



The Childers Family

Missionaries in
Grenada
West Indies



July/August 2020

Praises:

We are back in most of our regular services

Few Covid-19 cases in the country overall

Visitors to church

Prayer Requests:

God's wisdom/guidance

Bible Institute

Ministries re-starting

Childers' Children's Corner:

Brielle has enjoyed typing messages to her aunts and cousins in America. She got 10 A's and 3 B's on her report card.

Ryan has learned all his letters and numbers. Donna is working on teaching him blends now. He enjoys "building the church" and playing with cranes.

Noelle is speaking more, and is starting to put words together. She has plenty of energy, just like her brother!

Dear Praying Friend,

As Grenada has had no new coronavirus cases in more than a month, the nation is getting back to normal in many ways. The curfews are ending as of this week, and most businesses are now allowed to be open. Masks and social distancing protocols are still in place, but not widely enforced in our area. One challenge for us has been that children are not allowed to attend services, with no exceptions being made.

Our church plant has been having only Sunday morning services since the complete lockdown lifted. However, as some restrictions are being eased, we are starting back to more of our regular services. As of this week, we are meeting together for our mid-week service. The focus with the preaching has been making good spiritual choices and overcoming the temptations of the world.

The church has done well since services started back. We have had first time visitors in all but one week. Despite no children being allowed on the premises, we have averaged about 20 per service so far. We have continued to have our informal men's prayer time each week also, and that has grown from 3-4, to now 6-7 each week.

Please be in prayer for the George family, as Reynald passed away suddenly about two weeks ago. His four grandchildren come to the church faithfully, and their mother comes on occasion. Reynaldo had been to the church twice, and said he felt like God really speaks to him there. He had committed to coming out more this year, but that never materialized. It has given us an opportunity to be involved in the customs here of the third night and funeral. While we have seen both before, we had never had the opportunity to lead them. The "third night" is the third night after someone passes, when they invite friends and family to come to their house and sing and pray, and hear an encouraging word from a preacher. After that, they enjoy food together. Funerals are similar to American funerals, except they often last 2 or 3 hours or longer. They will have tributes for the deceased, then singing, special music, and a full hour of preaching.

Just before the lockdown, we completed our first course for the year in the Bible Institute. We are planning to have another class starting in September, as long as the government allows it, with the Covid-19 restrictions.

We thank the Lord the building is now complete, including the electrical wiring being run. We do still have a few small tasks left outside. Please continue to pray for the country's protection from this virus. Many expect another shutdown in the fall. Pray for souls to be saved, and that God would soften hearts around us.

Your missionaries in Grenada,
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