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Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

“Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase learning.” Proverbs 9:9

Are you constantly learning new things? Do you have a desire to learn new things? Grenada affords plenty of opportunities for learning. More and more, we realize how hard it is to communicate here. I lived here when I was younger and my parents have been here for over twenty years, and we are still amazed at how difficult a simple conversation can be. Using just the right words is key or else we are all saying the same thing but not communicating. I thought you might enjoy learning some new words and phrases from Grenada to give you an idea of what I am saying:

Sauce = Soup broth
Are you getting through? = Do you need help finding something?
Brick = Granola bar
Pie = Casserole
Dust bin = trash can
Rubber = eraser
Cork = bottle cap
Something that is finished = there is no more

One of the mothers of a future pre-schooler who was recently baptized approached me and asked me if I would teach her to read. She has some special needs and desires to increase her learning so she can be more independent. I am thrilled to be able to help her! Please pray for her as it has been difficult to get her in the habit of coming every day at the right time and her attention span is extremely short.

We have also had to learn more about childhood diabetes. Shenia, a nine year old, comes faithfully to church and was recently diagnosed with diabetes after fainting at school. Making her meals, gifts, and snacks for church activities is an added challenge for us. Please pray for her as this is a big change and her mother is out of work. Mom has been unable to purchase a tester and is having a hard time providing food to meet her dietary requirements. The church is trying to help through the food baskets, and we were excited when mom started attending church.

As we visit, we talk to a community of people who know about the Lord and the Bible, but do not know Him personally. I am often reminded of the verse: “Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (II Timothy 3:7) Please pray that souls will be saved!

The pre-schoolers continue to “increase in learning” and teach me new things along the way. God promises that “if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God” so please pray that I will have wisdom as I teach.

Serving together with you to reach the children of Grenada,

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