## The Childers Family

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Lifeline has started Souls saved Good attendance

**Praises:** 

## **Prayer Requests:**

God's wisdom/guidance

Beginning youth group

Transitioning into a fulltime "pastorate" More souls

God's provision for a larger vehicle

## Childers' Children's Corner:

Ryan continues his energetic ways. He loves to run and climb on everything. I wish we had the energy to keep up!

Mamma Cannes had a revival/tent meeting that Lifeline attended for four nights. Brielle said we were going to church in the biggest tent in the world! She asks every week, "Are we going to Mommy's church or Myah's church?" (Myah is one of her best friends from Mamma Cannes.) Dear Praying Friends,

What a time it has been! In our last letter, I wrote about how God provided a potential meeting place for the church. However, as we were about to sign the lease, we heard of another building that might be available. My attitude has been that I'm willing to look at anything, so we drove over, spoke to the land-lord, and looked at the place. At one time, it was a dance hall. It is the upstairs of a restaurant, at the foot of the road where Donna grew up. You may recall we have prayed for years for the "Old Church" in Grenville—this is directly across the street from it! God quickly gave a peace that we did not have with any of our other options. We signed a lease, then set about to work! It is a large room, that had a small kitchen in the back. We extended that wall out to use for a nursery and Sunday School classroom, plus added walls to make an office/storage area, plus painted the rooms. Mamma Cannes, the church we had been serving with, even contributed vinyl flooring, plus innumerable man-hours of labor.

As the work was being completed, we set to work canvassing the area with flyers and Gospel tracts, reaching thousands of people. We saw several professions of faith even before beginning the church. Due to logistics with the restaurant downstairs, we held an open-air meeting in front of the church from Sunday through Thursday nights. We had a number of people from the community who would sit in the street and listen intently to the challenges given.

Lifeline Independent Baptist Church began officially on April 2nd. For our first service, we had nearly 30 people present, including about 10 from Grenville. That evening, an older lady named Adeline sweetly accepted Christ as her Saviour! In the following weeks, we have consistently had between 25 and 30 in each Sunday service. Mamma Cannes is joining us for the evening services, as we look at the seven churches of Revelation. On Wednesday nights, we have a Bible study, followed by breaking into groups to pray. We have averaged around 11 for that. God has given us a solid core of believers to minister together in Grenville. We immediately started a weekly soul-winning program on Thursdays, which has already seen at least 5 make professions of faith. In May, we look to begin a teen group as we look to reach the youth with the Gospel.

Please pray for us as we look to continue reaching lost souls with the Gospel, and we need God's wisdom as we look to increase our presence in the community. We are praying also for a larger vehicle. Our van has 7 seats, but on the average Sunday, we pickup and drop off more than 15. Thank you for your prayerful and financial sacrifices that make it possible for us to serve here.

In Christ,

Joseph, Donna, Brielle, and Ryan Childers

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