

Have a Blessed Christmas

December 2008

To Our Family and Friends,

We are now missionaries to the Caribbean. We are under *Global Church Growth* umbrella, and our mission name is ***Southeast Caribe Mission***. Therefore, when you see an e-mail from "***secaribemission***" it will be from us. In addition, when you see a letter from ***Global Church Growth or Southeast Caribe Mission***, that will be us. So please check your spam filter to allow us to send you e-mails.

2008 was just one of those years when you think that nothing was accomplished. 2007 ended and Orvel finished his studies at Ozark. He was appointed Elder of our church, and started working on plans to go to the mission field. At the end of March, we left for California driving across country, stopping and visiting with friends and family along the way, there in California, and on the way back to Missouri via the southern route. Getting back in time for Orvel's graduation on May 16, then more organizing and preparing for the mission field, writing letters, and gathering prayer and financial support.

In August, Orvel was ordained into the ministry. Like the Apostle John, Orvel is now an elder and preacher evangelist, but not in the same league. We pray that God guides Orvel and that he can be available to be used by Him.

He went to Barbados in Oct for 30 days to do some pre-entry work and meet with the leaders on the island. Got back and rested and then we headed for Tulsa to the National Missionary Convention.

We are grateful that God has given us the strength each day so that we can serve Him in any way He leads us. We are being challenged, stretched, and empowered to move forward. Moreover, while this time of preparation has felt like a whirlwind we have consistently felt a great sense of peace. Life in Barbados is quickly becoming more of a reality and we are very excited, but we also want to be well equipped so that we can serve as servants in His kingdom. We are planning to move in May of 2009. We have sold our house and are renting back until we leave. We are waiting for a residential care home opening, in Nevada, MO for Mom and will get her settled before we leave.

Thank you. We would not be where we are today without your encouragement and support and prayers! We would love to hear from you, and pray for you.

Wishing you and yours a blessed, peaceful and joyful Christmas,

Orvel and Kandi Griffith