



January/February 2022

Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

*“Serve the LORD with gladness...” Psalm 100:2a*

2022 is off to a great start, and I am so glad to be serving the Lord here in Grenada. The New Year has brought additions, changes, and continuations to the ministries here:

**Back to the Basics Class** – The Sunday morning children’s class is learning a verse for each letter of the alphabet this year. The verses are simple and put to music so we can review them each week.

**Saturday Children’s Outreach** – As an extension of this class, every Saturday I make my rounds in the community visiting the children and giving them a paper with their verse for Sunday morning, a small treat, and a lot of encouragement to learn their verse and to come to church in the morning. The kids look for me each week and our attendance on Sunday morning has greatly increased.

**Junior Quiz Masters** – Recently we moved this class to five o’clock on Wednesday evenings due to Covid protocols. Although the protocols are less strict, we are continuing to have this class at this time because so many more of the children are attending.

**Teen Choir** – The five teens who helped sing in the Christmas cantata were excited when I asked them if they would like to start a teen choir. They have been very faithful and are doing a wonderful job!



**Saturday Deliveries to Shut-ins** – We have been delivering food and medicine to shut-ins on Saturdays for years. Momma and I shop and bag up the items and dad delivers them. This year I am helping with delivering because getting around has been more challenging for my dad as he gets older. It has been a blessing!

**Pre-school** – Of course, pre-school always keeps me busy! We are so thankful that there was only a one-week delay at the start of the New Year and now we are in school every day! I still have one learning remotely as he is a four-year-old diabetic and the cases have been very high due to Omicron.

On a sad note, Jessica (who was twenty-three and had a number of health issues) died of Covid in January. We had delivered medicine and snacks to her for years. She was a faithful member of the church and the adult choir despite all of her health problems. Dad performed her funeral, and we continue to minister to her family who is very poor.

Truly it is time to serve the Lord, and I am glad to be able to do it here in Grenada. Your prayers and support enable these ministries to continue. Have a great New Year serving the Lord “with gladness”!

Serving together with you to reach the children of Grenada,

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