

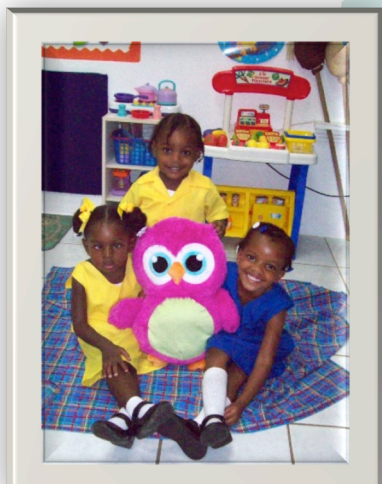


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Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD." Isaiah 55:8

Pre-school enrollment did not go as I expected this year. Last year, we were full before the last day of school, and I had to turn away several parents who really wanted to put their child in the pre-school. This year we only had three new students enroll and basically no interest from anyone else during the summer. I always pray that God will send us the students that He wants us to have, and I believe He answered that prayer. Now that the new school year has begun, Momma and I realize that these three new students are very different from each other in personality and are very challenging behaviorally. They need a lot of attention and are full of energy. With a small class, we hope to be successful. Truly God's way is best!



Three-Year Old Class
Malik
Kaley and Kariah



Four-Year Old Class
Zamari and Chris
Tamara, Shania, and Angel

The start of the new school year has been plagued with an epidemic of pink eye here in Grenada. All of the schools have suffered low attendance including ours. For two days, I only had one student in my four-year old class, but quickly realized I had been given an opportunity to give him some one on one attention because he was behind the rest of the class academically. Often God uses what we think is a problem for good!

Due to the pink eye, attendance at church has also been low especially in the children's classes, but God sent a wonderful group of children week after week to minister to and the smaller classes have their advantages. In addition, we were able to focus on encouraging the adults with our theme of "Get Busy in 2017." We felt led to organize a church workday to have our church family come and help us clean. We did not expect much of a response (since this has not worked in the past), and we were surprised when a dozen people showed up to help. Not only did they enjoy the day, but have expressed a desire to come together and varnish the church benches. It was a reminder to us to follow God's leading and trust His ways.

The ministry does not always grow or progress the way I think it should, but I am glad that it is God's way and not mine. Thank-you for your prayers and support especially as this new school year begins.

Serving together with you to reach the children of Grenada,

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