

Sep. 29, 2008

Dear Pastor Payne and Praying Friends,

The Family

We praise God for all His blessings and provision as He continues to sustain us and equip us for the work here in Trinidad. We are very thankful for God's grace, for health and for strength that He gives us to meet the daily needs of our family. We press on, praying continually as a family that God would be pleased to use us for His honour and glory.

By God's grace, the children are growing well and keeping very busy in the work with us. Each one of the children is a blessing and a help to us, and we really thank God for their willing spirit.

Immanuel, Christian and Isabella enjoy their music and faithfully help in the chores at home. Immanuel and Christian have been helping out in the music ministry of the church by taking turns in playing for the Wednesday night service. Isabella has been busy helping out in the Pee Wee Club during the Sunday morning service and she enjoys singing for the specials in the services. She is now learning to cook, to help in the kitchen and she loves to help with the baby. Joshua and David are growing and are learning to help out more at home. Baby Elizabeth is getting bigger, she is cooing, creeping, laughing and crying (of course) and she gives us all much joy. By God's grace, the children are continuing with their homeschooling. Thanks be to God that Immanuel, Christian, and Isabella have the same piano teacher and they have resumed learning the piano for this term. Christian also continues to learn the violin.

The Country

The crime situation has increased and the murder toll has already surpassed 400. It is a sad and alarming statistic that reminds us of the need to preach Christ and reach souls here with the gospel. The economy has worsened as gas, food, and housing prices have increased and people are deceived into putting their lives into material gain and many strive to provide for their families.

Divali a national hindu celebration and holiday, and Eid ul Fitr a muslim one, are both coming up in the month of October with much festivities and idolatry. Please pray for the eyes, ears, minds and hearts of the people to be opened and for the spiritual warfare that we face especially at these times.

The heavy rains have worsened the mosquito situation, causing a rise in dengue fever cases here in Trinidad and we are very thankful to God for His protection as there was a recent case of the dengue fever from our neighbour just across the street from us. We continue to trust in the Lord and please brethren, continue to pray for us.

The Ministry

We have been very busy over the school holidays with Vacation Bible School and the Teen/Junior camps in the months of July and August. Much preparation was done and ongoing prayer was offered up for these activities. Flyers were distributed weeks ahead, tents were set up and many children were picked up for VBS during the week of July 20th to the 25th. Our faithful God blessed, and we had an average of 200 hundred children per day in VBS. At the end of the week, **40** souls received Christ as their Saviour and some of them have been attending the services. Teen Camp was held during the week of August 10-15, about 30 youths attended from Charity Baptist Church and the other 54 were from the other Independent Baptist Churches. Praise the Lord 2 young people from CBC, Sharice and Tasha got saved. Junior Camp was held on August 24-29, 3 children attended from CBC and a little girl Kayle who recently came from the Philippines got saved. We praise God for blessing the labour and bearing the fruit for His Name's sake. We will be sending pictures of VBS and Teen camp through email.

We thank God for keeping the congregation faithful in attending the services especially during the school holidays when many people are away. We praise God for the **3** souls that were saved after the Sunday morning services and their desire to follow the Lord in Baptism. We held a baptism service on September 14 at a swimming pool and **8** souls obeyed the Lord in believer's baptism. To God be the glory. We will be sending pictures of the baptism through email.

We have resumed Religious Instruction classes, and we thank God for giving us favour in the eyes of the school principals to continue preaching in their schools. Praise the Lord, we have been averaging approximately 40 students attending the classes and hearing the gospel with much interest. Recently we had 6 young students from Debe High School who trusted Christ as their Saviour. Please remember Amy Rajkumar, Monique Sampson, Kernester Mohammed, Leah Martin, Michael Oconor, and Alana Rodrigues in your prayers for spiritual growth and discipleship. We pray that God will continue to bless this ministry throughout the school year for His glory.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Heritage Baptist Church in Barrie, Gospel Light Baptist Church in Richmond Hill, and Faith Baptist Church in Pembroke for their generous contribution towards the purchase of a vehicle. Praise the Lord, we have been able to purchase a 2004 Toyota Corolla car which has been a real blessing in church pickups and other church activities, as well as for our family. We are so very grateful to have a vehicle to get around and do the ministry here. We pray that God will keep it running efficiently to use in His service.

We have recently started a Men's Prayer Meeting every Saturday evening to encourage the men of the church to pray, individually and as a congregation, and we thank God for those who have been coming faithfully.

There has been a lot of heavy rainfall almost every day and so it can at times restrict our activities, but the Lord has continued to bless our SoulWinning/Visitation efforts and we have had a few first time and previous visitors coming to the services.

We have scheduled a Revival Meeting for October 1-5 (Lord Willing) and we pray that God will use these services to reach the lost for Christ and to keep the congregation zealous for the things of God. We have Pastor Michael Jeremiah from Grenada as our guest speaker. We also plan by God's grace to start Discipleship classes again later on in the year to encourage the new converts

and strengthen their Christian walk. Brethren, pray for us that God's will be done for His honour and glory.

Immigration

Indeed we see the hand of God as He continues to work out our immigration needs on our behalf. On August 6th, we had an appointment with immigration and God surely answered our prayers as Carol and all the children have now been stamped as Trinidadian citizens. I have been booked for an interview for permanent residency with the Immigration department on February 27th 2009 and we ask for your ongoing prayers on this matter. We have also been able to obtain all the documents for Elizabeth's Canadian citizenship and it is now being processed. We wait upon the Lord for His help and timing in all these procedures that we may give Him all the glory.

Prayer Requests

- Interview for Residency
- Health for the family as we continue to serve the Lord
- Salvation of souls in Trinidad to God's glory
- Wisdom and grace to lead in the ministry
- Fruit in the various ministries
- Spiritual growth for Charity Baptist Church
- God's direction and provision in the future

We thank God for the privilege to serve Him and to sow the seed here in Trinidad (Galatians 6:9) and we thank Him for the fruit in spite of the spiritual opposition. We continue to look to Him to bear the fruit because the Bible says in **1Thes. 5:24 'Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it'**. We are very grateful for all your prayers and financial support, it truly means so much to our family. Please know that we are also praying diligently for you all by the grace of God, that He would continue to use your church to reach souls with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in your area and around the world. May God bless you richly with His grace and mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your servants for Jesus' sake,
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