The Childers Family

January/February 2018

Praises:

Professions of faith

Wonderful Christmas Program

Coco Chan's arrival

God's provision of bus driver

Bus fund

Prayer Requests:

God's wisdom/guidance

Joseph—hernias, upcoming surgery

Childers' Children's Corner:

We enjoyed a traditional American Thanksgiving in November, which was special for the children. Both children especially loved Christmas lights! A lot of people here don't decorate much, but those that did made it special.

Ryan just celebrated his second birthday in late December.

Dear Praying Friends,

Happy New Year! The past year brought us many joys, along with challenges. We thank God for directing our first church plant, great growth in the ministry, and nearly 60 professions of faith. We praise the Lord for what HE has done!

Thank you for your consistent prayers and faithful support. Without both of those aspects, our ministry would not be possible! In our last letter, we asked you to pray that God would provide what we need toward purchasing a bus. God touched several churches and individuals, and they, along with the church plant here, have raised about \$7000 so far! God has also provided us with a bus driver, and another man at Lifeline is working toward obtaining his driver's license in the next month or so! We have been praying for this since before the church began.

We also requested prayer for Sister Coco Chan, as she has been serving in Trinidad for six years, but God has re-directed her steps to join in our ministry. She moved to Grenada in early December, and will be working in the public schools, plus directing the children's ministries in the church. She has already proven herself to be a tireless worker, and a tremendous blessing to us in the ministry.

Our first Christmas program went very smoothly. We had about 30 children and youth involved, and they performed a skit, a drama, and several songs and poems. For the evening, we had more than 80 people come, despite seating for no more than 65! What a blessing to be able to preach to a "full house"!

One highlight in Grenada is the Old Year's night service. Many churches have a 4 hour service to welcome in the new year. We had five of our young men preach, plus we shared testimonies of what God has done in the past year. Nearly 50 came out, including an adult man named Lyndon. He said he was saved years ago, but re-dedicated his life to Christ. One young lady accepted Christ also.

We also praise the Lord that Donna's uncle (known as Brigiddy) has started coming faithfully to church, and he too accepted Christ as his Saviour. He has been faithful to all the Sunday services, plus is already coming out soul-winning with us. Grenville knows of his past, so people are shocked to see him "with the church" telling others of Christ. He has a wonderful testimony, telling others they won't see the old Brigiddy anymore—but that God is changing him. It has been a joy watching him grow in Christ! When he first came to church, he brought a young man named Brandon (25 years old) with him also. Brandon said he was not ready

to make the decision that Brigiddy did, but that God was working in his heart. This past week, he was gloriously saved as well. God is so good!

Please pray for Joseph, as he is about to schedule surgery for the double hernia, likely for late February. Be praying for further spiritual growth in the church, and for wisdom in the next steps of the church plant. In Christ,

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