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Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

***“Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord.”***

***Lamentations 3:40***

The Pre-school Christmas Program and party was the start of a month-long break for our family to concentrate on the other ministries of the church. At the party, I challenged the parents to make time for Christ during the Christmas season and invited them to our special Christmas service. Please pray for the parents of our preschoolers, as the majority of them need to “turn to the Lord.”

As always, the Christmas season is so busy that the true meaning of Christmas is often lost. This year, we challenged our church family to “search and try” their ways and “turn to the Lord.”

Kenson was searching and came to the church asking to speak to Pastor. That day he asked Christ to be his Savior and began faithfully attending services.

We had a baptism on December 17<sup>th</sup>. One young lady “turned to the Lord” in obedience and was baptized. Another lady was unwilling to change some things in her life and decided not to be baptized while one of the young men suddenly did not have “time” for church. So often when we “search and try our ways,” obedience can be difficult.

Our Sunday evening Christmas Eve service was very special and ended with communion. A small group of our faithful church family came, and this time of soul searching and remembrance truly embraced the true meaning of Christmas.

On Christmas Day, the church was full! The choir presented “Born to Die,” a cantata they had been working on for six weeks. It had a powerful message that touched hearts. We also had a special “offering for Jesus.” Everyone who participated not only gave a monetary offering, but made a promise to God in prayer of something they were going to give Him. The children’s participation was especially touching. The children were serious and were not ashamed to come to the front of the church and bow their heads in prayer. It so moved the adults that they made sure each child had an offering and was able to participate.

It has been a wonderful Christmas season focused on “turning to the Lord.” I trust that this busy season has drawn you closer to the Savior as you remember why He came. I look forward to a New Year to draw closer to Him and to continue serving Him here in Grenada.

Serving together with you to reach the children of Grenada,

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