



## **The Robert Smith Family**

*Cheerfully serving on the island of*

*Barbados, West Indies*

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**A soulwinning testimony-** In February as I was flying up to be with my parents while my father was hospitalized, I found myself sitting alongside a rabbi. He happened to be the rabbi who oversees the Jewish synagogue during the winter months in Barbados. We had a brief but cheerful conversation, and he gave me his card. I gave him a gospel tract. After we both had returned to the island, he invited Rhoda and me to a personal tour of the synagogue and Jewish museum in Bridgetown. (The synagogue was established in the mid 1600's.)

Rhoda has used her ability to cook as a way to bring families to our home for the purpose of giving them the gospel. Literally thousands have sat at our dinner table for that purpose through the years.

We invited the rabbi to our home for dinner, and he came. In anticipation of his visit to our home, we had been praying that God would open the door for us to give him the gospel. The rabbi is a man who loves the Old Testament and is familiar with the New Testament. He was very interested in what we do and how we meet people to minister to them. As I told him of how we use John/Romans booklets, it piqued his interest, and he asked a question, "Why do you use those two books?" The Lord had opened the door to give him the plan of salvation!

I quoted to him John 3:16- the clearest and simplest verse on salvation in the entire Bible. I showed him how in John 4 (Jesus meeting the woman at the well) we find a wonderful illustration of the *whosoever* of John 3:16! The woman at the well was both a Samaritan and an immoral woman, yet Jesus took the time to speak with her.

I quoted to him the following verses "The woman saith unto him, I know that **Messias** cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, **I that speak unto thee am he!**"

The rabbi listened intently as he heard Jesus' claim to be the Messiah. I went on and gave him the Romans' Road, and he listened and asked questions. He did not openly receive Christ as his Saviour, but he did let us tell him of the salvation that is found in Christ. Pray for the rabbi that he may turn to Christ for his salvation. He is a good and sincere man, but he needs the Saviour! In some ways he reminds me of Cornelius of Acts 10.

### **Prayer requests**

1. Our men's breakfast April 3rd. Pray that men will come and that we would see souls saved and men becoming productive for Jesus.
2. Our Ladies Conference April 6th. Pray that many ladies will come and that souls would be saved and Christians would be strengthened.
3. Our trip to Nigeria is May 5th-26th. Pray that we will have physical strength and that many will be helped and encouraged by our coming. We have many other prayer requests concerning this trip. God has been answering several already in marvelous ways.
4. Becca and Max's wedding will be June 12th at our home church.
5. A Spirit-filled couple to fill in for us while we are gone from Barbados.

Thank you for letting us partner with you to get to the gospel out!

Sincerely,

*Robert and Rhoda Smith*

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