



# The Childers Family

Missionaries to  
*Grenada*  
West Indies



July/August 2018

Dear Praying Friends,

### ***Praises:***

- Increased attendance
- 3 babies dedicated
- Church bus purchased

### ***Prayer Requests:***

- God's wisdom/guidance
- Spiritual growth of church/faithfulness during Carnival
- Donna's pregnancy
- Building fund

### ***Childers' Children's Corner:***

Ryan has gone from playing dinosaurs to playing with trucks. He loves his little crane, dump truck, and digger. Brielle is excited for the baby, and is convinced she is having a sister. She has no concerns about it being a brother, because she prayed. What faith!

Dedication—this word can describe so many aspects of our Christian lives. I believe it is a fitting description of our ministry over these past couple of months.

Thanks to the dedication of those attending our church plant, along with that of seven churches in the States, we were finally able to purchase our church bus. It has been a tremendous help, especially for Sunday mornings, to be able to transport so many! We have put as many as 34 into the 17 passenger bus.

Our people have shown good dedication in coming out faithfully. On Mother's Day, which was also our first day with the new bus, we had a record 74 in our Sunday morning service. As a church, we averaged in the mid-60s in attendance over a six-week period. While the numbers have been down a bit over these past couple of weeks due to the beginning of the Carnival season, the spirit has been good, and our folks are showing more response to the preaching of God's Word.

On Mother's Day, we had our first baby dedication. In Grenada, in order to obtain a birth certificate, you are required by law to have your child baptized. While we cannot in good conscience baptize an infant, the government allows us to cross out the word "baptized" on the form and simply write "dedicated" in its place, which solves that problem. In the end, three mothers approached about having their young children "raised up", so we had the opportunity to teach about dedicating our children to God, and our responsibility as parents in that.

A few weeks after that, the church plant observed the Lord's Supper for the first time. We taught during Sunday school for four weeks about the proper way to partake, and the significance behind every aspect of the elements we use.

Sister Coco has continued to show great dedication to her classes in the local schools, and all four invited her to return for the next school year. Also, her Children's Bible Club has grown to average around 30 children. Between that and the weekly Youth Meeting, we average close to 50 teens and children attending every Friday night!

Once again, we have had issues with lack of space as we try to do much for God's glory. We have looked at several pieces of land. We thought one had remarkable potential, so we prayed about it, then had the entire church go up to see it after a service. Once there, the owner came out and informed us they decided not to sell it after all! Yet, we know God will make a way, in His timing.

We thank God for all He has done, and all He will continue to do. We are thankful for His blessings on the ministry here, and on our family. Joseph is continuing to have some issues from the surgery, but is doing much better than before. Also, we thank God for another blessing, of an additional child due in December. Please pray for us as we make decisions regarding the birth of this little one.

In Christ,  
The Childers Family

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