also be taking part in the Caribbean Jubilee, where pastors all around the Caribbean are invited to a set of meetings, which will be held near the capital city in Grenada.

Thank you again for your prayers and generosity toward this ministry! God has shown His faithfulness over and over. Please continue to pray for Donna's health. She had a few great weeks, followed by some of her worst yet. Additional blood tests were run but are not showing any major issues. We continue to pray for answers....

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