



Dear Praying Friend,

September-October 2021

Praises:

Full approval for starting a school

Building project complete

Souls saved

Prayer Requests:

Godly wisdom

Return to “normalcy”

God’s protection

Childers’ Children’s Corner

Brielle is now 8 years old and in grade 3. She thanks each church that sent her mail for her birthday!

Ryan enjoyed this building project again, helping to hammer in some nails in the new office. He is excited for kindergarten and his teacher, Miss Joy.

Noelle enjoys being a “mermaid.” She has a good imagination, and loves to play with her dolls. She is so cute, asking everyone, “Will you play with me?”

We are grateful that Grenada had been spared much of the wrath of the global pandemic. We enjoyed a prosperous and fruitful summer, with souls saved, an adult baptism, and the conclusion of the third term of our Bible Institute. We spent much time in preparation for the Christian School, and had our first teacher’s orientation and parent/student orientation, as we planned to start the school year the first Monday of September.

However, a week before we could begin the school, Grenada announced that for the first time, we were facing community spread of the virus. We went from fewer than 175 cases *altogether* (most of which had been visitors, caught with PCR testing at the airport) to now nearly 1500 *active* cases. As of today, there are at least 12 Covid-related deaths, 11 of those coming in the past week. The Prime Minister announced last Thursday that there would not be another lockdown, despite the spread of the virus; however, he changed course the next day, and announced weekend 24-hour curfews, and steep daily restrictions beyond that. We are now back to “online church” and the school year has been delayed. It is a frustrating course, but we also know that God is ultimately in control.

We are grateful to have completed our family’s move, although our internet connection has been problematic ever since. The church/school building project was about three times the anticipated cost, but praise God, it is complete, and the church plant is fully set up as a school also now. God has shown His goodness to us, even in the stresses of everyday life!

Please pray for a return to a more “normal” schedule, especially for the start-up for the school. It is difficult to help the children that are already behind to catch up when we cannot meet in-person. We had fully resumed our door-to-door soul-winning outreach, but that had to be shut down again too. We still expect to start our fourth term of the Bible Institute as soon as they lift the current lockdown. Please pray also as we plan early for our second school year, adding several more grades and a new wing onto our current building.

We praise our God for each of you. Thank you for your regular prayers for our family and ministry, and for your financial support toward our ministry. It is an honor to be able to serve our Saviour on your behalf! I would also like to say a special thank you to each church and individual who gave a one-time gift toward the school and building project. God used those funds tremendously to help us in preparation to continue on in His service!

Your servants in Grenada,
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