



The Childers Family

Missionaries to
Grenada
West Indies



We have has a number of people ask us how they can get personally involved in our missions work in Grenada. We have several exciting opportunities that have recently come up. If you are able to take part, thank you! And if not, we would covet your prayers for those who can, and for our ministry.

1. Schedule a trip!

There is nothing as encouraging as a visit from friends! We have seen several individual families come for a few days to a week, and we've had one church come so far. However, we also understand some would prefer to be a part of an organized group, but their church is unable to come. I have attached a flyer for a group from Bearing Precious Seed. They are planning a trip to Grenada in November, and are looking for people that would be interested in joining them. This trip would visit three churches in Grenada (our church plant, Lifeline Baptist, and two run by national pastors). They would teach Bible in local schools, hand out John and Romans, lead a youth rally, and have special services. Please look over the attached brochure and contact them if you would be interested in taking part!

2. Make Joy Bags!

Direct Line Ministries has helped our church plant on several occasions, sending us Bibles, hymn books, and even a keyboard! But one of the additional things they have sent is Joy Bags. At the church plant, we have used these consistently for birthdays for children, and as a gift for visiting children. Now that Sister Coco is helping us in our ministry, we have a presence in several schools, and our desire is to give out the Joy bags in those schools. At these schools, they are constantly looking for someone from the outside to send something beneficial for the children, and providing Joy Bags would likely open doors for additional schools, and help keep the door open into our current schools. The ministry provides the bags, but a church would fill the bags with items from a checklist. These items include: toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, notebook, pens/pencils, crayons, a toy for children, and a John/Romans. The ministry pays for the shipping and customs as well. You can learn about this ministry at www.directlineministry.com, or contact Paul Deem (paul.deem@directlineministry.com). This year, we are going to need at least 500 additional bags. If you would like to get involved in this ministry, please mention our name (Childers) and Grenada, so that your bags would come to us!

3. Give clothing donations!

As a poor third world country (average family makes about \$6000 US/year), many families have few

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clothes. One of our most common excuses for why children cannot come to church is “they don’t have clothes.” In this culture, appearance is important, so parents will not send their children to church if they don’t have suitable clothing. One way we were able to combat that last year is we asked three churches (all close to our home church) to take clothing donation for summer-weather modest clothing. We especially need dress clothes for children and teenagers, although casual wear is fine too. Anything from gently used shoes to dresses, skirts, and tops for the girls, and shoes, ties, pants and collared shorts for the boys would be greatly appreciated! Right now, we average about 30 children and 15 youth that come to church each Sunday morning. If you are able to get involved in this aspect, please contact me first for additional details! We will be limited in how many churches can participate in this due to shipping/customs expenses we would incur.

4. Pray and give financially!

Prayer is the key. If you cannot help in another way, be praying for those who can, and pray for God’s provision for our ministry, and for the souls of men, women, boys, and girls. God has been doing some amazing things in Grenada. One of my concerns is that we are running out of space and opportunity in our current rented facility. Because of our agreement with the restaurant that is under the church (before they would agree to allow us to rent), we are unable to use the building during the days except for Sundays. This limits us to being busiest in the evenings, and has hindered us from expanding our ministries and outreach. Several young men have expressed interest in a college-level type class, and we have only two Sunday school spaces (one for adults and one for children). We would like to be able to meet and have special classes, and in time, even a Christian school (public schools are mostly run by the Catholic church). We would like to have Sunday school classes for the youth, and to divide the children (the only space for class now has ages 3-12). We would also like to be able to host special meetings. Finally, we would like to get off the main road and get onto a secondary road. To be honest, I have sat downstairs several times, and with all the noise from the streets, wonder how these children can hear (much less retain) anything. Our desire is to buy a piece of land and build a church building. A 1/3 acre piece of land would cost about \$40,000, and between a couple of churches contributions and our church plant giving and saving, we have about \$10,000 of that! If we can pay for the piece of land up front, we could build a 2800 sq. ft. facility for the same cost we are currently paying in rent! If God enables you, would you consider making a one-time donation or taking a special offering to help with this need? I believe it would pay dividends for generations to come! And if you cannot give, would you please continue to pray for God’s provision toward that? Thank you!

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