



The Robert Smith Family

Cheerfully serving on the island of

Barbados, West Indies

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VBS- In August we had our Vacation Bible School. Pastor Perry Kile led a team from the Bible Baptist Church of New Bloomfield, PA, and they were joined by our BIMi Caribbean Director, Benji Dryden, and folks from the Lakewood Baptist Church of Harrison, TN. (Lakewood Baptist Church has been a wonderful encouragement and support to us since 1990.) These two churches came together to do Vacation Bible School this year. They combined to make a wonderful team together. Every one had a servant's heart, a love for children, and a desire to get the gospel to each person.

The Bible Baptist Church has an amazing VBS each year at their own place. If you can, I would heartily recommend going to see it. It is like none other.

Our theme for the week was "The Armor of God". Pastor Kile had every lesson wrapped around the theme, and the crafts were done the same way. Each person worked diligently and cheerfully to do their part as we all followed Pastor Kile's leadership and planning.

They planned the games, the lessons, the music, and so many other things that week. It was a joy to be a part of it. Their planning and preparation for the teaching and the fun times of the VBS made it much easier for our church to provide the logistics and background support for the team.

Bro. Benji Dryden was a great blessing and help throughout. The Lord used him to put the two churches together to come and serve with us. Bro. Dryden grew up in Haiti as an MK (missionary kid) and he went back with his wife and children as missionaries themselves. He understands the Caribbean people and he loves to serve and help in any way possible.

The Lord gave us thirty-four different children through the course of the week. Every child heard the gospel multiple times, and one child professed faith in Christ. Five adult visitors came to church on Sunday, the last day of the VBS, and one of them trusted Christ that morning! It is rare for an adult to respond at a church invitation so this was tremendous blessing.

Plans for October- October is the church's anniversary month and we are planning a Sunday School program so that we might reap some souls for the Lord. Pray for us that God will bring people to visit the church and that souls will be saved. Thank you for your prayers and investments on behalf of the souls here in Barbados.

Sincerely,

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Some scenes from our VBS week.

