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Missionary to the Children of

Grenada, West Indies



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Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

"...but first gave their own selves to the Lord," II Corinthians 8:5b



"The Only Gift" was the title of our Children's Christmas Program this year. It emphasized that God desires us to give ourselves wholly to Him. The church was full both times we presented the program, and the children did an excellent job!

Christmas morning was wet and stormy, but God blessed and the rain stopped just in time for the Christmas service. Some chose to allow the weather to hinder them from coming, but many came and gave God the glory by celebrating the real reason for the season. Coincidentally, we gave umbrellas as the Christmas gift this year so everyone stayed dry when it started raining as soon as the service was finished.

"More of God's Word" is the church's theme for 2014. In our Old Year Service, we challenged everyone to give of themselves and their time to read through the New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs in 2014. We wanted to make sure that even the children who can read could participate and have an achievable goal. All those who were willing to participate were given a reading schedule and a bookmark to help. Sixty-six attended the Old Year Service, and I had the privilege of leading one of the children to the Lord. What a way to start 2014!

Thank-you for your prayers, support, gifts, and encouraging notes in 2013. May God continue to bless you as you give of yourselves to the Lord and to this ministry in 2014.

Serving together with you to reach the children of Grenada,

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