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Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

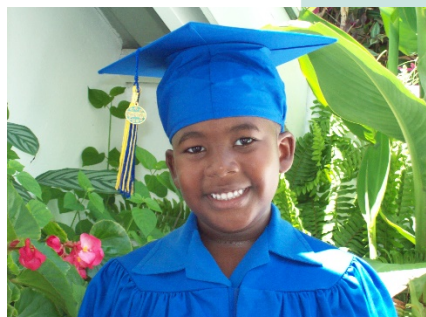
"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."
Hebrews 10:25

Even if you have to take church to them...

After several weeks of the children not being allowed to attend church, the Lord laid it on my heart to begin a Mobile Sunday School Class. Every Wednesday morning, I went out into the community with lesson papers, activity papers, and a memory verse to pass out to the children. During the week, the children would read the lessons, complete the activity paper, and memorize their verse in anticipation of my return. The children were so excited to see Pastor and I that they would hang out their windows or stand by the road waving their completed papers and screaming that we had come. They were rewarded for completing their papers and memorizing their verses. By the end of July, most of the children were allowed to return to church, but I am still continuing the Mobile Sunday School Class for our children ages 5 and under.

Encouraging the adults to be faithful to church also proved to be challenging as they got used to staying home and some did not want to wear a mask. When we were able to start back on Sunday nights, we had a snack and time of fellowship before the service. On Wednesday nights, we had a short time of fun playing Bible Jingo before we started the service. These activities helped our church family to reconnect and encouraged faithfulness.

Jamar and Nia (who are also part of my Mobile Sunday School Class) graduated from pre-school on August 1st. Their parents worked hard to help them complete their second year of pre-school, and I was proud to graduate them even if we were not permitted to have an actual ceremony. We did have a picture day for them where I presented them with their diploma and graduation gifts.



In anticipation of the restart of school, we are now having our annual Scripture for School Supplies at church on Wednesday nights before the evening service so we can socially distance as many children as want to attend. We are also cleaning, painting, and making plans for the re-opening of pre-school. Officially, the government has said they will open school, but they have not said how or come out with the protocols. We are busy and anxiously awaiting the start of school on September 7th!

Thank-you so much for your prayers and giving especially during these challenging times,

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