## GRENADA, W. I.



"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." Ps. 107:2

## MATHENA'S



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## Thank you for praying!

September, October, November, and December 2008

Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,

"the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth." Psalm 37:21b

God has opened up several ways for our church to give back to those in need:

We started a coin offering for the children's ward at the hospital. Our first jar of coins was \$140 E.C., and we are working to fill it again.

During the Christmas season, Robert was invited to the Florida Government School to take part in their Christmas program. He gave a short devotion on "The True Meaning of Christmas," taught them a song, prayed, and gave the children gifts.

For Christmas, we did a cookie bake and made 30 plates for the elderly in Loretto. As we gave out the plates, we sang Christmas carols.

Now as a church, we are collecting food for baskets. Each month, we will deliver three baskets to the elderly in Loretto. It is exciting to see our church family "shew mercy and give."

Our daughter, Carrie, came to help us in December, and the sisters came to complete their survey trip. They arrived with suitcases overflowing with Christmas presents given by three of Carrie's supporting churches. One church gave items for treat bags and one church gave blankets. We had fifty-five present for our Christmas morning service, and our church family was thankful for these gifts.

Another church gave watches. These were handed out at our Old Year Service. Everyone was challenged to "make time for Jesus" by faithfully attending services in 2009. Forty-four were present for the service, and four young men received God's gift of salvation.

Carrie was a tremendous help to the ministry. She is at 80% of her support so it is time to get her apartment finished and ready for her return. Robert is working on the ceiling now, and we need \$800 to buy and install the bathroom fixtures.

2008 finished in an exciting way, and we look forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for 2009. Pray that all of us here in Grenada will "shew mercy and give" our time, talents, and treasures to the Lord in this new year.

In Christ.

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