



The Childers Family

Missionaries in
Grenada
West Indies



May-June 2024

Praises:

- 1. Mivy saved
- 2. New students
- 3. Great wedding

Prayer Requests:

- 1. Godly wisdom
- 2. Water situation
- 3. More students
- 4. School building improvements
- 5. Health

Childers' Children's Corner:

Brielle read the most books in the school in a recent reading contest.

Ryan still loves his dinosaurs, and is beginning to like soccer.

Noelle loves to touch all animals and bugs! She also enjoys basketball.

Dear Praying Friend,

Recent events in Grenada remind me of Amos 8:11, which says, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord." What a sad state of affairs!

Since the pandemic began, there has been limited fruit. The Word of God is sown, but the famine is in the *hearing* of the Word. Many, especially among the youth, have lost a desire for spiritual matters. That being said, our goal is to be faithful. In His timing, God will bring the increase! In our last letter, we mentioned a young mother named Ronel, who accepted Christ as Saviour following her son being dedicated to the Lord. We praise the Lord that Ronel's mother, Mivy, also made a profession of faith.

While the drought of the hearing of the Word continues, so too does the worst drought of water in our 8 years in Grenada. Water restrictions are now widespread, and valve regulations means most areas are without water for portions of each day. Our home only has flowing water from 9 AM until 3 PM, which happens to be within the hours we are at the school each day. That means we only have water on Saturdays when we are home! We do praise the Lord for His provision, however, as the church has water except in the overnight hours. We are privileged to be able to carry two 5-gallon drinking coolers of water home each day, which is used for drinking, bathing, and cleaning. We are also grateful that we were able to get our washing machine repaired, even if we can only use it one day per week.

In the Christian school, we have added another 2 students, Gusshana and Kerlon, which brings our enrollment up to 24. Kerlon recently lost his father tragically, so we are trying to help him emotionally, spiritually, and academically. Please pray that both of these children will be reached with the Gospel. Pray also as we need to add a new teacher for the new school year, that God would provide a teacher that is both capable in teaching and has an excellent Christian testimony. Our desire is to get up to 36 students before September, with 30 currently registered.

Our school term goes through the first week of July. We will then be due for an inspection by the Ministry of Education for a new 3-year permit to continue to operate the Christian School. We have several improvements that are required to be made before then, including constructing 320 sq. ft. updated restrooms, handrails around all staircases, along with another handwashing station, signage, and additional fire extinguishers. The work on the new restrooms has begun, but we are facing a time crunch to get everything done. Please pray for God's provision, and for no delays with the work, along with our first graduation and end-of-year activities.

We are pleased that on the church side, Shondell and Naisha were married on April 13th! Joseph was a co-officiant, alongside Naisha's pastor. Donna was involved heavily in the decorating for both the wedding and reception following. Shondell has been an integral part of our ministry, and we are excited for Naisha to get involved as well. Please pray for them in their marriage, and for their service together. They plan to minister with the music, as well as within the youth ministry.

Finally, please continue to also pray for our health. Donna has had more testing, which again has not found the root cause of her issues. She has just been referred to an orthopedic specialist. Joseph has started to have some negative reactions to his headache medicine. Ryan and Noelle each had separate incidents, resulting in Ryan possibly damaging one of his front (permanent) teeth, and Noelle receiving two stitches on her forehead.

Your servants in Grenada,
Joseph, Donna, Brielle, Ryan, and Noelle Childers

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