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Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

“Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.” Psalm 119:18

Teaching children’s classes certainly keeps the wonder and excitement of God’s Word alive in my heart. I am always amazed at how many Bible stories even the older children do not know or remember and listen to as though they have never heard it before. This New Year I have many opportunities to share God’s Word in the many children’s classes and ministries here in Grenada:

The **Little People’s Class** on Sunday mornings has been journeying through the Old Testament. It is fun to have them dress up and recreate the stories, have tasty treats such as the pottage of lentils (Esau and Jacob), make crafts, and participate in games designed to help the Bible come alive to them. Many of the pre-schoolers past, present, and future are a part of this class.

The **Sword Searchers Class** on Sunday nights has proved invaluable to helping the children learn all about God’s Word. From pre-schoolers to sixth graders, we have three different groups memorizing the Books of the Bible and gaining speed as they search for the books.

Junior Quiet Time Club has nine very faithful members who are developing the habit of prayer and Bible reading on a daily basis. We meet on Sunday night after church to check faithfulness, to discuss prayer requests, and to see what “wondrous things” they have found in God’s Word that week.

Animal Lovers Class meets on Wednesday nights and challenges me to present God’s Word in a new exciting way. We ended last year with a study of endangered animals and a Bible study of why Christians are an “endangered species.” The New Year took me in a different direction as I am reading *Charlotte’s Web* to the class. This week we read the chapter “Bad News” where Wilbur learns he will be killed and eaten come fall, and my Bible lesson was on how to handle “bad news” according to God’s Word.

On a fun note, the **Pre-schoolers** have been blessed with some indoor scooters and tricycles. Even though none of them have ever ridden, they picked up this skill quickly and love to ride! The constant rain has kept us indoors since coming back in January so the timing couldn’t have been better.



The New Year has brought a health challenge for me that the doctors have yet to diagnose. Please pray that I will have wisdom as I seek to know what to do moving forward.

Serving the Lord here in Grenada is exciting and challenging! Please keep us in your prayers as we explore God’s Word this year looking for the “wondrous things” God has to show us.

Serving together with you to reach the children of Grenada,

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