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Greetings from Bajan country (Barbados),

Tue. I left Missouri (Oct 7) and headed for Tulsa , OK . Spent the day and evening with Kandi and we saw the movie “Fireproof”, it is very good.

Wed. In the early morning I flew AA from Tulsa to Dallas , had an hour layover, than flew on to Miami Fl. Had a 3-hour layover and arrived in Barbados at 9:30 PM on Oct 8. It was a good flight.

Thur. I slept in until 7:30 and then went for a walk. There are a lot more houses in this area now and I lost my landmarks. I went on a longer walk than I had intended. Michael, from Global Church Growth, is here for a week and we sat and talked about the Leadership class that we will have on the 16, 17, and 18 of this month.

Fri. Today we just might be able to go get a drivers license for Barbados and after a few days riding and driving with Kenroy, (the minister where I am staying for 2 weeks), I will rent a small car. Then I will pick some things from the store that I did not have room to bring. In the afternoon, we went downtown to see about my license, but they close the window at 3:00. So maybe Monday I will venture down again.

Sat. Up before seven and Michael and I took an hour walk. Today there is a nice breeze, but you still sweat a lot. In the afternoon we (Michael, Stephanie and I went shopping. Left around 1:30 PM and got back to the house around 5:00, just before it started to rain and by 7:00, the streets were flooded.

Sun. Sunday morning in Barbados , is like this. Up by 5:30, morning devotion, small breakfast and at the church by 8:15. Church is to start at 8:30. Worship service starts by 9:00 and most of the people have arrived. At 10:00 the message starts. Church is scheduled to get out at 10:30, but it usually is out around 10:50. Then Bible Study (Sunday school) starts right after and last until 11:45. Most Sundays Kenroy leaves the church around 12:15 PM. Michael gave the message and taught Sunday school today. Today there were 46 in the service. We had 16 in the evening service. Evening service starts at 6:30 and will last until around 8:30-9:00 PM.

The weather has been rather warm, like in the low 80's and 94-96 % humidity. There is an easterly breeze and clouds, which makes it bearable until I am acclimatized. Please keep the people of Barbados and me in your prayers.

Blessings in Christ,
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Prayers for the missionaries:

Let us start praying as Paul, David and others have done. Here is one from Paul in Col 1:9-11.

“That you might be filled with the knowledge of His will...” 1:9

Pray that we will know what opportunities we must say yes too. Because there are many.

“...in all wisdom and spiritual understanding..” 1:9

Pray that we will have the ability to see things from God’s perspective and understanding, pertaining to family life, ministry, and relationship with the nationals, economy of time and energy, and finances. Also personal devotions, so your prayers “bind the strong man” (Matt 121:29), so your workers can have a clear vision from god’s vantage point of eternal values.

“...that you might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing. 1:10

Pray that my actions do not differ from God’s word. Our outward lives will be a living epistle, “the word written on fleshly tablets of the heart” (2 Cor. 3:2-3)

“ ..being fruitful unto every good work” 1:10

Pray that our eyes will be open to decisive points of battle, and to be available and used by the Spirit.

“...and increasing in the knowledge of God” 1:10

Pray for our spiritual lives, that we stay steadfast in the Word. That there are times when we can become so busy ‘working for the Lord’, that there is no time for our personal spiritual walk in His Word.

“.. strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power” 1:11

Pray that we will be continually be filled with the spirit.

“...unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness” 1:11

“ Giving thanks unto the Father” 1:12”

“Paul’s words in Phil 4:6, “Be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

We then ask these things in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

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