



November-December 2023

Dear Praying Friend,

### Praises:

1. Good start to new school year
2. Additional financial support
3. Young man sent out to pastor
4. Funds for building provided

### Prayer Requests:

1. God's strength and wisdom
2. Additional students
3. Men and families in the church
4. Donna's health

### Children's Corner:

**Brielle** has stepped up to help Donna in the few weeks Joseph was away. She is 10 years old, and going on 16!

**Ryan** has struggled with behaviour in Joseph's absence. His interests are going from dinosaurs into sports now.

**Noelle** will be 5 years old in December. She loves all animals—especially squirrels (which Grenada does not have)!

"Are we there yet?" How many times have we heard children ask this question as we travel? We may not always like to travel much, but on occasion, it is necessary to fulfill God's plan in our lives. These past few months have demonstrated this principle.

In September, we began our new school year with 20 students, including 4 new children. Lord-willing, in January, we will add several additional students who plan to enroll. Our new teachers, Miss Cassie Wilson (Grade 3) and Miss Brianna Chasteau (Kindergarten) have done a good job and have shown dedication to the task ahead. We are grateful for their hard work.

Also in September, a young man from our church graduated from Bible College. Since we do not have such a college in Grenada, he went to our neighbor to the north in St. Vincent to Baptist Bible College of the Caribbean. Bro. Peter Thomas played a large role within our first three years of ministry in Grenada. Upon graduating, my hope was that God would bring him back to Grenada to labor with us and to help with the next church plant. However, Peter believed that God's will is for him to take a church in St. Vincent that has been without a pastor for eight years! Joseph was privileged to be able to go in person for his ordination and installation. It was his first time there, and his first experience in "island-hopping." In his absence for that weekend, Musche and Shondell led the church in Grenada. We rejoice in what a blessing it is that our influence has now reached into another Caribbean island! Pastor Thomas has asked us to be his sending church, a responsibility that we are grateful to accept.

October brought about another trip as Joseph went to the States on a mini-furlough to raise some additional financial support to offset a portion of support lost during covid. He had a couple churches that contacted us last year promising support if we could come. He planned out a 30-day trip with 19 churches and 2 pastor's fellowships. Eight of these were supporting churches, and 11 were new. God has used the trip to provide 5 new supporters already, with another 1-3 likely to take us on in the new year. We praise the Lord that He has also used this trip to provide the needed funds to finish the building project, plus to send us additional prayer partners that have committed to praying for our family and ministry daily! The travel has been tedious and not without its discouragements, and Joseph traveling solo has not been easy on the family. Yet, we rejoice in the goodness and faithfulness of our God.

Donna has been busy with the children and the school in Joseph's absence. She continues to teach Grades 4 and 5, and has 5 students this year. Please pray for her as both of her classes have national testing, which is instrumental in the government allowing us to continue running a private school.

We do want to say a special thank you to Don and Patsy Drake who have been running the school (and church) in Joseph's absence. They, along with Sister Coco Chan, picked up and dropped off the school children each morning and afternoon. The Drakes are with the ARM ministry of our mission board, BIMl. Please pray for their return to the States on November 21st. Please continue to pray for Donna's health as some of her symptoms are worsening. Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for us and supporting financially, that we may do our part to reach Grenada with the Gospel of Christ!

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

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