# The Childers Family

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### January/February 2017

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is hard for me to believe it is 2017 already. Even in the new year, God's mercies are new every morning. Great is His faithfulness! Thank you to each one who has prayed for us, and for all who have supported us financially. We know we could not be here without your sacrifices, and we are grateful and humbled to be serving in Grenada on your behalf.

We have been continuing in the ministries with Mamma Cannes Independent Baptist Church. Donna is still working with the Neighborhood Bible Club. The focus has been on the Christmas program, as the children did a number of skits, songs, and dramas. We believe God was glorified as His name was proclaimed, and the children put in such hard work. We have also been helping with numerous events surrounding Christmas and New Year's.

Joseph is still preaching Wednesday nights, doing a soul-winning series. This series will conclude at the end of January. We have been focusing on the need to win souls, our responsibility to do so, and the warnings of not being obedient. The next message will start a shift toward how to speak to people of different backgrounds and religions. Please pray that God moves and the people will respond through these final messages.

Soul-winning has continued to be fruitful. Donna led a young lady named Kerona to Christ, and she came out to church. Many other seeds were planted and watered, and we look forward to God bringing the increase. Our church also had a baptism service, and three recent converts were baptized in the ocean.

We were blessed to serve also at New Testament Baptist Church in River Sallee, about twenty minutes north of Grenville. We filled in for the pastor, teaching Sunday school and the morning service. On January 15th, we will be serving with Anchor Baptist Church in Tivoli, as Joseph will be preaching there.

We have been looking at a number of options for our church plant. Economically, we would love to rent for a couple of years before constructing a church building. However, in Grenville, there are few feasible options available to rent, and those that are there tend to be well over-priced. We looked at a couple of buildings, but there is nothing we have yet found that is affordable. We are currently looking at several pieces of land with an idea to construct a relatively simple church building. Please pray that God will give us wisdom and guidance as we make a decision. My sending pastor plans to come down to Grenada in early February to help us assess the situation and options that may be available. Pray for us as we continue to serve the Lord in the island country of Grenada.

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### **Praises:**

Kerona saved Wonderful Christmas program

Opportunities to serve

## Prayer Requests:

Land/meeting place Plans for church plant

Continued cultural adjustment

God's wisdom/guidance

# Childers' Children's Corner:

Our church periodically comes together in a large circle, holding hands to pray. We recently did this, and upon joining the circle, Brielle starts singing, "Ring Around the Rosie." It was so hilarious!

Ryan is now up and walking. His first word was "Mama," much to Donna's delight. He had his first birthday in late December.

Brielle loves her dolls and playing dress up, especially as a princess. Ryan enjoys balls and cars, or whatever Brielle is playing with.