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***“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”***

Philippians 4:6

Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

The song “In Times Like These, We Need a Savior” has been in my thoughts lately as the ministry here in Grenada has been greatly affected by COVID-19 over the past two months. In March, my dad began preaching a series of sermons on prayer and encouraging our church family to “fast and pray.” These were timely messages as the power of prayer is uninterrupted by changing times.

With growing concerns about COVID-19, the government suddenly closed all schools on March 13th and a call for “social distancing” began. Church services continued for another week, but few came and with the absence of visiting in the community, we encouraged our church family to pray specifically for those who they had “planted the seed” of the gospel in over and over.

On March 23rd, Grenada went into a full lock down. No one was allowed to leave their homes for any reason except in an emergency or on a designated shopping day. Grenada’s limited health care system prompted the government to be very proactive and to date, there have only been 14 cases of the virus confirmed in Grenada. After a month, the government is looking at slowly re-opening the country internally.

We are thankful for the health and safety we have experienced during this time. I am especially thankful that my mom was able to get some much-needed rest as she had been plagued with health problems for a month prior to this and had missed a lot of pre-school. In addition, it has given us time to catch up on a great number of things, and I have been pleased to work ahead on lesson planning for all of my classes at church. Most importantly, prayer for our church family and individuals who need Christ in the community has been a priority as this virus does not affect God’s ability to work in hearts.

Please join me in prayer as we look forward to returning to some state of “normalcy”. We know that many in our community will need help both spiritually and financially, and we are ready and excited to continue to be used of the Lord here in Grenada. My prayer is that you are safe and well and that you will tap into the power of prayer during this time.

Serving together with you to reach the children of Grenada,

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