

The Benbrooks

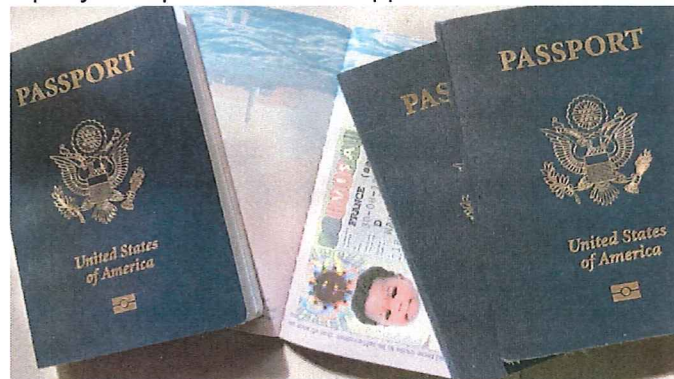
Serving in Martinique



July 2019

Dear Friends,

We are excited to share that our French visas have been approved! We first applied six weeks ago, and the process proved to be much more tedious that we had anticipated. At our first meeting on June 6, we were told that Mattie and the kids did not have the correct application type, though the third-party company who processes visa applications for the French Embassy wasn't sure what the correct type was for family members of pastors. After receiving some clarification, we were able to return a week later with the correct applications. Then, we received emails requesting additional documentation and a notice that my (Jeremy) fingerprints had been lost, which led to my third trip to Atlanta. Though the process lasted longer than we anticipated, we are grateful to have our visas in hand.



Our departure date is set for August 30, and we have purchased our tickets. Over the next five weeks, we have a lot to accomplish! We have already begun to organize and pack. Due to the very high cost of living in Martinique, shipping a container with what we already own will be much cheaper than buying everything for a home upon arrival. We also need a place to live. We are working through the details of renting a house. Unfortunately, we are finding that available, suitable housing is scarce. **We are trusting God to direct our steps to the right house, and we are asking that you pray with us about this.**

As we conclude this furlough, we have been grateful to visit the majority of our supporting churches. We have also been blessed to add several new churches. As of today, our support level is 99%.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support for us as we transition to Martinique.

By His Grace,
Jeremy, Mattie, Nate, and Theo Benbrooks

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