



The Childers Family

Missionaries to
Grenada
West Indies



November/December 2019

Praises:

Adults saved
Church growth
God's provision of funds for land

Prayer Requests:

God's wisdom
Christmas Program
Preparation for next term of Bible Institute
Spiritual growth
Building Project

Childers' Children's Corner:

Brielle has enjoyed drawing and playing hopscotch recently. Please pray for her salvation.

Ryan likes to climb. He is adventurous, but does some dangerous things. Please pray for his safety!

Noelle has four teeth! She loves to wave "bye bye." She now says Dada and Mama.

Dear Praying Friends,

In our last prayer letter, we were thanking God for His provision for the land for the church plant. Our expectation was that we could move quickly and close the deal, since we had accepted the offer they had given us. However, God had a lesson in patience to teach us! Two weeks after we accepted, we had not heard any response. Upon seeking an answer of why the paperwork had not started, we were informed that the owner had made a "typo." That set off a spiral of events, in which the owner decided to take charge and make us a series of three other verbal offers, subsequently changing the terms each time we spoke. We were about ready to walk away. We demanded that if he is going to make an offer, it must be in writing. After four weeks, we finally received a written offer. It is more than we were originally told, but it is a fair price for the area, representing a 25% discount from the asking price. In the end, it cost \$8000 more than we had expected, which takes up the entirety of what has been raised for the land and building. While we believed we had half of what would be needed for putting up a temporary building, debt-free, we now have land but nothing left to start the building. Still, by faith, we are planning to start putting up a 2400 sq. ft. plywood building and galvanized roof in January or February, which will cost about \$8 US per square foot. The church plant is planning to do a couple of fundraisers, plus we will be taking up some special collections within the church to help toward this. Please pray with us that God will make up the difference.

While this has been a large aspect of what we have dealt with over the past couple of months, we understand that we are not serving here to build buildings, but to build servants that will ultimately bring glory to our great God. We praise God for His work in growing the church. We have one lady named Gentia who started coming recently, along with her son and daughter. On her third Sunday, she raised her hand acknowledging her spiritual need and asked Christ to save her. Praise the Lord! We also saw a 74 year old man called Pantin (pronounced Pan-Teen) accept Christ during soulwinning. We also thank God for a retired Grenadian pastor who ministered here for 42 years, and has now started coming to Lifeline. Bro. Bain and his wife have proven to be a good source of counsel and encouragement to us.

Please pray for us as we finalize the purchase of the land, and for continued growth in the church. We have our third annual Christmas program on December 22nd, which has always brought in more than 100 in attendance. Pray also for the second term of the Bible Institute, which we plan to start in January. Lastly, please pray for Joseph's family in PA, as they are undergoing some trials right now. Thank you to each one that lifts us up in prayer faithfully, and for your faithful support for our family and ministry!

In Christ,

Joseph, Donna, Brielle, Ryan and Noelle Childers

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