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Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

***“For I know that my redeemer liveth...
Job 19:25b***

The Easter Season is such an uplifting time of year! I am so thankful that our Savior lives and is still at work in hearts. As we visited the Saturday before Easter, many expressed disinterest in getting up early for the Easter Sunrise Service. However, God honored our efforts, and the church and children’s class was full on Easter morning. The service began at 6:00a.m. with breakfast. I was excited when the mom of the two boys I tutor on Saturday not only brought her three boys, but two of their cousins and an elderly lady. It was a wonderful service celebrating the Risen Savior!

Easter Break (as they call it here) from pre-school is passing too quickly. It is always such a busy time preparing for Easter, doing paperwork, and working to get ahead on choir songs, lessons for the children’s classes at church, and preparing to go back to pre-school. As break ends, I have some needs, prayer requests, and praises to share with you:

NEEDS –

1. Rising costs and the loss of some support have put a strain on my finances. This month, I had an abscessed tooth that required me to both go to the doctor and to need dental work. I also had to renew my US Passport. I could use some help with these added expenses which added up to \$800US. If you can give any extra, it would help to alleviate this burden.

2. It is time to re-order books for pre-school. Fortunately, I have some so I will not need as many books this year, but I do need a flannel board and some cleaning supplies. These needs are about \$400US. If you would be willing to help, please designate your check to the pre-school. The rising costs have also affected the pre-school, and I have had to raise tuition this year.

PRAYER REQUESTS –

1. My dad has had some stomach issues the past few months. Please pray that the doctors will have wisdom to help him.

2. More souls to be saved - even the children have difficulty committing their lives to Christ.

3. That Momma and I will make more progress with the pre-schoolers – This has been a difficult group, and we want to see them succeed.

4. When we return to school on Monday, re-enrollment for the new school year will begin. Please pray that God will send us the students He wants us to have.

PRAISES –

1. God has given me 14 years to minister here in Grenada!
2. The Campus Church in Pensacola took an offering to help us continue to meet the needs of many in our community.
3. Dad got a great report from his heart doctor!
4. God continues to draw the pre-schoolers back to the church. One of our boys came a couple of Sundays ago. He graduated ten years ago, and is taller than me!

Truly “I know That My Redeemer Liveth.” The choir sang this hymn on Easter morning. It was a new hymn for us, and it resonated with me! I am thankful that He is alive and has the power to save, provide, and answer prayer.

Serving together with you to reach the children of Grenada,

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