



Sam and Donna Mae Sprunger

The Robert Smith Family serving *joyfully* on the island of *Barbados, West Indies*

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On January 21st, Rhoda's mother passed from this life into the next. Becca eloquently said at the funeral that she went to be with the two people she loved the most- her husband Sam and her Lord Jesus Christ. One of the last things she said was "Jesus, I love you very, very much!" For decades, she worked in the nursery at First Baptist Church Hammond. She served the Lord as a great Christian wife, mother, and mother-in-law.

In July 2015, I applied to Barbados Immigration for immigrant status which would give me a permanent residency (not citizenship). In January 2018, I received notice that it was denied. I submitted an appeal asking them to reconsider my application. This past February 21st, I had the opportunity to meet with the Immigration Review Committee to plead my case. The meeting seemed to go well. They have requested some extra documentation before they conclude my case. I would appreciate your prayers in this matter.

February has been Friend Month in Sunday School. We had two special guests who came to speak. The first was Mr. Indar Weir who is the Member of Parliament for our area and also the Minister of Agriculture for the government. He gave a brief greeting to the people and a short talk on the importance of healthy eating.

The second was Pastor Ronnie Roberts. I had the joy of leading Pastor Roberts and his wife to Christ in their living room many years ago. He and his wife faithfully lead the Faith Independent Baptist Church in the St. James parish on the west coast. Our people were delighted to hear his testimony and preaching again and see the Roberts family. Our church was encouraged to know that their labour in St. Philip has not been in vain.

I had the opportunity to witness to Peter Small for two hours in his home one evening. Although he listened, he did not trust Christ saying that he did not want to be rushed. A week or so later, I was witnessing to Richard Norton as we sat together on an old, rusted, iron framework. He listened intently and bowed his head to receive Christ. Pray for Peter to be saved and for Richard to come to church and grow.

We earnestly pray that God would do a great work here. It seems to be a great time for a Holy Ghost revival. We pray that God would raise up many young, Spirit-filled couples to start soulwinning, separated churches all across this needy island. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support that we might be able to serve the Lord here.

Blessings on you all,
Robert, Rhoda, Buddy, and Becca

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