



May/June 2020

Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

***“Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not
what a day may bring forth.” Proverbs 27:1***

No one could have predicted or imagined the events that have occurred or anticipated that serving the Lord would be so challenging in 2020. However, Covid-19 has changed every aspect of the ministries here in Grenada.

Grenada continues to be very aggressive in its effort to contain an outbreak. With only twenty-three known cases on the island and no deaths, we are thankful for health and safety as we seek to continue the ministry here. Although the restrictions are challenging and re-opening is extremely slow, we continue to look for ways to minister.

The Church – During the twenty-four-hour curfew, we kept in touch with our church family by phone. My dad even preached a “sermonette” on the phone each Sunday morning to as many families as he could contact. With limited technology available to many of our families, the phone proved to be an excellent tool to keep us connected. On May 24th, we were allowed to re-open the church. We had to rearrange the church to accommodate social distancing, everyone is required to wear a mask, and no children or high-risk groups are allowed to attend. The lack of children and low attendance over-all has saddened our hearts, but we continue to reach out and to encourage everyone we can.

Outreach – Although visiting in the community has not been possible, we did receive permission to deliver food to the elderly and families in need. This ministry has continued throughout the pandemic, and we are thankful to be here to help those in need. Now my dad is allowed to announce services, and we look forward to getting back out into the community soon.

Pre-School - On March 13th, school was closed and due to the twenty-four-hour curfew and lack of technology for most of my students, I have been unable to move forward with pre-school until recently. At the beginning of June, the Ministry of Education officially decided not to return students to school. As a result, I have been busy writing lesson plans and organizing worksheets for the parents to use to teach their children at home. I meet with the parents on Saturdays and have found that they are working hard to complete the school year. Re-enrollment is also underway. We are enrolling a smaller class in anticipation of social distancing and pray that we will be allowed to resume school in September.

The future is very uncertain as Grenada is working to re-open not only the country but also its borders. The government has not committed to the re-opening of schools and although they promise to lighten the restrictions on churches, things continue to progress slowly. Please pray that the Lord will give us patience as we continue to find ways to minister.

Serving with you to reach the children of Grenada,

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