

The Ballinger Family

Church Planting in the islands of St Vincent and the Grenadines

Dear pastors, churches, and friends

September 2020

II Corinthians 9:6 *He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.* The last few weeks this verse has been on our heart and in our preaching. I have encouraged our church to be actively and purposefully sowing the Gospel. The verse has also been heavy on my heart concerning the Grenadine islands where no gospel preaching churches have been started; Canouan with 2,000 people, Union with 2,000, and Mayreau with 500. These fields are small, not easy to get to, and already saturated with false doctrine. We are looking forward to the day that we will sow the Seed in these fields.

We have a group coming down early 2021 to help us with the first tent meeting in the southern islands, and prayerfully all three islands by the end of 2021. The boat for this ministry is a great necessity. It will carry the gospel tent, supplies, bibles, and transport teams to help us in these tent meetings. It will also be used as we minister each week on these islands. The cost for this will be about \$100- \$150 per week in fuel (without the boat these weekly trips would cost us over \$500)

We have been talking with the owner of a Leopard 37 power catamaran. Lord willing, we will be heading up to survey the boat and place a deposit early October (depending on travel restrictions). Several churches and individuals have promised to give and some are currently raising funds to help us. I believe that God can supply all the funds before December. This will allow us some time to get any issues with the boat worked out and start getting things prepared for the 2021 tent meetings. **Will you help us pray for the remaining \$70K needed?**

Bible Baptist Church: The church continues to grow here in Bequia. Since our last letter we have baptized 1, a new family joined with us, and ,Lord willing, in October we will have a local preacher preaching one of our services each week. We've had several first time visitors and over 30 people in attendance in some services. Several have admitted that they were lost but left with out being saved. Please help us pray for these that they would surrender to God and be saved.

Family: Normally I do not add much about the family, but I want to ask you to please keep my wife, Mckenzie, in your prayers. Since July, her immune system has been down causing several complications. The miscarriage of our 5th child only added to it. She has been back and forth to the doctors on the mainland. One night transferred by coastguard boat to St. Vincent and has spent a total of 10 nights in the hospital over the last 3 months. The medical system here is slow, but we are thankful that she has found a doctor that has been a great help. At the time of this writing God has helped her in so many areas. She is still not 100%, but doing much better.

I praise the Lord for His goodness in these hard times. Many churches are struggling, but I am thankful that God has continued to supply our need through your faithful giving and sacrifice.

Your missionaries in the Grenadine islands,
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