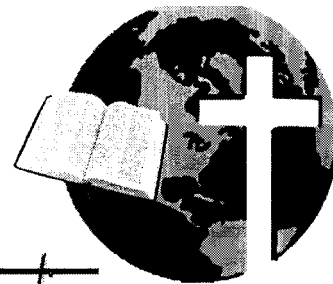


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Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

**“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.”
Philippians 2:13**

Truly God has been at work to have everything fall into place for the start of Faith Independent Baptist Pre-School. I was ready to start, but with only three weeks before the start of the new school year, I soon learned that although parents were interested, they had already enrolled their students in pre-schools and paid registration fees. No students were enrolled for the current school year, but I already have three enrolled for next year and several others who are interested. God's timing is perfect and He must work in hearts.

As I anticipate the start of school next year, there are still things to be done. This month God provided some additional teaching materials to help me as I make lesson plans. He also provided split doors to ensure the students safety in class. In addition, the pre-school needed a fenced-in playground. I prayed for this need, but had not expressed it to others. Through a series of events, three separate, large donations came in and provided for the fence, a slide, swings, and a sand box. God is at work to provide and in His time, Faith Independent Baptist Pre-School will begin.

My “Little People’s Class” on Sunday mornings is a lot of fun and my prayer has been that it would grow. On Visitation, I sought out “little people” to invite. Then one Sunday morning, three year old Abigail appeared in the service alone. Not knowing who she was or where she came from, we made an effort to find out. When we found the mom, she explained that Abigail told her she wanted to come to our church. God brought Abigail to us, and she attends faithfully every Sunday morning. Paige, a two year old, begs her mom to come to church on Sunday mornings, and her mom informed us that this is the reason she attends. Another mom with four children under the age of six attended a Sunday night service and now two of her girls attend my class. God has been faithful to work in hearts and answer prayer, and I have had up to nineteen in the class!

With growing numbers in the “Little People’s Class,” it was clear that I needed a helper. This need was not mentioned, but after my mom helped a couple of weeks, a young man approached me and said he wanted to be my helper. I am so thankful that God is at work even when we do not know it!

God also worked in my heart and gave me a burden for the children who are seven to eleven years old. The attendance of this age group kept dropping and too often these children slip away from the Lord as they enter Secondary school. From this burden, the Animal Lovers Class was formed. Each week, we learn about animals and how their characteristics can help us grow as Christians. Attendance is averaging twelve each week, and I have started a choir for them. They are excited and it has helped them to attend services more faithfully.

Can you recount the ways God is working in your ministry and life? Truly I am glad that God is the One Who works, and I am ready to see His continued work in Grenada. As John 15:5b says, “without Me, ye can do nothing.”

Serving together with you to reach the children of Grenada,

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