



The Childers Family

Missionaries in
Grenada
West Indies



May/June 2020

Dear Praying Friends,

It is amazing how quickly life can change! We trust that you are doing well, even as many changes accompany your daily lives due to the pandemic that is sweeping the globe. Thank you to each one that continues to faithfully pray and give so that we may continue to serve in this corner of the world.

The month of March was filled with the work continuing on the building project. Over a seven week period, we were working for 46 of 48 days! Before the work was shut down due to the panic over the virus, we completed the entirety of the inside floors, walls, and ceiling, plus the basic framework for the electrical. At this point, we only have painting and a few outside details left (walkway, septic tank, porch area, etc.) It has taken far more time than expected, and went well over budget, but praise God it is almost finished! We would like to say a special thank you to the 21 churches and 5 individuals who gave financially to help toward the land and the church. God's provision, mostly through His people, has been an incredible testimony of His faithfulness and goodness toward us!

Toward the end of March, as the pandemic began to take hold across the world, Grenada shut down its airport and all schools across the island. They recommended that churches cancel services and people stay home unless necessary. They implemented a curfew from 7 PM to 5 AM. After a few cases of the coronavirus were found, they went to a far more restrictive 24-hour curfew. For much of April, we were given one or two days per week to purchase groceries, but even banks and gas stations were closed down. If you were seen outside your house or yard for any other reason, you were threatened with fines or a year imprisonment. You could even be imprisoned for the "crime" of not wearing a mask, or standing within 6 feet of someone else. Grenada currently has 20 cases of the virus. One left the island on a repatriation flight, 13 are recovered, and 6 are active. That may not sound like much, but as a nation, we are equipped for only ten patients at a time. It is an understatement to say the healthcare facilities here are very poor.

In some good news, ministry was going very well up until the shutdown. A young lady named Shenna dedicated her daughter to God, and they were coming faithfully. It is a joy to see some folks getting more serious about the things of God. I

have enjoyed watching livestream services from many of our supporting churches over these weeks. I am sharing a challenge with our people every Sunday morning, plus trying to be an encouragement throughout the week. We have long desired to homeschool, which the government has not allowed. Ryan and Brielle are both thriving as Donna teaches now! Also, we have had time to update our prayer card and letterhead for the first time in our 4 years on the field. Despite what is going on around us, God has sure been good!

In Christ,

Joseph, Donna, Brielle, Ryan and Noelle Childers

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Praises:

Brielle's salvation
Building almost complete
2 babies dedicated

Prayer Requests:

God's wisdom/guidance
Men to be trained for ministry
Safety during pandemic

Childers' Children's Corner:

Brielle accepted Christ as Saviour on April 5th! She misses her friends, but enjoys playing with her siblings and dressing up as a princess.

Ryan is working on recognizing letters and numbers.

Noelle is an energetic girl with a big appetite. She likes to try to sing with Brielle.