

# The Ballinger Family

Church Planting in the islands of St Vincent and the Grenadines

Dear pastors, churches, and friends

February 2020

I pray this letter finds you each doing well. We are thankful for each of you that pray and support our family in the Lord's work here in the Grenadines.

**Christmas Project:** Since our last letter, we were able to give out the Christmas bags to the school children in Paget Farm, Bequia. God blessed and provided all the funds for the gifts, shipping, and customs. Our church folks helped package all the bags with a bible, gospel tracts, candy, toys, and either a basketball, soccer ball, or volleyball. Since we gave out the bags, we've had two families and 17 first time visitors come by the church. We also recently learned that they are using the Gospel tracts as reading material in the classes at school. I would like to say thank you to each of you that prayed and gave for this project.

**Bible Baptist Church:** The church ministry continues to progress as we serve in the community preaching and teaching. Many that have come to church have very little understanding of the bible. 2 1/2 years ago we started teaching through the main characters of the Bible from Adam and Eve all the way to Jesus. Since returning from furlough, we have used Sunday morning to preach chapter by chapter through the book of Matthew and 8 chapters into Mark. It's been a blessing to see God continue to build the lives of these young christians. Please continue to pray for them and those that have yet to repent and believe the Gospel. Also, concerning the church location, please help us pray that the owner will agree to a long term lease on the church property. If accepted, we would have full access to the house and buildings. We would need to clean up and make some repairs on the house, but then we would be able to live above the church and better serve in the community.

**Gospel Boat Ministry:** The Lord has continued to send in funds for the boat ministry. We have been praying about a certain boat and have talked with the broker. Because of the ministry that we plan to use the boat for, they have offered to dropped the price for us. **Right now, we would need to raise \$90,000 to buy the boat.** The boat is in the water and ready to go. When we have all funds we will have a survey on the boat done to make sure all things are in order and then purchase the boat. Our goal is to secure the boat and begin ministering on Canouan, Mayreau, and Union with tract distribution and tent meetings before the end of 2020. Then, we can begin weekly meetings on each island as the Lord provides laying the ground work for more Independent Baptist Churches.

(I have attached a letter about the boat from our pastor )



**Gospel Tent Ministry:** The tent meeting has been the highlight of our year. Our 4th annual Gospel meeting in Bequia begins February 9th - 21st. Will you help us pray for the expense of the meeting and most importantly that God will move in a great way each night. There are seven lost friends of ours that will be in the meeting and we are praying specially that God would save them in this meeting. Evangelist Chris Hewett, along with his family and 6 others, will be with us during the meeting. We are praying and anticipating a great two weeks.



*IN CHRIST DAVID BALLINGER*



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February 5, 2020

Dear pastor and supporters,

I am writing to ask you to help us begin the boat ministry in the Grenadine islands of Canouan, Mayreau and Union. Our missionary David Ballinger has been seeking the Lord's will for a boat to be used in the ministry there.

Brother David has been offered a tremendous opportunity to purchase a 2003 power catamaran valued over \$200,000. The boat is capable of carrying his family, tent, and supplies between the islands each week. It will also allow them to stay comfortably overnight when they are away from home. Ultimately, this will allow Brother Ballinger to do the work of 4 or 5 missionaries.

Here is where we need your help. The owner has reduced the price of the boat because of the ministry that it will be used for. God has already sent in \$52,000 for the boat. We need God to provide the remaining \$90,000 as soon as possible to purchase the boat. Our Church is giving. Others have given. Will you?

If 90 Churches were to commit just \$1,000 this month Brother David would be able to move ahead with the process to purchase the boat. Brother David has asked the Church to own 50% of the boat for accountably purposes.

The plan for the boat is to first begin tract distribution and evangelism on the surrounding islands, followed by a Gospel tent meeting. After the tent meetings, they will begin weekly bible studies on each island laboring and laying the ground work for a church plant.

This boat is not a toy, but a tool to enable the Gospel to be better spread throughout the Islands of the Caribbean. Please prayerfully consider what you can do financially and pray often for this great ministry.

Because of Calvary,



Pastor Barry E. Philbeck