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*"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line,
here a little there a little" - Isaiah 28:9-10*

Dear Praying Friends and Family,

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A sense of normalcy has finally returned to the islands, for which we are extremely grateful. School is back in session again; we have been through 2 governmental elections - presidential and parliamentary, and a host of other activities and incidents over the past 3 months. This also includes the traditional dance that is now carried out each year right in front of the church. The main witch doctor who headed it all up has passed away, and is now fully aware of how he had been deceived along the pathway he had chosen. Unfortunately one of his family has taken up his position, and has tried to continue on with his work. I try to make it a point whenever I walk through that lot to pray, placing the land under the blood of our Lord and Saviour, and asking God to use it for His glory's sake. What that fully means only time will tell.

The past couple of months have been a very emotional time, as we have been to 3 unexpected funerals of people we either knew personally or knew their family, but the Lord has been gracious through it all giving strength and opening doors for ministering. One was the neighbor beside our church, who dropped in the field while working and never made it home from the hospital. Another was the mother of a young man who used to go to our church, but drifted away when he went to stay in the capital. Each of them had their own respective churches, but the Lord has afforded us the opportunity to be a source of encouragement, help and support during the time of grief that follows.

Our presence at the funerals and providing rides to the cemetery and visiting afterwards during the mourning week, has been used by the Lord to cause us to be more welcome in areas of the community where before we had no direct contact. The grandchildren of the lady next door have also been coming to our Kids Club, which has allowed us to interact with the family on a more personal level. Please pray for us, that the Lord might use us as a source of guidance from God's Word and open doors to share of his salvation, love and care.

As mentioned above, we have also been able to start up our children's club ministry! After talking with the church folks we ended up changing the day from Wednesday to Sunday afternoon so that school scheduling and supper prep (between 3-6pm) would not interfere. As with most ministries here, it was a slow, on again/off again beginning, with kids forgetting or other holiday activities taking priority. However, the beginning of the school year has helped to calm things down and the last week of September-first week of October we had 8 kids in attendance for a Bible story, songs and game time. As things settle into their respective grooves we also have plans to incorporate the King's Kids Club Bible memory program, which is an Independent Baptist, Bible memorization program with translations into Portuguese. Please pray with us that the Lord might use this ministry to instill His Word into the hearts of children and young people and that through this ministry we will find open doors to reach their parents as well.

On a slightly different note, we also want to praise the Lord for His watchcare over us, particularly concerning our vehicle. After hearing noises for some time from the front drive system, we took the truck in to the mechanic to see what the problem was. It turns out that a piece inside the front differential had worn out and was barely keeping things together. It was by God's good hand that the piece had not come loose and completely destroyed the gear system inside the differential, thus forcing us to buy a brand new one. As it stood, our mechanic was able to replace the worn out piece and later on a side support arm and the truck is back to running like new. All in time for us to haul a truck load of people back and forth to 2 different cemeteries. God is so good to us, and we are so very thankful for His watch care over us.

A very heart felt thank you again, to each and every one of our supporters both prayer wise and financial. Please continue lifting us up before the throne, as we continue following our Lord's leadership, marching forward in our little portion of God's harvest field.

Your Servants For His Service,

Doug + Amanda Claypool

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