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Dear Praying Friends,

Where do I begin? God has been so good to us in our small town of Dangriga. We cannot help but marvel about the goodness of an almighty God. I wish this letter to focus on two separate events, but before I do please allow me to tell you that we have seen two people accept Christ as their Saviour and one of them is being taught through the Grace to Grow discipleship curriculum that was written by the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana. We are thankful for not only their faithful prayers and support but also donating the materials to us. Currently Jasmine is enrolled in Level Two and she is hungry to learn more.

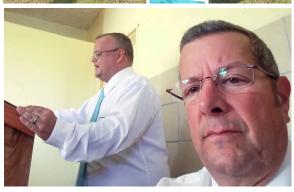
August 19 we had our first Back-to-School Sunday where we gave every school age child a bag of school supplies; they are very expensive here. Our sending church, the Grace Baptist Church of Pittsfield, Illinois, donated every school supply we needed. We had 43 people attend services that day, and our first convert was baptized in the ocean following the service.

On September 30 the Grace Baptist Church of Dangriga, Stann Creek, Belize, was officially started. Evangelist and Mrs. Lou DiFilippantonio spent nine days with us. They were such a blessing as they helped us when we went soul winning and in some cases it was in intense heat. We distributed many boxes of New Testament Bibles and Gospel tracts. God blessed us for our labors as 37 people attended the services with eight people who raised their hand for salvation. I cannot even begin to explain the stories of each individual who decided to come, but it was obvious that God worked on their hearts. It is amazing to watch the Holy Spirit work in the lives of the people here. At one time there were people trying to inform us that planting a church here would not be a good idea, but we know that God promises that He will build His Church. We started the ministry in a backyard as a biweekly Bible study while living two hours away. Then once we found a house and finally moved to Dangriga we moved the services into our house. Finally we have our own church building to rent and the people are seeing what God

















can do. We are excited to be a part of God's work, and we realize the opportunity that God has given us. We know and understand that God has us here for a reason and we know that their source of hope can only be found in Jesus Christ. We can honestly say that God is good all the time and all the time God is good.

We wish to thank each person who prayed for this historic time in our ministry. Without the faithful prayers and financial support of each of you we could not do what we do. We love each and everyone of you and thank you for "holding the rope" for our family in America.

Finally, another opportunity that we also have is that we will be able to distribute over one thousand full Bibles to the staff, faculty, and the student body of the largest high school in Dangriga Town.

Prayer requests:

- 1. Please pray for Brother Brad Bennett as he is battling stage 4 cancer.
- 2. Please continue to pray for not only the numeric growth but also the individual spiritual growth of the people of the Grace Baptist Church of Dangriga.

John & Robin Harris

Zechariah, Madalyn, & Kaitlyn



