

The Ballinger Family

Church Planting in the islands of St Vincent and the Grenadines

Dear pastors, churches, and friends

December 2020

Christmas is always different here in the Caribbean. It just never “feels” like Christmas. Maybe it’s the consistent warm temperature and green trees following the hurricane season. Despite all that we make the best of it. Each year the different villages takes a section along the road and decorate with lights and nativity scenes, and as Christmas gets closer the lights come on and it makes it feel a little more like Christmas.

The church here is doing well. We continue to hold regular weekly services with Bible reading, learning the books of the Bible, and preaching from a chapter in the book of John. With the Christmas season we like to take the month and preach more about the birth of CHRIST and why He came. We have a new family that started coming back in July. The husband has a good testimony of salvation and has been called to preach. He has preached for us 3 times and did a tremendous job. He is a great friend and co-laborer with us here in the ministry.

In September, I began teaching a class through the four Gospels at the Falls International Bible Institute. The classes are used here in Bequia, Sioux falls, SD, and Ghana, South Africa. Two from our church are taking the classes each week, and several others are just watching the classes but not for the grade. Please keep us in prayer as we will continue next semester through the book of Acts and, Lord willing, pick up a few more students here in Bequia.

The Boat Ministry: The first of November we were contacted by an owner of a 2013 power catamaran. He offered the boat to only us for \$150K even though the boat is valued well over that. We began praying and asking others to help us pray. The owner got back to us and lowered the price to just \$130K because of the ministry that we would be using it for. At the time we only had \$75K. Within two weeks God sent in over half of the funds needed. Our plan was to meet the first week of December, but because of Covid quarantine restrictions we agreed it would be best to meet first of January. So we have just a few more weeks to raise the remaining \$25,000 for the boat. After the last two weeks, I have no doubt that God will continue to send in the funds through his people. Our website (www.wimissions.com) has a video about the boat and a PayPal link to donate directly through our mission board.



In January, we will fly up and buy the boat get all the paper work in order and bring the boat 400 miles down the Caribbean islands here to Bequia. This will cost us about \$500-\$1000 and take 2-4 days depending on the sea conditions and weather. We will then have to quarantine for 9-16 days. Please keep us in prayer for safety as we bring the boat down and my family that will remain here in Bequia as I go up to get boat.

In Christ

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