

Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;"
II Corinthians 4:1

Our "Give Me Five for Learning" Back to School Children's Crusade was the perfect way to end the summer! We averaged thirty children each night, and they had a lot of fun while memorizing scripture and hearing from God's Word.

September 5<sup>th</sup> was the first day of school! We have six pre-schoolers this year and for the first time in three years, we are having a normal school year. It has been fun to be able to go back to doing a lot of things we were unable to do due to Covid. Covid taught us some new and better ways of teaching that we have continued. It also left us with challenges. Many of the students are struggling with their speech and socialization. This group seems younger and more immature as a result. We are constantly praying for wisdom to help our students succeed.

These past two months, there has been rain, rain, and more rain! Attendance at church has been affected as everyone walks to church and day to day living has had added challenges. Disruptions in electricity, dirty water, and lots of colds are a few of these problems.

Through it all, God is still at work. I have been especially encouraged that one of the new pre-school moms and her daughter have begun attending on Sunday morning. One of our other pre-schoolers who attended the Back to School crusade has also been attending faithfully on Sunday morning. In addition, God has provided the resources for us to help a family who needed money for medical services for their child who has sickle cell, to help a homeless man who almost lost his leg due to an untreated dog bite, and to provide weekly snacks for a man whose kidney is failing.

God is faithful! He gives me and my parents (who are in their seventies now) grace and strength to continue serving Him here in Grenada. I am so thankful for all of you who pray and give faithfully!

Serving together with you to reach the children of Grenada,

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