



The Childers Family

Missionaries to
Grenada
West Indies



July/August 2016

Dear Praying Friends,

What a time these past two months! We were able to present our ministry in eleven more churches amidst the chaos of preparing to move. These included churches in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Massachusetts, and Ohio. Our only remaining meeting on deputation is on July 3rd in Maine. We are thankful for God's hand of protection upon us as we have travelled nearly 120,000 miles on our journey.

After nearly three years of full-time deputation, we will be arriving in Grenada on July 9th. Upon our arrival, we will be attending Mamma Cannes Independent Baptist Church for approximately six months. Our plan is to learn as much as we can from the national pastor there about running a church in that culture, before branching out to begin a new church plant in Grenville in early 2017. Please pray for God's hand to be upon us as we embark on the final leg of our deputation ministry.

During our first week in Grenada, we will look to secure a house to rent for our first term on the field. We will also be looking for a vehicle that would be suitable for our family, as well as picking up others for church. Please be in prayer that God will take care of these details and necessary funds for these needs. It has been so incredible to see God's hand of provision as we have trusted Him.

These last couple of months have afforded us the opportunity to spend more time at home as we have been clearing out our apartment. This has allowed us to get to know some of our neighbors much better, and we have looked for opportunities to witness to them. One of our neighbors, Kayla, and two of her children, came to one of our church activities last week. Please pray for their salvation. We also were able to share the salvation plan with two other neighbors one evening. We shipped our container to Grenada, and it should get there about a week after we arrive. God's hand has been evident in leading in every circumstance as we follow Him.

Brielle and Ryan continue to do well. Brielle will be three years old in August, and Ryan has just hit the six month mark. Ryan is consistent in being a mostly happy little guy, and Brielle adores him. She is always trying to help, whether holding him, feeding him, or changing a diaper. Her favorite activity now is pretending to be a princess.

We are excited to announce that baby Ryan will be a big brother in early 2017! We were not expecting such news this quickly after Ryan's birth, but God knows best. Please be praying for Donna and a healthy pregnancy, as the Zika virus is prevalent in Grenada. We

will be making decisions regarding healthcare shortly after our arrival. Please pray God will give us wisdom and clear direction. We know and rest in the simple fact that God's hand holds the baby and Donna.

On June 26th, Joseph was privileged to be ordained into the Gospel ministry. The ordination service was coupled with our send-off from our sending church, Faith Baptist Church of Fairless Hills, PA. We had a sweet time with many who have invested much in our lives, and those whom we have enjoyed serving alongside for the past ten years. We are thankful for God's hand leading us to this church, and for each one that upholds us regularly in prayer.

In Christ,

Joseph, Donna, Brielle, and Ryan Childers

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