



The Childers Family

Missionaries to
Grenada
West Indies



March/April 2019

Praises:

Donna/children are home
Souls saved
Soulwinners being trained

Prayer Requests:

God's wisdom/guidance
Building fund
Beginning Bible Institute

Childers' Children's Corner:

Brielle misses her cousins in NY, but is glad to be back with her daddy and friends in Grenada!

Ryan has been a little more verbal recently, which is a blessing. Please pray for him with his speech.

Noelle loves the warm weather and Mommy, but she is still adjusting to Daddy!

Dear Praying Friends,

It was 5 o'clock in the morning when the phone rang. My mind started racing. "Did someone pass away? Was someone in the hospital with a serious injury or illness?" With dread, I answered the phone, only to hear a joyful voice from a church member telling me their transport cancelled on them, and she needed to sell her tomatoes on the other side of the island. My schedule was clear, so I agreed to bring her. I gave the condition that her husband came too, since I had only ever been in that village one time, and did not want to get lost coming back. We had a good, lighthearted conversation on the way there. On the way back, I was able to speak privately with her 55 year old husband, Radix, who has just recently started coming to the church plant, following a stroke. Our talk of earthly things turned to spiritual matters after a little while, and he admitted that he was not saved. We went through the Roman's Road for the remaining 45 minutes, with him asking many questions. Right as we reached his house, he asked, "Can I ask Jesus to save me now, or do I have to wait to go back to the church?" What joy flooded my soul as Radix asked Jesus to be his Saviour from right there in the vehicle! And God convicted my heart as my first thought when I answered the phone that day was, "I finally have a morning free, and I don't want to go anywhere."

The church plant has been going well. We certainly missed Donna and the children, but a local gardener (not part of Lifeline) served on the keyboard and Joseph covered most of Donna's other ministries. We thank God they are finally back though! Joseph had to return for the sake of the ministry about 6 weeks earlier, as Donna remained in the States to complete Noelle's paperwork. We praise the Lord that Noelle's passport came in the day before they returned!

One of our highlights has been our soulwinning class. We are taking time for several months to teach the "whys" and the "hows" of soulwinning. What a thrill to watch every one of our soul winners really take lessons to heart, and practice speaking with people about their need of the Saviour! Our desire is not to just have large numbers out soulwinning, but to have people with a heart for souls who can effectively share the Gospel with those that are around them.

We have had several blessings financially. In our last letter, I mentioned the land for the church plant in Grenada. God has now provided nearly \$65,000 toward that, leaving us needing only another \$40,000. What a huge blessing, and we know God will provide the rest, as He sees fit! Also, concerning the hospital, they will cover 80% of our out-of-pocket costs for Noelle's birth! We had some money saved toward that, so we will apply the remainder toward part of the dental bills Joseph had while in the States.

Please pray for the opening of Lifeline Baptist Bible Institute on March 6th, our first revival services (with our sending pastor) on March 10-13, and our second anniversary service on March 31st.

In Christ,

Joseph, Donna, Brielle, Ryan and Noelle Childers

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