Dear Supporting Churches and Friends,

August 2025

Let me start by apologizing. Time has gotten away from me and I am just now getting this letter out. When we last wrote, we were about to start two weeks of Who Will Go Camp. This year we highlighted a different country each day: Azerbaijan, Honduras, Burkina Faso, and Korea. Each day the teams learned different things including giving their testimony, witnessing, conducting a Bible study, and receiving physical and practical training. God blessed and we saw folks grow and surrender to the Lord's will for their lives. This camp has been a tremendous help to us here on the field, as many that have come have either already come down to help us or are making plans to work with us on short-term missions trips.

After camp, we returned home and have been traveling back and forth between St. Vincent and Bequia. I filled in at Community Baptist Church in Camden Park throughout August, teaching on the design of the church, how to witness, how to share a testimony, and how to study the Bible. We also helped with VBS in Bequia and are now helping with VBS here in St. Vincent. We have already seen several saved.

In April, Ridge Road Baptist Church helped launch the Every Village Project in Layou, a place we had prayed over for more than a year. That first trip began with simple conversations in the streets, which quickly opened doors for Bible studies and new contacts. In July, a team of 12 young adults from Ridge Road and Who Will Go Camp joined us, and together with local pastors and missionaries, we spread out through the village, talked with people, handed out flyers, prayed with families, held Bible studies, and gave out free Bibles at the waterfront. During five nights of preaching, several repented and believed, while others began seeing through false religion and searching for truth. People are tired of empty tradition and want something real in Jesus Christ. Please keep praying for Layou. For the past three weeks, 10 to 15 locals have been meeting with us on Monday nights under a small roadside tent to sing, ask questions, and study the Bible.

This week we found a house for sale in Layou for \$250,000, right where we need to be. For over six months we have searched for a place to rent, but the prices were too high or owners would not rent to a family with children (and yes, I would like to keep my kids). This property would give us a home, space for small teams, a place for Bible studies and services, and room to possibly build a church in the future. The owners are open to leasing it while we raise the funds, but the lease is \$750 more per month than our budget allows. If you are willing to help each month with the lease or contribute toward the purchase of the property, please let us know. Donations can be sent to the Building Fund or Every Village Project Fund at Macedonia World Baptist Missions.

Settling in at Layou will not slow the Every Village Project it will make us more efficient. We have plans for more street meetings reaching additional villages with the Gospel. We also plan to purchase a larger set of speakers (\$800), as our current ones are too small for the areas where we are preaching. Our current set is in a church that needs them. There are so many exciting things happening, and we are looking forward to seeing God plant more churches in more villages and revive struggling works here in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Please pray for the Every Village Project, and consider bringing a group down to assist. Pray about the need for a building in Layou and the funds to lease and eventually purchase it. Thank you again for your faithful support and for the extra offerings that have met these growing needs.

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