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MISSIONARY TO CHILDREN OF GRENADA, WEST INDIES

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Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

*“And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD:
it shall rejoice in his salvation.” Psalm 35:9*

As our pre-schoolers graduate,
it is a joy to look back and see how much they have grown and changed:



Ellina has had to overcome a lot of health issues related to allergies and diet which caused her to miss a lot of school, but she has made progress and is reading!



When Aiden came to us, he could barely talk. Now he is eager to learn, asks questions about everything, is reading thoughtfully, and can recognize numbers to 100!



Kayden came to pre-school having been taught a lot at home, but very immature. He leaves us reading on a first grade level and now he does not cry when corrected!

They have come a long way in every area. It has been a joy to lay the foundation of learning for them!

The pre-schoolers are not the only children we have the joy of seeing grow. Recently, one of the children who used to come to church faithfully and then moved out of the area, attended the Sunday morning service. She has graduated and now has a baby. She asked Christ to be her Savior that morning, is living in the area, and wants to dedicate her baby to the Lord. It is a joy to know that God's Word stays in the hearts of the children no matter where they go!

Saturdays are especially enjoyable as I go out into the community. The two special needs boys that I tutor are finally learning their verses at church. I have also been able to visit a lady who is unable to walk and take her fruit each week. She is so thankful as she does not have access to fruit. Giving the children their memory verses and a treat on Saturday has also encouraged the children to come to church. Attendance in the classes has increased and some of the other parents have reached out to me desiring me to come and visit their child. Let me take a moment to thank all the churches who give extra so we can help those in need here in Loretto.

Now as summer begins, I pray that we will continue to see children in attendance as many of the children stay with other family members during the summer. Please pray that I will have a productive summer with a chance to rest and enjoy a change of pace. It is a joy to serve the Lord here in Grenada! Thank-you for your faithfulness. Have a wonderful summer!

Serving together with you to reach the children of Grenada,

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