



The Childers Family

Missionaries to
Grenada
West Indies



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Dear Praying Friends,

Praises:

*We have arrived
in Grenada!*

*Opportunities to
witness to several*

*God's provision of
a vehicle and
home*

Prayer Requests:

Family—health

*Church
location/building*

Souls to be saved

Greetings from Grenada! Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Our past two months has been full of ups and downs, but we know God has a purpose for all that has happened.

We ended deputation the first week of July with a visit to one of our supporting churches in Maine. During our time there, we were able to reminisce about so many memories we have made during our deputation ministry. Through about 240 meetings in churches, we know God had a purpose for each and every one.

At the end of that week, we finally made it to Grenada full-time! We had a smooth flight without complications, and moved in initially with one of Donna's relatives. However, a few days later, Donna began experiencing some pain, so she went to the doctor and then the hospital. It turned out that we lost the baby we were expecting early next year. Despite that hardship, we know that God had a purpose for taking His child home.

Two days later, as we were in the capital doing some legal paperwork, we received a phone call that Brielle had fallen out of a door. She too went to the hospital, for a broken arm. A week later, we were able to get the cast put on, only to be told it was a displaced fracture, and the doctor had to re-break her arm. She has done pretty well, and had a good spirit about it. She has adjusted seamlessly to Grenadian life, except for missing her friends (and play places). Brielle loves picking mangoes and watching crabs. Ryan is exceptionally happy and healthy, and loves eating pureed fruit. He is now crawling and pulling himself up. Joseph has done well physically, except for getting the Zika virus, from which he has since recovered.

We had some issues early in our time here with finding a vehicle and apartment. We had numerous leads before we came, but one by one, they fell through. After a little more than two weeks, God provided us with a minivan. It needs a bit of work, but we praise the Lord it runs well! It took nearly a month to find a place to live. Some places were too far away, some were too costly, and some we just did not have peace about. In the end, we found a home for sale, but the owners are relatives of Donna's, and they moved to Canada. They were willing to rent us the top floor of their home, and it is located centrally between the church we are working with and the area we plan to minister in long-term. While there were early frustrations, we have seen that God had a plan and a purpose through the search, and He has taught us already to trust Him more.

We are working with Mamma Cannes Independent Baptist Church for the next few months, before we launch out to plant a church in Grenville. Right now, Joseph is teaching the teen boys weekly, picking some folks up for church, and preaching nearly weekly. We are also involved in the soul-winning ministry of this church. Joseph had an opportunity to speak with a gentleman with a Roman Catholic background. This man seems very confused about spiritual matters, but please pray that something that was said would prick his heart and that he would turn to Christ. Please pray for us as we begin doing more outreach and discipleship in the downtown Grenville area, and seek for a building to use for the church. We are looking to see God's purpose in our being here!

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

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