



# The BALLINGER

CHURCH PLANTING ON THE ISLANDS OF  
ST VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

Family

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Dear pastors, churches, and friends, Thank you! Thank you for your support of our family and the ministry. July marked 22 years since I repented and believed the Gospel of Jesus Christ and 19 years of preaching. Still, I just want to be as Paul said in Romans 1:1 "A servant of Jesus Christ." A servant is one that will go where ever and do whatever the Master bids.

This furlough has been different than I had expected in that. Since our last letter, we assisted in the "Who Will Go?" missions camp. We saw 4 saved, 18 surrender to missions, and 5 surrender to God in general. This is a blessing because we prayed that we could see 12 young people surrender to missions on this furlough and God has exceeded that already. We left the first camp and preached a few services at Antioch Baptist Church youth camp, then on to a missions retreat that was a great help and blessing to our family.

At the end of June, my wife and I flew out with 13 others from "Who Will Go?" to Papua New Guinea. It seemed the devil fought every step of the way, but this was an amazing trip! We spent the mornings preaching in the open markets and afternoons helping to teach discipleship and evangelism to churches. The Lord was using the churches to teach us as well. The burden of the people was astounding and the receptiveness of the locals was encouraging. In the morning market outreach, there were so many that came trusting their works and left trusting in Christ alone for their salvation. These were not mere professions but people that truly repented of their false religion and began to trust Christ. One morning after dealing with a Seventh-Day Adventist lady, while preaching to over 50 people standing there, a young couple came to us after and wanted to be saved! This was thrilling! Nearly every morning was blessed with testimonies like that. In the evenings we marched into a different village with a large crowd from the churches. We would hand out tracts and invite folks to the service in that village. Every night over 500 people were sitting on the ground or standing around hearing the Gospel preached and many, many people were saved. It was truly eye-opening and encouraged me to get back to the Islands and do more for our Lord.

When we got back, we wasted no time and were able to preach and do some administrative work for another church camp. After that, we headed to a Vacation Bible School. The theme was "Sail Away to Bequia!" We had a blast doing skits, preaching, and talking about the island ministry. During those three nights, we dealt with salvation, sanctification, and service. We were thankful to see another soul saved.

We have slowed down for a week but will be hitting the road soon helping over 10 churches with a tent meeting, door knocking, and the first "Who Will Go? School of Evangelism" in Indianapolis. (visit [www.whoillgo.org](http://www.whoillgo.org) for more information on this)

Our furlough is coming to a close and we are so thankful for a supporting church that has purchased our tickets home! We will fly out on December 5th. I have a few dates open, so if you would still like us to come by please give us a call.

I do want to leave a few prayer requests with you. When we arrive back on the field we want to begin the Every Village Project. To do this we will need a larger vehicle. The type of van that we need will cost around \$15-\$20K. It will hold the tent, chairs, and about 10 people. We still have our smaller van but would like to leave it in Bequia for the other churches to use.

The boat will need some annual maintenance and general repairs done when we arrive. New bottom paint, engine service, and some electrical updates. We hope to be able to get all the materials to ship with the two tents and church supplies that have been donated. We are estimating the shipping cost will be around \$5,000. We know the Lord can meet these needs and look forward to watching Him move. Thank you again for all that you have done and please continue to pray for us as we hope to better serve the Lord.

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