



The Ballinger Family

Church Planting in the islands of St Vincent and the Grenadines

Dear pastors, churches, and friends,

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I want to begin by saying thank you. Many of you have been prayerfully and financially supporting us now for many years. God has continued to work here through your faithfulness. Since our last letter, we have been extremely busy and many different things have happened.

In March, Mckenzie and the kids flew back to the states for her grandmother's funeral, and to spend some time with family that they haven't seen in two years. A month later, right before they planned to come home, the volcano here in St. Vincent erupted. Although here in Bequia we experienced just a small amount of ash, it caused catastrophic damage in St. Vincent. Over 16,000 people were evacuated from the red zone, many placed into shelters, private homes, and churches. One pastor and his family of 6 were staying in a house with 20 other people. We invited them down here to Bequia to stay in the apartment we rent, and I moved onto the boat since my family was still in the states. We were able to get permission from the owner of the house we rent for church and completely renovate the upstairs for the pastor's family to stay in. In May, my family was able to fly back here to Bequia after being apart for almost 3 months.

Between Covid and the volcano the people here are hurting. Many of the people here are without work. We have tried to help the people that are faithful to church with food. Our church and supporting churches have worked together to help over 30 different families and individuals that have been evacuated with food, clothes, and bedding. We have also worked with several local churches to help provide food and clothing to the shelters in St. Vincent. We helped cook here in Bequia under the gospel tent, package all the meals, put them on the ferry, and a pastor there would pick them up and deliver them to the different shelters and individuals. We have also had the opportunity to go over to St. Vincent and cook there, help in one of the shelters, and play games with some of the children. There are, and will continue to be, ongoing needs of food and supplies. If you would like to help in any way please feel free to reach out to us. Any financial donations can be sent to Macedonia World Baptist Missions marked for Ballinger/Benevolence fund. All funds will be used for the ongoing relief efforts.

The church continues to grow here. Our Sunday mornings are designed more towards a Bible study setting with our Sunday evening and Wednesday evenings as regular church services. We have been working through the book of Acts dealing with the church and salvation. We have had multiple visitors over the last few months. Several have left lost and under conviction. Please pray for their salvation. We would also ask you to pray for a preacher in our church, Brother Osie. His wife, over the last year, has been suffering with seizures and he has been trying to get her help. She needs to have an MRI, but that is not available here in St. Vincent. Will you help us pray that they will be able to get approved to fly to a nearby island and get her the help that she needs?

Because of the volcano, we have been very busy working some 20+ hour days over the last month working on the house, helping to cook for the shelters, and studying for Church. Because of this and Covid restrictions, we have yet to be able to travel to the other islands with the boat. We are making plans to travel down and to begin the church planting efforts on these other islands soon. Please keep us in prayer over the coming days as we endeavor to do more for the cause of Christ here in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Thank you again for the prayers and support you have given to the ministry here. We hope in the coming weeks to have a video together showing what all has been going on. We will post this to our Facebook, website, and will share it through email. If you are not receiving our prayer letter by email and would like to be added you can sign up on our website or just send me an email.

In Christ,

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