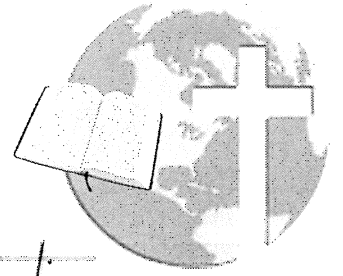


CARRIE MATHENA

Missionary to the Children of

Grenada, West Indies

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Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

**“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1**

The time I have spent on deputation has been wonderful! God has enabled me to share my burden and vision for the children of Grenada in over one hundred churches, and He has given me numerous opportunities to serve in other ministries along the way. The Lord has met every need and kept me safe on the road. Even the few problems I had with my car were at home! This time in my life is quickly coming to a close as God has worked in hearts in an amazing way and provided 85% of my needed support.

So after thirteen months on deputation, it is time to make preparations to leave for Grenada! I am packing, and prayerfully, the Lord will provide the finances so I can leave in April. In order to set an exact date, I will need \$800 for a plane ticket, \$5,800 to ship a container, \$1,500 for customs and duties to get the container into Grenada, and \$600 to deliver the container to the church. If you or your church is able to help with any of these needs, please send the money to World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions (the address is below) and designate it for **Carrie Mathena's Passage Fund**. God has provided for me in a mighty way so far, and I know that He will meet these needs to get me to Grenada in His time.

The church in Grenada is growing in number and increasing in spiritual growth. Prayer and Nibbles before the Sunday morning service averages around twenty-four people, and I was amazed to see how it has taught everyone, especially the children, how to pray and how to pray specifically for their needs and the needs of others. Seven were baptized in January, and the church started a food pantry. We were greatly burdened by the needs of the elderly in Loretto when we delivered Christmas plates and saw the conditions that these shut-ins live in every day. Twenty-one children came out to deliver the first of the food baskets which were overflowing, and the number of children for special activities has increased so much that my parents are anxious for help.

Please continue to pray for the church in Grenada and that all the funds I need for passage will come in quickly so that I can help my parents during this time of growth. Truly God has shown that now is the time to begin my part in this ministry. I am thankful for all you have given to help thus far and for anything you can give towards the passage fund.

Serving together with you to reach the children of Grenada,

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