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Praise the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness. Nahum 1:7, "The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in Him." It is a blessing to know that we can trust the goodness of the Lord and find refuge in the time of trouble. First of all our sincere apologies for the delay in our correspondence. The last few months have passed so quickly and we are already heading to the end of 2021. We look back on the past year and acknowledge the numerous times the Lord has shown Himself faithful. The protection and provision of the Lord continue to be real to us. He has kept us in pretty good health and we have been keeping well.

We have had a lot of back and forth with government regulations due to the COVID situation. The children started the new school year with online learning but returned to face to face instruction during October on a day in-day out system. The lack of consistency has been a challenge for them but they have responded well in keeping up with assignments and syllabus requirements. They did pretty well, especially Jaelys who topped her class.

Our church services were also affected for about six weeks as the government enforced a 'No Movement Sunday' regulation in an effort to restrict unnecessary social activities on weekends. After the second weekend, we began having services on Saturday mornings for those who were available. This regulation was later adjusted to a 5PM curfew on Sundays, which allowed us to have Sunday morning services again. We praise the Lord for the faithfulness of the believers during these times. The past year and a half have been a good test of true

Christianity, revealing the importance of serving the Lord in our everyday lives outside of the church setting. It is a blessing to witness the big majority of the believers remaining constant and testifying of the Lord working in their lives.

At the beginning of November we were able to resume the food distribution program. We had to put it on hold as a result of heavier regulations due to a big spike in Covid cases. After these were relaxed there was a shortage of certain food supplies coming into the island. Praise the Lord, this too has passed and we have been able to continue this ministry. Please continue to pray for Mr. Green, the elderly gentleman who got saved through the feeding program. He has faithfully attended services since then and has expressed his desire to be baptized.

In spite of the challenges, for the most part the folks at the church have remained faithful, and we praise the Lord for their continual spiritual growth. Many of our usual Christmas ministries and events will be affected again because of restrictions which are much heavier on churches, but we will try to use the opportunities available in best way to glorify the Lord and point others to Him as we celebrate His birth.

Once again, thank you for your thoughts, prayers and support for us and the ministry here in St. Lucia. We praise the Lord for you and appreciate your partnership in the work of the Lord. We pray that you have a wonderful Christmas and a blessed and prosperous 2022. May the Lord continue to bless and use you for His glory.

Prayer Requests:

- -Salvation of souls in village of Belle Vue
- -Spiritual growth of believers
- -Men available to be used in the ministry
- -Food distribution ministry
- -Land and or building for the church.
- -Approval of application for incorporation of the church.
- -Body repairs to personal vehicle (US\$1,000) Fellow-laborers in Christ

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