

The Ballinger Family

Church Planting in the islands of St Vincent and the Grenadines

Dear pastors, churches, and friends,

September 6th 2022

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few" Matthew 9:37 The last few months I've been reminded over and over again of the need for laborers in the ministry. Each week there are more opportunities to serve here than we can accomplish alone. I'm thankful for each of you as you have prayed for us and supported our family as we labor for the Lord here in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Gospel Tent Ministry: Our tent meeting in Bequia this year was definitely a struggle. We got a call on Monday of our meeting that we had to take the tent down. After speaking with several lawyers and government officials they informed us we had done nothing wrong and could continue the meeting. On Sunday morning of our second week, about 5 AM, an unexpected wind storm came through and nearly tore the tent down. Thankfully, the damage to the tent was minor and we could continue the meeting. With the help of local pastors and Brother Duane Moore, the Gospel was preached each night. A special service was held on Saturday for the local churches and we had 7 pastors and preachers and other laymen there. Despite all the troubles, two young men were saved, and a young lady was saved on the Friday after the meeting! After our meeting, we delivered the tent to a national pastor on St. Vincent who held a special service on their new property and a 3-day crusade. This is the 9th Gospel tent-meeting we have helped with here and look forward to more in the future.

September 2nd, we were able to get all the chairs for three churches here. Each of the churches gave to help with the cost, shipping, and movement of the chairs. They are all excited about having more comfortable seating and the church looks so much better! On behalf of Bible Baptist Church, Bethany Baptist Church, and Gospel Light Baptist Church, **Thank you for your help!!!!** We were also able to help install the new sound system at Bethany Baptist Church in Stubbs. Along with helping Grace Baptist Church with an older sound system that was given to us on deputation, we then set up our tent meeting system at Gospel Light Baptist Church temporarily until we can get them a new one. There are several needs for sound systems and good quality keyboards here. If anyone wants to help with those needs please get in touch with us.

Church in Fancy: Pastor Mitchell, Primus, Malachi and myself were able to make the trip to Fancy, the last village on St. Vincent, (for us, it was a 6:30 AM ferry that takes 1 hour, then a beautiful 2 hour drive along the coast) to begin working on their church building and parsonage. We spent a full day and a half working. We laid tile on the church porch, framed up the kitchen cupboards, pressure washed the buildings, and fixed a list of little projects. We plan to go up again to start working to remodel the bathrooms, tile a bedroom, and much more. Our goal is to have the house ready for a family to come in to pastor the church. The members have been holding the ropes for several years praying for a pastor. The community is small but the need for a pastor to lead the flock is great. If you know of someone praying about missions please get in touch with us. There is an opportunity to come temporarily and fill in for the church. All you need is a passport to come in for 3-6 months. The people are friendly and speak English.

Furlough: To be honest, I do not want to leave. There is so much that needs to be done here. But we are praying that during our furlough the Lord can help our family and prepare us for the next 4+ years of ministry here. We will fly back to the US on November 16th. We already have some meetings booked, but we will be calling over the next few months to get everything booked. Please help us pray for a good, used large SUV to drive when we are back. Thank you again for all that each of you have done to help the churches here in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

PAYER REQUEST

- Land/Building in Bequia, Canouan and Union
- Furlough November 2022-November 2023
- Vehicle for furlough.
- A second Gospel tent 30x30 or 40x40
- Sound equipment and keyboards for 2 churches



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