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Dear Praying Friend,

In a world that is filled with turmoil, infighting, and strife, we are grateful to be serving a God that is faithful, just, and compassionate! It is easy sometimes to look at our personal circumstances and think life is unfair, but we must remember that God is good and He knows what is best for us.

After our trip to the States for several weeks in July, we returned to find that the work we had contracted for the school building was mostly incomplete. In our absence, the entire building was supposed to be plastered and the roof put up. Instead, we were disappointed to return to find they had only put up the rafters. We had to push them over the next few weeks to complete the roof, and begin plastering. As usual with a building project in Grenada, the estimates we were given for building were extremely low, particularly in the cost of materials. We had planned \$12,000 for the project of adding two classrooms. The total cost was \$26,000! While we are frustrated with how things have gone with the building, we know that God will provide the difference. This was supposed to be our smallest annual project in the last five years, but it has proven to be one of our bigger headaches. The good news is that the inside is now fully complete, and we were able to separate the combined classrooms, which will strengthen the Christian school. The next project will be to add a kitchen and lunch area, which will complete the facilities needed for the school.

Along with the building expansion, our enrollment has increased from 44 students up to 59 children! Our teaching staff has increased to nine teachers, including eight national ladies. We praise the Lord for providing solid leadership, as we seek to make a spiritual difference in the students and in their families. The opportunity God is giving us to influence these 52 families is incredible. Several of the students, particularly in the Grade 3 class, have been asking questions about salvation and baptism. Pray that God would use us greatly for His glory.

The Lord has used our time away and our return to further burden our hearts for souls. While we are often disproportionately busy with the Christian school, our focus needs to remain on the church planting that God has called us into. We continue to pray that God will bring men that are fully committed to Him and His service so that we can begin a second church plant. We have done much groundwork in the area of Union, a village about a 10 minute drive from Grenville. There are at least 8 villages in that area that are not being reached with the Gospel. Please pray for a harvest of souls in this area, and that God will bring the right leader(s).

We are grateful for several positive developments within the ministry and our family. Our youngest daughter, Noelle, was saved last year and is now asking questions concerning baptism. One of our men, Shondell, and his wife, Naisha, have announced they are expecting a baby early in the new year. This will be the first birth within the church since our youngest was born. One of our new teachers, Miss Campbell, is proficient in sign language, and wants to use it to teach both the school students and the church, so that we are able to reach the deaf with the Gospel. And one of our faithful young ladies, Simone (pronounced Sea-moon), is now volunteering as an assistant teacher for the school. Our oldest daughter, Brielle, and her best friend, Gabby, have joined the youth department. God has been good!

In our last letter, we mentioned several areas where we are trying to make changes to improve the health of our family. We have installed air conditioning in our bedroom and in the living room, which fulfills a 9 year old desire. Donna is continuing to assist with our teachers, but is no longer daily in the classroom, which allows her to focus more on the church and family needs, along with her personal health. By the end of the year, we intend to install a water tank also which should allow our family to enjoy water 24 hours a day. Thank you for your daily prayers and sacrificial giving so that we may continue to serve our great Saviour here in Grenada!

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