



The Childers Family

Missionaries to
Grenada
West Indies



November/December 2017

Praises:

7 professions of faith
2 baptisms
Church growth

Prayer Requests:

God's wisdom/guidance
More souls
Bus fund

Joseph's health—double hernia, pain and weakness in legs

Childers' Children's Corner:

Brielle loves school, and can write most of her letters now. Ryan loves playing with airplanes, books, and little cars!

Dear Praying Friends,

In II Thessalonians 1:3, Paul commends the believers for their growth in faith, and in their abounding charity toward one another. I believe every ministry seeks growth, although some times, of course, are more fruitful than others. This past month especially has been a fruitful time of growth for our church and ministry, and some exciting changes may need to be made because of it!

Our youth meetings have continued to grow. The last couple of weeks, we have averaged in the mid-30s, as many of our youths' younger siblings have started to come. We certainly do not want to discourage this, but we are beginning to have logistical problems. Therefore, beginning in January, we are looking to split the youth group into two groups, with the older ones staying upstairs in the church, and the younger ones having a weekly Bible Club-type meeting downstairs/outside. We now squeeze up to 23 into our van regularly, which is beginning to take its toll, and we are starting to have some major issues with the van.

As the youth meeting continues to grow, the church does as well. We have set four new attendance records in the past six weeks, with a high day of 47! For the past month, our average is in the mid-40s. We only have room to seat about 60.

We are thankful for the numerical growth, but I am even more thankful for the spiritual growth. We had our first baptisms, with two young adult men, Shondell and Carvin, being baptized. They were both saved in the past few months. We have several others that have expressed interest in baptism. Several regulars attenders also recently accepted Christ. Please pray for Indra's growth, as she made that decision this past week. I mentioned her daughter, Rachael, in our previous letter. Some of our youth are now faithful to Sunday nights and Wednesdays too!

As the church and youth meetings have grown, our van route has expanded also. I am now making four trips to pick up people for church each Sunday morning. We have expanded our efforts to obtain a bus. We are now doing a three month pledge drive, where our church asked those attending to make a pledge

and pay over a three month period. After our first Sunday collecting pledges, \$744 was promised! Our sending church and one family have committed to matching whatever amount our church raises for the bus.

With the growth, we also need more laborers. Donna's burden is to be more involved with the teen girls and young ladies, but she is so busy with the children's ministries, that that has been nearly impossible. We started praying for God to bring us a lady to help, and within 2 weeks, we heard of a single lady missionary in Trinidad. The door to her ministry was closing there due to paperwork issues, so she was looking for a new field of service. God led her toward us, and Lord-willing, Miss Coco Chan will be joining our ministry in December! She will take the children's Sunday School, and the Bible Club, plus do a local school outreach.

Thank you for your faithfulness in prayers and financial support. The growth we have seen would not be possible without YOU!

In Christ,
Joseph, Donna, Brielle, and Ryan Childers

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