



September-October 2024

Praises:

1. New students
2. Noelle's salvation
3. Teen boys saved

Prayer Requests:

1. Godly wisdom
2. Men to serve
3. School finances

Childers' Children's Corner:

Brielle's vegetarian days have ended already. She's praying for a girl classmate for this year.

Ryan still loves cows, but most of Grenada's cattle are beef cows—which are not always the friendliest of creatures.

Noelle accepted Christ as Saviour in late August! She also lost her first tooth the first week of September.

Dear Praying Friend,

Thank you for your regular giving and praying for the work here in Grenada. There are so many opportunities to be a blessing and help to others that we would not be able to if not for your generosity. As the nation continues its recovery from Hurricane Beryl, two churches sent funds toward "hurricane relief." We were able to use that to send food and supplies to families that have lost nearly everything they owned. NaDMA, our local relief organization, has been flying a helicopter back and forth to our sister island of Carriacou daily as they deliver needed supplies. Our children had never seen a helicopter in Grenada before, so that is exciting for them.

Our family had a wonderful summer, serving with both the summer program in the Christian school along with the summer activities with the church plant. We had probably our best summer as a family, with weekly outings to either the waterfall, beach, Lake Grand Etang to see the monkeys, or Belmont Estate, a fine chocolate factory that also has some wildlife and domesticated animals. Some weeks, we just went and enjoyed ourselves as a family, and some weeks we were able to bring along our children's friends. We felt far more relaxed than most summers gone by!

While Grenada itself was not badly affected by the hurricane (other than the northern edge and our sister islands), it caused the government to shut down all the schools a few weeks early. We still had our first graduation (combined with our award ceremony), with the largest attendance we have ever seen on our current property. I believe it was helpful and encouraging for the school and church families to meet each other. A simple salvation message was preached, and while we do not know of any decisions being made, we do know seeds were planted. For many of the school parents, it was their first time being present for any kind of Bible preaching/teaching at Lifeline. For the year ahead, our enrollment has grown from 24 students up to 36 children, despite losing a few children over financial restraints. We now have the opportunity this year to influence 28 families through the school. Please pray for God to give us wisdom, and for these families to come to Christ through this ministry.

The church has maintained its regular attendance, despite the hurricane and the Carnival season in the month of August. Many churches have a fall-off of attendance for July and August. People know that the church will teach against the worldly activities that encompass Carnival so for those involved, they avoid church. The past few years, we have seen almost none of our people taking part, for which we praise the

Lord! Best of all, our daughter Noelle trusted Christ as her Saviour, and two teen boys in the Grand Bacolet Juvenile Detention Centre also were saved through our co-worker, Coco Chan's, ministry there.

Toward the end of August, our entire family except for Brielle came down with the dengue fever, a mosquito-borne virus that is common across the Caribbean. Joseph got it the worst by far, and spent most of 2 weeks in bed, losing nearly 20 pounds. He ended up not being able to preach for 3 weeks. We had three preachers from other Baptist churches come and preach for us, along with Musche and Shondell taking a few services. While he still is not fully recovered, he is doing far better than the past weeks.

We praise the Lord that God provided enough enrollment in the school that Donna could lessen her workload, teaching only Brielle this year in Grade 6. It allows her to continue with doctor's appointments, and to work from home as needed with her continued health battles. She did spend one day in July in the hospital, but the cause of her issues is still unclear. Thank you again for your continued prayers and financial support!

Your missionaries in Grenada,

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