

The Ballinger Family

Church Planting in the islands of St Vincent and the Grenadines

Dear pastors and churches,

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It's hard to believe that it's already October. This year has certainly been busy, but we praise the Lord for another year to serve. We could not accomplish any thing without the help of our Lord and Savior and your sacrificial giving. I want to say thank you for all that you have done to help our family continue to reach out to those here in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The eruption of the volcano here in St. Vincent has caused a lot of setbacks. We spent a lot of time and energy helping get food to families in need, repairing some homes, providing clothes and different needs. It wasn't much, but we did what we could from here in Bequia. We were able to share the Gospel with many different people. Although we have seen very few lasting results we remember that Jesus told us that charity never faileth. We continue to pray that those we were able to help would see and remember the Love of God and be saved.

Over the last few weeks Covid has once again swept through the islands here. Several from our church have had it and are recovering. Please help us pray for them, and the family of an older gentleman that was saved several years ago at the tent meeting who passed away this last week.

Bible Baptist Church continues to grow. We have been preaching through the book of Acts, and on Wednesdays nights we have been teaching through the by-laws and constitution of the Church. It has been interesting and helpful. Our first night we were there for nearly 2 hours answering questions and helping people see many errors that have been taught. For the last month Brother Osborne, a gentleman in the church, has started preaching on Sunday nights. He has done a tremendous job. Please help us pray for him and his family. They have faced many hardships over the last year. Certainly the devil has tried to discourage them and fight against them. With Brother Osborne preaching Sunday evenings, this will allow us to travel to another island for a Sunday night service/ bible study.

In September, we started teaching along side other pastors and preachers for the Fundamental Bible Baptist institute, a free online institute for national pastors and churches. We are teaching through the book of Acts. There are 3 people from our church here in Bequia taking the classes, and several others that are just auditing the classes, 8 in Africa, and several others scattered around other local churches. I am not the best teacher, but I praise the Lord to have a small impact in helping these national pastors, preachers, and laymen reach their areas with the Gospel.

If you will recall in our last letter, we shared about renovating the upstairs of the church building we rent for a pastor's family. We were able to accomplish this and the family was able to stay as needed. Once they got the all clear from the government they headed back home. With the upstairs empty we decided to move the church up there for the time being. We have more space and much better breeze (we do not have AC.) I would like to, once again, ask you to help us pray that the owner will agree to sell the house and property to the church. Our prayer is that we can continue to help the church here in Bequia, but put more focus on reaching out to the other islands, establishing more works, and reaching the lost for the cause of Christ.

In Christ, David Ballinger family



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