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Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

***“Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For that ye ought to say,  
If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.”***

***James 4:14a&15***

The past two months have certainly reminded me of this truth, and 2020 was indeed a year that no one could have predicted. As pre-school went on break, I had a lot of plans for the Christmas season. However, dental issues and an on-going ear infection which continued to worsen greatly limited my ability to get things accomplished. Thankfully, God is in control and miraculously allowed me to see the only ENT (ear, nose, and throat) specialist on the island. Finally, I am on the slow road to recovery.

A drastic rise in Covid cases also interrupted many of our plans for the church. Grenada went from 40 to 127 cases in just a few weeks. Due to an 8:00p.m. curfew, some of our evening services were cancelled, and we were not able to have our Old Years' Service to pray in the New Year.

Thankfully, our choir was able to do it's annual Christmas caroling in the community, and they presented “The Journey of Christmas” on the Sunday morning before Christmas and on Christmas morning. It was a wonderful presentation of the gospel, and my greatest blessing was when one of our faithful teen boys, who I have been praying for, received Christ as Savior.

On Christmas morning, we had two services. First, we had all the children, who come without an adult. I taught them a lesson, and we gave them a gift and a treat bag. Then the adults came, some with children, and we had our regular service. Both services were full, and this enabled us to follow the social distancing protocols.

As we enter 2021, the start of pre-school has been delayed, and we are uncertain as to whether the government will add further restrictions. We are taking each day as it comes and adjusting to the ever-changing limits and opportunities. God is in control, and I am thankful for the extra time to catch up on things that went undone while I was sick. I hope that you can see God at work in your life as we begin 2021 and know that He will accomplish His will!

Serving together with you to reach the children of Grenada,

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